

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
November 2nd, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Jim Dahmen, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White and Dot Sharp. Sam Keller was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Jim Dahmen motioned to accept the minutes and Dot Sharp seconded 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 Dot Sharp and a second by Chuck DeMeerleer. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903860-903869 for: \$10,693.26

Warrant #'s 909728-909745 for:

General:	\$ 7,268.53
Streets:	\$ 1,427.02
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$ 3,164.87
Subtotal:	\$11,860.42
Grand Total:	\$ 22,553.68

New Business:**Steve Bremer:****Blaine McMahan:**

Steve told the council that he received a phone call from Blaine McMahan regarding possibly building a stick built home on stilts so that it could be removed. The council told him to get the plans and have the building inspector review them.

Public Bathrooms:

Steve told the council that the public bathrooms are locked for the winter. The port-a-potty has been brought in.

Discharging:

Steve said that he started discharging into the creek today. The lagoons were pretty high since all of the rain.

Audit:

Jenni told the council that the audit is going well.

Loans:

The council reviewed the town's loans.

Brian Smith Property:

There have been a lot of complaints about the unsightly rubbish on the Smith property. The council asked Jenni to write them a letter and send them the ordinance.

Greg Schultheis Email:

Mayor Weber read an email from Greg Schultheis regarding his dissatisfaction with the council's decision to not purchase the \$10,000 speed signs. Chuck DeMeerleer told the council that he has seen crossing guards in Lewiston use several large orange cones to put at the ends of the crosswalk and on the center lines. He said he feels that that would be very effective. He spoke with Nate Smith, who also thought that was a good idea. The council asked Chuck to talk to Mr. Smith and let him know that the school can decide what they want to do. It was also discussed that if the speed signs were purchased that they would have to be changed several times a day, because of the reduced school zone speed limit to 20 mph for morning and afternoon crossings.

2016 Budget:

Jenni reviewed the 2016 Budget with the council.

Scott Miller:

Chuck DeMeerleer told the council that Scott Miller would be interested in becoming a council member.

Ongoing Business:

Fire District:

Jenni told the council that Rick Heitstuman came in and he is going to talk to Scott Becker about getting the property surveyed. As soon as that is done, the town’s attorney will write up the sale.

Bathrooms:

Jenni checked on prices for a year round handicapped port-a-potty and Portogo was the cheapest at \$120 a month. The council will discuss this further at a later date.

Dr. Pipeline:

Steve said that Dr. Pipeline will be here to finish up the sewer lines next week.

A motion to continue the meeting in executive session was made by Jim Dahmen and seconded by Chuck DeMeerleer. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all.

Executive Session began at 8:28 p.m., regarding personnel items.

Kyle motioned to give all employees a 3% raise next year and Chuck DeMeerleer seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Dot Sharp and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk