

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
March 7th, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Chuck DeMeerleer, Kyle White and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Marshal Brian Keller, Joe Savoy, and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

Minutes: Chuck DeMeerleer 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 Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Kyle White. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #903913-903922 for: \$11,145.36

Warrant #'s 909816-909830 for:

General:	\$ 1,202.37
Streets:	\$ 1,161.56
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$ 7,755.18
Subtotal:	\$10,119.11
Grand Total:	\$21,264.47

New Business:**First Step Internet:**

Joe Savoy spoke with the council about putting a 40 foot tower structure behind Town Hall to allow for more residents to get high speed internet. They will draw up an agreement and email it soon. Dot Sharp asked what if the town wanted to put an addition on Town Hall. It was discussed that if that happened that First Step would just move it to the back of the addition. Sam Keller motioned to allow First Step Internet to put a tower behind Town Hall, after contract is approved and signed, and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Brian Keller:

Officer Keller told the council that he spoke with the DOT person who did the speed survey in town. He said that DOT said that at least 85% of the traffic surveyed was driving the appropriate speed and that they do not feel the need to put any more speed signs in town. A letter from DOT, with their survey results, was sent to the town and to Colton School District.

Junk Vehicles:

Dot Sharp told the council that there are some junk vehicles that need to be removed. She will get Brian a list.

Steve Bremer:**New Biosolids Permit:**

Steve told the council that he received the new Biosolids Permit from Department of Health.

Spring Clean-Up:

The spring clean-up date is set for April 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Jenni ordered the 40 yard dumpster and it will be delivered on Thursday April 7th.

Cross Control Specialist License:

Steve told the council that he is close to getting the Cross Control Specialist License soon and that he will be writing the plan and sending shut off notices for residents not having their back flow meters checked annually. It was decided that the town was not going to use Umbrella Sprinkler Systems to test back flow meters this year. Steve will send a letter reminding everyone to get this done. Dot Sharp brought up that the Gun Club and several other residents need a letter regarding having back flow meters tested or put in. Jenni will send a letter reminding residents to get this done.

Inspection of Water Tank:

Steve told the council that he needs to schedule a water tank inspection soon.

Colton School Curbs:

Steve said that he spoke with Brad about painting the curbs yellow in the section by the school where the buses park. The council was fine with this. Steve will get with Brad to get this done.

Welcome to Colton Sign:

The last wind storm took down the Welcome to Colton Sign and it is in pretty bad shape. Mayor Weber asked Chuck DeMeerleer to talk with other towns about where they had their signs made.

Long Term Disability Insurance:

Jenni told the council that for approximately \$25 a month, full time employees could be covered by long term disability insurance, like Uniontown's employees are. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to approve LTD for employees and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Youth Project:

Chuck DeMeerleer asked the council if he could put two baby goats on his property down by the creek for his kids FFA projects. He said that they would only be there for a few months. He told the council that he has spoken to his neighbors and everyone is fine with this and that if there are any complaints that he would remove them immediately. The council said that they have approved this for other families in the past and approved for him to do this also.

Willis Property:

The council asked Jenni to write a letter to Mr. Willis asking him to remove the limbs that he left in the creek.

Cyr Junk Vehicles:

Dot Sharp asked Jenni to write a letter to Cyr's regarding their two junk vehicles in the back of the old Fountain Building and also to let them know about an open hole in the back of the building where birds are living.

Morrison Letter:

Mayor Weber read a complaint letter from Mr. Morrison and Officer Keller has addressed his complaints.

Ongoing Business:

Legion Park Sprinkler System:

Dot Sharp told the council that she received a bid for putting in a sprinkler system at Legion Park. The bid was \$3,700. Jenni told the council that she contacted the Auditor's Office about the town helping with the purchase of the sprinkler system. The auditor said that since the park beautifies the town and that residents use the park, that it would be fine to help fund the sprinkler system. Kyle White motioned to pay \$1,000 for the sprinkler system and for the money to come out of the parks budget. Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Water Locator:

Steve told the council that he purchased a new water locator and sent the bill to Uniontown to pay half of the cost. The town should be getting this payment soon.

Back-up Generator:

Steve explained that he spoke with Phil at Strom Electric regarding purchasing a back-up generator and he suggested that the town purchase a generator large enough to back up the largest well. He is still working on pricing this out.

Letter from Whitman County:

Mayor Weber read the letter from Whitman County approving spot sealing and grading.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck Demeerleer and seconded by Sam Keller. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

