
TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND

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Minutes of the Meeting

March 1, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Linda Forbes, Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust, Town Marshal Jeremy Minor and Water/Sewer Superintendent Earl Heide.

Minnie H. stated that Shelly Wulfers resigned from the Town Board on February 13, 2023.

Minnie H. opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Linda F. made the motion to approve the minutes, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

Streets/Maintenance: Jay Busse was not present.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide said they have been cleaning up at the Lagoons. Earl H. said he called Tipmont about the Harrison Street lift station and they gave him another Tipmont Engineer to talk to about getting the work done on the lift station.

Earl H. said he has no report on the Water project, the engineers have come to look at things and take measurement for the construction site.

Earl H. said he talked to Jay B. about a tree on East Washington Street across from the Christian Church that needs to come down as soon as possible, if it falls it will land on our street and cause damage. Linda F. asked if the tree was on private property. Earl H. said it is right on the line.

Minnie H. ask if we have some estimates on the tree. Alaathea F. said Jay B. has given us one for the tree at the Roger Hurt Park that needs to come down.

Linda F. made a motion to look into getting the tree down and contacting the resident to see if they are willing to help with the cost, however if they do not help with the cost to move forward and get the tree down.

Minnie H. agreed we need to get it done.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor had nothing to report.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo was not present.

Clerk/Treasurer: Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for March 1, 2023 to the Board, Linda F. 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 2023.

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

Alaathea F. presented the Gateway Report for 2022 and said the Annual Financial Report was published February 22, 2023 with The Montgomery County Paper and February 21, 2023 with the Journal Review.

Alaathea F. asked for approval from the Council to pay Local Government Services for \$262.50 for help with the year-end uploads and taxes. Linda F. made the motion to approve the payment, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. asked for approval to pay Kelley Kornbroke, Municipal Consultation & Customer Service, invoice for \$765.00 for helping with record retention. Linda F. made the motion to approve the payment, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. talked to the Council about doing an additional appropriation for paying off the tractor this year and for two new electronic speed signs for the Town, as well as the repair for the police car air conditioner. Linda F. made the motion to approve the additional appropriations, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. reminded the Town Council that the Town Easter event is April 1 at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the New Richmond Park.

Alaathea F. asked the Town Council about Town Dumpster Day. The Council agreed to do it in May and to do 3 dumpsters.

Alaathea F. said the office will be closed from March 20 – 23 she will be attending ILMCT training and closed March 27 – 28 she will be out of Town.

Alaathea F. asked for approval from the Council to pay HWC Engineers' invoice for \$20,347.50 when grant money is received. Linda F. made the motion to approve the payment, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Traffic Ordinance Speed Limit: Alaathea F. this ordinance is still a draft, and there is change to semi-trucks parking within a half of block. Working on the other parts of the collecting fees.

Shelter House: Darrell Birge (from the Volunteers for New Richmond Improvements) was not present to bring the quote for the doors.

Electric pole at the park: Alaathea F. said she talked to Tipmont and they will cover the cost of the labor for replacing the poles at the park.

Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Agreement: Minnie H. said our Attorney has emailed Stu Weliever back in January and there has been no response to have a conversation about the Agreement and no response from anyone else on a meeting date to talk about the Agreement, Alaathea F. and I have talked to our Attorney Rob Reimondo last Friday, he advises us to go ahead with the Agreement we have in place for 2023. Minnie H. said if there was to be any changes made it needed to be made before November of 2022. Linda F. asked what is the amount of the agreement, Alaathea F. said \$2000.00. Linda F. said we do need to meet with them to have conversation for 2024 before it gets here. After much discussion Linda F. made to motion to approve the 2023 Coal Creek Fire & Rescue Agreement, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

New Business:

A Resolution Changing the Election of Town Board Members: Alaathea F. said Montgomery County says if we continue to have our elections on the odd years, we will have to pay the County to run them, however if we choose to past a Resolution stating that we want to change our election cycle to the even years it will not cost the Town because it will be the same years as the Township. Alaathea F. said the newly elected officials that will be coming into office in 2024 their term will be for 3 years and after that the terms will go back to 4 years. Alaathea F. said I can have the Resolution ready for the next meeting. Linda F. made the motion to approve a Resolution for changing the Elections, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Jones Fish Annual Contract for 2023: Alaathea F. presented the renewal contract for \$1600.00 plus the \$550.00 for a one time a year treatment to keep certain weeds down in the pond. Linda F. made the motion to approve renewing the contract, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.


Resolution 2023-3 A Policy for Leasing Equipment: Alaathea F. said the State Board of Accounts had no issues with the Lease Agreement we had made with Jay Busse, they just advise us to have a Leasing policy in place. After some discussion Linda F. made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-3, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Sealed Bids for Truck and Mower: Alaathea F. presented the Council two bids for the truck and two bids for the mower. Minnie H. opened the truck bids, the first one is from Jay Busse for \$2005.00, the second is from Mike Claycomb for \$2500.00, the truck goes to Mike Claycomb.


Minnie H. opened the mower bids, the first one is from Kevin Krug for \$4101.00, the second is from Drake Edwards for \$4500.00, the mower goes to Drake Edwards.

Next Town Hall Meeting is April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

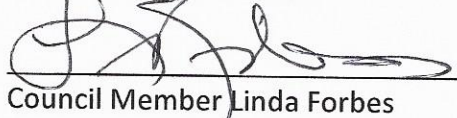
Linda F. made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Minnie H. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.



President Minnie Howard



Attest: Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust



Council Member Linda Forbes



Council Member Rachelle Cowherd