

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**September 5th, 2017**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Chuck DeMeerleer, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, and Sam Keller. Jim Dahmen was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Nikki Wolf and Tom Wolf 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 Chuck DeMeerleer and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904112-904121 for: \$12,196.51

Warrant #'s 9010140-9010153 for:

General:	\$297.49
Streets:	\$ 1,598.39
Real Estate Excise:	\$
Cemetery:	\$ 250.00
Water/Sewer:	\$34,211.15
Subtotal:	\$36,357.03
Grand Total:	\$ 48,555.54

**New Business:****Tom Wolf:**

Tom explained to the council that for his senior project he would like to make signs that say "Wildcat Country". He would like to tie Uniontown and Colton together and have one sign when you enter Colton and the other sign when you leave Uniontown, and if he has enough money, he would also like to make a sign for Johnson. The council thought that it was a great idea. Sam Keller motioned to allow the sign put in town and Kyle White seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Sewer Pond's Generator:**

Jenni told the council that Steve asked her to mention that the sewer ponds generator's parts are getting hard to find. He just had work done on it and it was extremely difficult to find parts. It may need to be replaced in the near future.

**Air Relief Valve on Well #1:**

Jenni explained that Steve wanted the council to know that the air relief valve on Well #1 needs to be replaced because there is not one on it and the pressure tanks and the pumps shut off because they have air instead of water in them.

**Snow Removal Letter:**

The council approved a letter to be sent to Whitman County in case the town needs emergency snow removal this winter.

**Streets:**

Chuck DeMeerleer suggested that the non-paved streets be graveled before winter.

**Chicken Ordinance:**

Mayor Weber reviewed a complaint about allowing chickens in town because they felt that it has increased the rodent and raccoon population. There have been no other complaints about this and the council felt that chicken ordinance was still a good idea.

**Kuhle's Dog:**

Mayor Weber received a call about Kuhle's dog barking at the neighbors. Jenni told the council that Mr. Kuhle came in and apologized about his dog. He said that he is buying a shock collar and putting in an underground fence to keep the dog on his property. He also said that if that doesn't work that he would get rid of the dog.

**Pewitt Property:**

Dot Sharp told the council that she spoke to Bill Pewitt about his property. A bank is trying to purchase it and Bill told her that he needs to clear up a lien that is on it.

**Landscaping in Front of Town Hall:**

Dot Sharp told the council that she wants to take out all of the overgrown plants and tree and re-landscape in front of Town Hall and Library. She said that it would cost under \$500. The council thought it was a great idea. She said that Steve will help her tear everything out.

**Avista:**

Avista wants to move an electric pole into the middle of the sidewalk. The council discussed this and do not want the pole in the middle of the sidewalk.

**AWC Letter:**

Mayor Weber received a letter about the \$200 AWC fees that will be due soon.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Generator:**

The generator is all done and ready to use.

**RV Dump Station:**

Mayor Weber suggested that the council get on the agenda for the next school board meeting to discuss the possible RV dump station. Jenni will contact Marsha and set this up.

**Cemetery:**

Mayor Weber told the council that the new cemetery sign is in the works and should be completed soon.

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

Jenni will contact Marti at USDA RD to ensure she has everything she needs for the loan application.

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 8:36 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk



