

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Sam Keller, Chuck DeMeerleer and Jim Dahmen. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Abby DeMeerleer, Kellen DeMeerleer, Gracie DeMeerleer and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

**Minutes:** Kyle White motioned to accept the minutes and Jim Dahmen 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 Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits:

Warrant #903992-904001 for: \$11,009.60  
Void Warrant #'s 903990 and 903991

Warrant #'s 909934-909950 for:

General:	\$ 1,167.93
Streets:	\$ 896.22
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$3,817.67
Subtotal:	\$5,881.82
Grand Total:	\$16,891.42

**New Business:****Abbie DeMeerleer and Gracie and Kellen:**

Abbie told the council that her kids wanted to thank the council. Gracie and Kellen both thanked the council for allowing them to raise their goats on their property.

**Steve Bremer:****Trench Box:**

Steve told the council that the price from United for the aluminum trenchbox was \$7500. He said that he will attend the next Uniontown Council meeting to discuss splitting the bill with them. Dot Sharp motioned to purchase the trenchbox and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Water Tank Inspection:**

Liquid Engineering inspected the inside of the water tank and there is a lot of debris at the bottom. They said that the tank needs to be sanded and painted or a liner put in. There was discussion about what the town would do for water when the tank was out of service. Steve told the council that he contacted Munir about this and he will let the council know what he said. This needs to be done in the next two years.

**Cemetery Bids:**

Steve told the council that he spoke with Aqua Lawn about their low bid and wanted to make sure that it included everything and that it was not going to go on any plots. Aqua Lawn adjusted their bid to \$14,000. Sam Keller motioned to accept Aqua Lawn's bid and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**AWC:**

Jenni told the council that Steve is now in the AWC pool for drug/alcohol testing to maintain his CDL.

**Streets:**

Steve told the council that Stripes A lot is using a new product for crack sealing. The town is waiting to hear if the town will receive a grant from TIB for crack sealing.

**Police Car:**

Sam Keller told the council that the water pump went out in the police car and the transmission is not sounding good, but it is up and running again.

**Ongoing Business:****Generator:**

Steve told the council that the total price for the brand new Generac Natural Gas generator and all of the accessories would cost around \$30,000. It was discussed that maybe this could be included in a loan the town will have to take out to repair the inside of the water tank.

**Town Hall Sign:**

Jim Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer will get together to get a new Town Hall sign put above the door.

**Town Bathrooms:**

The council is still looking at options for the town's bathrooms, but for now the handicapped accessible portopotty is there through the winter.

**Interest on Town's Money:**

Jenni told the council that she spoke with an investment broker at Banner Bank and he gave her some good ideas to increase the interest on the money that the town has in savings. The CD's are FDIC protected and the interest rate was close to 2% and the early withdrawal fees are minimal interest only loss. Chuck DeMeerleer motioned to put \$250,000 into a CD account that earns greater interest and is safe and readily available. Jim Dahmen seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Preliminary 2017 Budget:**

Jenni passed out the preliminary 2017 budget. It will be discussed further next month.

**First Step Internet:**

Mayor Weber discussed First Step using the fiber optics in town to give people better internet service. They are inquiring if towns are interested in helping pay for the cost to do this. Chuck DeMeerleer said that if the town puts in money, the town should get some kind of monetary compensation from First Step when the new internet service is available.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck DeMeerleer and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk

