

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
June 5th, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen and Chuck DeMeerleer were absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Steve Bremer, Mary Collins, Karen Kiessling and Ken Darby were also in attendance.

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

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904080-904090 for: \$11,628.08

Warrant #'s 9010085-9010104 for:

General:	\$1,262.12
Streets:	\$ 2,231.49
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cumulative Reserve:	
Water/Sewer:	\$14,620.77
Subtotal:	\$18,114.38
Grand Total:	\$ 29,7472.46

New Business:**League of Women Voters:**

Mary Collins and Karen Kiessling shared results of the community study regarding poverty in Whitman County. The results showed that Whitman County was the poorest county in the state, until they realized that they needed to take out the college student population. Mary discussed all of the services available for the poor in Whitman County. There are many programs that low income people can obtain. There are several pilot projects going on, including a summer lunch program for kids, so that they are insured at least one healthy meal in the summer months.

Ken Darby:

Ken told the council that the dog barking has decreased a lot. There was lots of discussion about many residents who have incessant barking dogs.

Resolution #745:

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #745, which allows for the \$30,000 special levy to be on the fall ballot. Sam Keller motioned to allow the special levy to be on the ballot and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Resolution #746:

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #746, which allows for a 1% increase of property tax. Dot Sharp motioned to allow the special levy to be on the ballot and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Banner Bank:

Banner Bank is closing down the Uniontown Branch of the bank. After some discussion, it was decided that Steve could do the banking most weeks. The council decided against using a machine to run the checks through.

Jenni Vacation:

Jenni will be on vacation Wednesday to Wednesday, starting this week.

Town Printer:

Jenni told the council that the town's printer died and she had a good printer from home that she doesn't use anymore and several new ink cartridges, she could sell to the town. She would like to be reimbursed \$50 for the printer and what she paid for the brand new ink. Sam Keller motioned to allow Jenni to be reimbursed for the printer and ink and Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ongoing Business:

Steve:**Street Quote for Crack Sealing:**

The council reviewed the quote for crack sealing several streets. They use a new product and Steve said that Gloria Bennett from TIB would have more information on how the product worked. Steve will be meeting Gloria at an upcoming TIB meeting and he would ask her if the product was effective. The council will wait to make a decision until next month.

Biolyncious:

Steve asked the council if they wanted to order more of the little bugs for the sewer ponds. He said that he can't see any difference and they have not brought down the PH balance. The council decided to not purchase more Biolyncious this year.

Gyromower:

Steve told the council that it would be really helpful if he had a gyromower to put behind the tractor. Sam Keller motioned to approve purchasing a gyromower, for a cost of \$2,500 or less. Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Generator:

Steve told the council that the generator is here and that they will be pouring the concrete pad next Tuesday.

Cemetery:

Dot Sharp suggested that the town purchase a sign for the Town Cemetery. The council thought that was a good idea. She will be checking into prices.

USDA Rural Development Loan for Painting the Inside of the Water Tank:

Jenni told the council that most of the paperwork has been turned in. Munir just completed his portion and forwarded it to Marti. Jenni also told them that the town could obtain the loan this year and use it next year.

Window Siding:

Mayor Weber noted that the window siding was completed and looked good.

Rita Busch Property:

Dot Sharp explained that she spoke with Rita Busch about all the high weeds and tumble weeds from her property, last year. Rita told her that her guys forgot to take care of them and that she will ensure that they are taken care of this year. She apologized for not taking care of them last year.

Letter from Whitman County:

Mayor Weber read a letter from the county, which stated that the town could forgo Whitman County for bridge inspections if they chose to. It was decided that the town wanted to continue to have the inspections through the county. Jenni will email them tomorrow.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Dot Sharp. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned at 9:11p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk

