

**TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2017
7PM
DEPOT STREET MEETING ROOM**

Call to Order by Supervisor Blouvet.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll Call: Supervisor Blouvet-present
Councilman- Russell Hall-present
Councilwoman-Donette Shelley-present
Councilwoman: Linda Mascho-present
Councilwoman: Carolyn Carney-present

Also Present: Town Clerk-Patricia Schurr
Attorney-Richard Buck

Assemblage: David Freeman, Leslie Dahill, Doug Ward, Oakley Sortore, Kevin Margerum.

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 21, 2017 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

Motion to Approve the Audited Bills for June 2017 in the amount of \$131,033.03, offered by Donette Shelley, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote; James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Donette Shelley-aye, Linda Mascho-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye.

Motion to Approve the Supervisor's report for June 2017 offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to Approve the transfer of funds from within their own departments, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

Motion to Approve the recommendations for the Walt Taber fund award in the amount of \$456.75 to the Friendship Free Library offered by Donette Shelley, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

RESOLUTION 15-2017 Water Meter Budget

Be it hereby resolved, to approve the water meter updated Budget to keep it in the amount of \$500,000.00, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Supervisor James Blouvet-aye
Russell Hall-aye
Donette Shelley-aye
Linda Mascho-aye
Carolyn Carney-aye

Motion to approve municipal Solutions to Begin the Borrowing Proceedings

Motion to approve Municipal solutions to begin the borrowing proceedings for the water meter project, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Donette Shelley.

Roll call vote: Supervisor James Blouvet-aye
Councilman Russell Hall-aye
Councilwoman Donette Shelley-aye
Councilwoman Linda Mascho-aye
Councilwoman – Carolyn Carney-aye.

RESOLUTION 16-2017 AUTHORIZATION FOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Be it hereby resolved, to designate Oakley Sortore to fill the responsibilities of the Superintendent of Public Works of the Town of Friendship, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by James Blouvet. All approve.

Motion to Approve the Resolution for the purchase of Standardized equipment for the water meters tabled- Motion to table, offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Donette Shelley. All approve.

SUPERVISOR’S CONCERNS

Supervisor Blouvet stated that “Garbage” in Friendship, is still a problem. He would like the Refuse law to be possibly revised, maybe look to expanding the refuse district.

Supervisor Blouvet advised that a letter had been sent to Mr. Golden regarding the issues from the last meeting.

The Supervisor question the storage containers on Elm and W. Water Street. The Code Enforcement officer, Kevin Margerum advised the Town does not having “zoning” so there is not much you can do about them being there. He advised he will look into the state code, but the only thing he can do is send a letter and ask what they will be storing in them, for fire/safety reasons.

Supervisor Blouvet also wanted the Board members to think about next year changing the Board meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, instead of the 3rd. This would make it easier for the accounting firm to get the necessary reports to the Board for the meeting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Leslie Dahill spoke in reference to the faded, unmarked crosswalk from the post office to the diner. He and his granddaughter were almost hit by a car crossing the street. He was told without prior notice(that the crosswalk needed to be painted) that he would have been responsible. He had notice it was just recently painted and thanked whoever was involved in getting the crosswalk painted. Pulling out of the post office is a problem, because of the cars parked in front of the restaurant you cannot see down the road for cars coming. Supervisor Blouvet advised he is looking into had the light be a total stop light, all ways.

Dave Freeman- voiced concern regarding people coming into the park behind him and letting their dogs do their business, without cleaning up after them. The Town does have signs up regarding this. Mr. Freeman also voices concern regarding a dead tree that could fall onto his house if is there is a good windstorm. He also voiced concern regarding the high, unmowed grass near his house. He was advised that the Town would look into this to see who owns it because there is a Town Local Law on high grass.

Motion to approve the “Third Party Custody Agreement with Community Bank” Under the Municipal Law, the bank must pledge enough to cover our Highest Deposit in case the Town goes Bankrupt at No cost to the Town.
Motion offered by Russell Hall, seconded by Carolyn Carney.
Roll call vote: James Blouvet-aye, Russell Hall-aye, Donette Shelley-aye, Carolyn Carney-aye, Linda Mascho-aye.

Department Reports-Information only

Town Clerk report for June 2017
Code Enforcement report for June 2017
Public works activity report for June 2017
Cuba/Friendship report for June 2017
Fuel Farm report for June 2017
Water department monthly report for June 2017
Sewer waste water report for June 2017
Dog control report for June 2017 enumeration in progress)

8:25 Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall. All approve.

9:13 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session offered by James Blouvet, seconded by Russell Hall.

9:15 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr
Town Clerk