
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Shelly Wulfers, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust and Marshal Jeremy Minor. Council member Luke Martin not present.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2022 at 7:00, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the minutes, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Minnie H. said she has received a letter from Luke Martin saying he has resigned from the Town Council as of March 1, 2022.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

Report for HWC Engineer: Eric Smith (engineer) said they were hired to look at the existing planning study for the Town's water infrastructure. There are Federal and State grants that will help with funding these projects. We have been working with the Operator and Town Council to develop a project to submit for funding to help improve the issue of the Town's water system. We have a project developed and submitted an application to SRF (State Revolving Fund) for funding. We are sending in some amendments to the report that was previously done with new recommendations, the project will include a new water supply well, rehabilitate one or both existing wells and they will need to be inspected. A new treatment facility by the elevated water tank. Replacing 2" water mains with 6" with flush hydrants on West Washington and South Wabash Street and relocate meters inside building outside. There will be public hearings over the next few months for applying for the grant money. We have a quote from Ortman Drilling & Water Services for the inspection on the existing wells as require for the project and ask the Town Council to approve it tonight.

Shelly W. made the motion to approve the invoice from Ortman Drilling & Water services for inspection of the wells, to be paid out of the ARP Fund. Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Streets/Maintenance: Luke M. not present. Minnie H. said Luke M. has been in an accident while he was in Florida and for the time being Earl Heide will be taking over for Luke.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide not present.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor said we are having a reoccurring dog issue in town, but the dog lives outside of town and he is working on it.

Jeremy M. asked if he could paint his office and put a blue stripe on the wall as well. Shelly W. made the motion to approve Jeremy request, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month. Darren F. asked the Town Council about signage at the pond about staying off the ice. Minnie H. said it is being address, Luke was getting that done before he left on vacation.

Jeremy M. asked if staying off the ice needed to be added to the Park Ordinance. Alaathea F. said she will look into it.

Report from Attorney: Alaathea talked to Rob Reimondo and said Roof Master's attorney offer to pay \$3000.00 of the \$5170.00 judgement fee to the Town. Rob R. told him no and wants to negotiate for more.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for March 1, 2022 to the Board, Shelly W. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for January 2022.

Alaathea F. presented the Board the Annual Financial Report for 2021.

Alaathea F. presented the Board with the Fund Report, Appropriation Report, Revenue Report up to date.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay HWC Engineer for \$4690.00 out of the ARP Fund for preliminary engineering report. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill out of the ARP Fund, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay McCord Electrical for work at Harrison lift station in the amount of \$1756.42. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked permission to pay FJF Services for repair and labor at Park lift station in the amount of \$1970.00. Shelly W. made the motion to approve paying the bill, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said we have an opportunity to refinance our Rural Development sewer loan with the Indiana Bond Bank at a lower interest rate and save some money, our savings so far is \$24,763.00. Shelly W. made the motion to approve the refinancing of the sewer loan, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said there is no new information at this time regarding natural gas in the Town of New Richmond. I was told we needed to have 60% of the residents committed to convert to natural gas. I will try to get some information before the next meeting.

Alaathea F. said there will be a Special Meeting on March 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the New Richmond Town Hall, this is an SRF Project Planning Meeting with HWC Engineers, Grant Administrator Kristy Jerrell, Steve Brock (rate study), Town Council and Clerk/Treasurer, it is part of our water infrastructure project.

Alaathea F. asked permission to use Promotional Funds for the Town Easter Event in April. Shelly W. made the motion to approve using Promotional Fund for the Town Easter Event, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said the Town Hall will be closed March 13-17, Minnie, Shelly and I will be going to training at the ILMCT conference in Muncie.

Old Business:

Sewer Meter at the Park: Busse who is working with Earl Heide on the sewer meter said next week if weather is good weather.

Harrison Street Lift Station: Minnie asked Busse for an update, he had no update. Alaathea F. said I have emailed Tipmont and asked when they plan to come to finish the work at the Harrison lift station.

2022-3 Resolution for Town Superintendent Job Description: Alaathea F. present the resolution and said there are copies for the public and asked the public if they would like her to read it aloud, no one requested it. Shelly W. made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-3, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Street Work for 2022: Alaathea F. said the next round for Community Crossings grant is July 2022, I'll send out bids for streets in May so the Town Council can review them in June's meeting.

New Business:

New Richmond Lodge 604: Minnie H. said the NR Lodge needs a letter from the Town giving them permission to do a raffle drawing at the park on the 4th of July. Shelly W. made the motion to give the NR Lodge permission to have the raffle, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Shelly W. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

President Minnie Howard

Shelly Wulfers

Council Member Shelly Wulfers

Marcella Darling

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Alaathea Foust

Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust