

TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP Meeting Minutes

JUNE 21, 2023

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance observed by all.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilperson: Carolyn Carney-present

Councilperson: Linda Mascho-present

Councilperson: Steve Ritter-present

Also present: Patricia Schurr

Attorney, David Pullen

Assemblage: Mark Voorheis, Fred Cook, Oakley Sortore, Jim Monheim, Dell & Michelle Baker, George Ritter, BJ Howe, Kevin Snyder, David Freeman.

Motion to approve the Minutes from May 17, 2023, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for May 2023, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills for May 2023 in the amount of \$ 80,691.58 ,offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney: aye

Linda Mascho: aye

Steve Ritter: aye

Russell Hall: aye

SUPERVISOR'S CONCERNS:

FYI: Equalization rates for Friendship for 2023 is at 100%.

Public Concerns: none

Motion to **approve** a “Peddler’s License” for a Carson Kruse to Go door to door to sell educational resources for K-12(books) offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter. All approve.

Motion to approve Flood Insurance for the GAR Hall for current coverage and premium of (A)\$4957.00- Keep the same coverage offered by Steve Ritter seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Motion to approve the Town Clerk’s Williamson annual support contract in the amount of \$911.00 (increase of 119.00 from last year it was 792.00), offered by Steve Ritter, seconded Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye

Pool Sewer Credits

Motion to approve Pool Credits on sewer o/m acct.#2270- \$36.00 , acct#1480 -\$24.35, acct#2740 - \$36.53,Acct.#3970-\$24.35 Acct.#4070 – \$32.11 , acct.#0620-24.66 motion offered by Linda Mascho, Seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

PUBLIC WORKS CONCERNS:

Oakley Sortore advised that there is a fence going up behind the pharmacy over sewer easement, there is a sewer main there. There is a “firelane” notice on the pole. Can they be told there is an easement there and if we need to get in there it may get disturbed. Attorney Pullen advised that unless there is a abstract of title, he does not know legally an be done. Might want to begin with a survey or abstract. Tell the building code, the Town is disallowing until they get a survey.

Oakley Sortore also wanted to know of any updates on 4 & 6 West Main on the foundation /temp. handicap ramp. 5 West Main, new owner wants to rebuild that property.
No new information on 4 & 6 West Main.

Steve Ritter stated he has called Code Enforcement regarding different properties and never gets a returned call.

Supervisor Hall stated he will have to try to contact him, himself regarding the above mentioned.

Steve Ritter questioned if the Dog Law should be changed to limit the number of dogs a household can have. It was mentioned that there is a household now that has 22 dogs. All have their rabies shots and have been licensed. Supervisor Hall advised there will have to be a discussion with Dog Control Regarding this before any changes to the Local law.

Public Works-

Refuse- Russell Hall advised that the Town lost a bunch of Refuse workers, 2 Drivers and 2-pickers. They don't get many hours, its part time. He states we will have to figure it out. Other Towns are having a hard time getting drivers or workers, other places are having to offer wages above what they currently make. The State makes it hard for a person to get a CDL and its expensive, positions also have to be approved at the County level.

Questions: can the Town create somehow a fulltime position shared by both the highway and public works(universal person). How do we fund this in the middle of the budget year. Maybe the refuse workers that want to quit can be offered an increase of pay to stay. Carolyn Carney questioned also the possibility of contracting the garbage out. Recycling was also brought up by Oakley Sortore, he stated only about 25% of the people recycle. Suggestion that individual could just buy a garbage pass or hire someone on their own. Until a solution Supervisor Hall stated that Belmont stated they would help out, but it is a sacrifice for them.

REPORTS RECEIVED:

Town Clerk Report for May 2023

Highway Dept Report

Water Report

Dog Control Report

Police Report- OIC B.J. Howe reports still searching for Polie candidates. Police manpower is a problem all over.

Justice Reports-May 2023

8:12 Motion to go into executive session to discuss union contact and an employee matter, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

9:00 Motion to go out of executive session back into regular session, offered by Carolyn Carney, seconded by Linda Mascho.

Dell and Michell Baker, George Ritter and Oakley Sortore, return for session.

Motion to vote on the Union Contract as written, offered by Steve Ritter, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Steve Ritter-aye

Russell Hall-aye.

9:03 Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Steve Ritter.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk