

Town of Friendship Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2020

7pm

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present  
Councilperson: Jill Hoopes-present  
Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present  
Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present  
Councilperson: Steve Ritter-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr-Town Clerk

Assemblage: Richard Wenslow, Jim Monheim, Les Dahill, BJ Howe, Dale Clark, Oakley Sortore, Karl Kruger.

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Jill Hoopes. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's Report for May 2020, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Audited Bills from May 2020 in the amount of \$48558.83, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye  
Carolyn Carney-aye  
Linda Mascho-aye  
Steve Ritter-aye  
Russell Hall-aye

**SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS**

Supervisor Hall introduced the new Code Enforcement officer, Richard Wenslow to fill the 2020 term of Kevin Margerum, at his salary, 6/11/20 start date. Councilperson Steve Ritter will help Richard with any Property Addresses if needed.

Supervisor Hall request that the Board members think of some dates for budget workshop in July to start working on the budget before going to Baldwins Accounting firm.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS**

Dale Clark is asking for Board approval to have the Oakley Sortore/Water dept help dig a hole for a Statue for the Fire Dept. Oakley advised that his dept. would do it. Supervisor Hall advised the Town can do it for the Volunteer Fire Dept., Ambulance/EMT's, just get it done. There is not big cost to doing it.

Dale Clark requested that the Town Board meet with the Dire Dept. sometime, and Supervisor Hall suggested that the Board meet with the Fire Dept. prior to the next meeting in July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Leslie Dahill thanked the highway and water dept. for cutting the grass around the fire hydrants. There was also a reminder that the communication Board out front can be used for any Public Service announcements.

OIC, BJ Howe questioned on the ATV/LUV Law the use of the "golf carts" ones used in the campground, they are considered under the Limited Use vehicle law claifying if they were including in having to register with the Town and get the sticker. Supervisor Hall advised they are included and should register if they are to ride outside the campground to what ever destination they are going to. If registered you know that they are insured.

WATER DEPT.

Shawn Dunnmire #0290, address 4134 Co. rd. 1, is asking for a credit of \$244.05 plus the late fee of \$16.40 penalty. He states there is no meter there, Oakley Sortore advised his guys put in a meter there, unless someone stole it. There has been no water usage in 4 quarters and no request to turn it off.

After Board discussion,. It was decided that the Town Clerk will make an official turn off water service notice form so that it will be clear when a customer wants it turned off and we will have a record. The Board made the following motion:

Motion that as of this quarter the water will be officially turned off at 4134 Co. rd. 1 and the o/m charge will no longer be assessed on the next bill, and the current bill stands due, nothing will be forgiven, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Jill Hoopes.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

John Peters gave a quote/offer to mow the cemetery on South Branch Road for \$80.00 per mowing, the gas, trimming of head stones, etc. he said it was in need of care.

There was Board discussion ; Oakley Sortore stated that he has one of his guys doing the mowing with the Town mowing tractor. Discussion whether contracting someone to do all of the cemeteries and mowing for Friendship would be financially beneficial instead of paying someone Union wages to do it, then our Town Employee could be doing something else besides mowing.

The following motion was brought forth:

Motion to decline John Peters offer for the mowing on South Branch Rd offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Roll call vote: Jill Hoopes-aye

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Motion to appoint Steve Ritter and Carolyn Carneys to look into Quotes/contractors on doing all the Mowing in Friendship vs. paying a union employee and using town equipment to do it, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Motion to approve the Flood Insurance premium in the amount of 2024.00 due to the increase of premium of \$419.00 was Tabled and Jill Hoopes will contact Michelle at Schenk n Miles for a quote. Tabled till next meeting.

Reports received: Town Clerk report for May 2020

Dog Control Report

Assessors Report

Shared Services Report

Justice Report

Water operations report

Motion to adjourn offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

7:50 adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr, Town Clerk

