

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
August 4th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Jim Dahmen, Kyle White and Chuck DeMeerleer. Dot Sharp and Sam Keller were absent. Also in attendance were Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer.

Minutes: Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to accept the minutes and Kyle Whitesecoded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.

Warrants: Warrants, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Kyle White. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903689-903698 for: \$10,395.44
Void checks #903351-903357

Warrant #'s 909464-909479 for:

General:	\$ 677.52
Streets:	\$ 1,437.11
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	\$
Water/Sewer:	\$ 6,859.93
Subtotal:	\$ 8,974.56

Grand Total: \$ 19,370.00

New Business:**Open Public Meeting Laws:**

All council members and mayor and staff viewed the trainings online and filled out their certificates. They will be placed in their employee files.

Steve Bremer:**Eylars:**

Steve told the council that Greg Eylar's water pressure is really low and he wants to put in a pressure tank in his home. Mayor Weber told Steve to ask Munir if that was ok to do. The council was pretty sure that it would be ok to do, but wanted Steve to double check.

Well Pumps:

Steve told the council that he felt it was necessary to have Strom Electric fix the well pumps so that both can run at the same time. He said that during the summer months that well #3 rarely shuts off and if both ran at the same time that it would fill the water tank quicker and put less stress on well #3's pump. The council all felt that it was a good idea and to contact Strom to have this done. They figured that the cost would be around \$2,000. Jim Dahmen motioned to have Strom fix the pumps and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Lagoons:

Steve told the council that Genesee is using biolinzia (bugs) to eat the algae in their sewer ponds and they have worked very well and reduced its ph levels. He told them that he would like to try this also to bring down the town's ph levels to ensure that the town is still in compliance with DOE. The council all felt that it was a great idea and to try it for a year. The annual cost would be around \$4,000. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to purchase the biolinzia and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ongoing Business:**LC Recycling:**

Steve said that the recycling program is going very well, they have already picked up cardboard twice. He said that Pullman Recycling was supposed to pick up the glass a week and a half ago, and has not done so. Steve said if they don't pick it up, he will haul it with the dump truck to the recycling center.

Speedzone Sign:

Mayor Weber read the most recent email stating that it is in Olympia and the sign will probably be moved in the next month.

Tree Trimming:

Steve told the council that AAA Tree trimming completed the tree trimming and they did a great job.

McArthur's Water Bill and Dog:

Steve told the council that their water has been turned off and that the dog is gone.

Excavator Agreement:

Mayor Weber said that he has not heard from Council Member Brian Davies yet.

TIB:

Mayor Weber told the council that Munir wrote a letter, for the town to submit, with its TIB application, appealing that Summit Street should be considered an arterial street. He also applied for TIB funding for the bridge on Steptoe Street. Mayor Weber stressed that Munir has put in a lot of time to help the town get TIB and other grant money for those two projects.

CIAW:

Mayor Weber read a letter from CIAW, the town's insurance company, regarding John Tilton's fall outside of town hall. The letter stated that Mr. Tilton's claim has been denied. The walkway has been adjusted so that all steps are the same height.

Pat Mahoney:

Jenni told the council that Mr. Mahoney wanted the council to know that according to FEMA, his home and several others are in a floodplain and that his insurance company was forcing him to buy flood plain insurance. Greg Schultheis called Jenni and told her that changing records in FEMA is a long process. None of the council members understood why FEMA would consider that area of town to be in a floodplain, but they did say that this has nothing to do with the town.

Fiber optic's Company:

Steve told the council that there are a list of things that they need to do when they put in the fiber optics. He said we will have to wait and see if they will do them.

Vacations:

Jenni told the council that she will be gone September 8-11th. Steve will be gone September 2nd-5th and September 20th-27th. Caryl will cover for Jenni and Jim will cover for Steve.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Jim Dahmen. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

