

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**October 7th, 2019**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. Members in attendance were Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Cory Cucchiara, Scott Miller and Mayor Jerry Weber. Sam Keller was absent. Clerk Jenni Straughan, Mikayla McKanna, State Representative Joe Schmick and Steve Bremer were also in attendance.

**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 Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904421-904432 for: \$12,767.14

Warrant #'s 910650-910666 for:

General:	\$ 481.26
Streets:	\$ 33,636.52
Real Estate Excise:	\$10,000.00

Cemetery:	\$ 300.00
Water/Sewer:	\$7,751.91
Subtotal:	\$52,169.69

Grand Total: \$64,936.83

**New Business:****Representative Joe Schmick:**

Representative Joe Schmick told the council that he was just here to listen to what was going on with the town.

**Steve Bremer:****Old Pump:**

Steve told the council that the old pump has a new motor, new filters and that it is ramped down to 250 gallons per minute and everything is running good.

**Water Levels:**

Steve told the council that he has been checking the water levels because there have been some concerns that the water has smelled and tasted like chlorine. Steve said that the levels were a little high around .8, but still way within the approved limits. He said that he ordered smaller tubes to help regulate the chlorine better.

**Dump Truck:**

Steve told the council that the front of the dump truck needs to be rebuilt for the plow to fit properly. Rick Heitstuman has offered to help.

**Cemetery Water:**

Steve told the council that the Cemetery water has been shut off for winter.

**AAA:**

Steve informed the council that he has changed companies from AAA to Anatek in Moscow and it that will save the town thousands annually.

**Pump and Dump:**

Steve told the council that the pump for the pump and dump is not working very well and it may need to be replaced in the spring so that the town can continue to pump into the creek in May 2020.

**Junk Vehicles:**

Dot Sharp told the council that she went around town and found 5 vehicles that she deems as junk vehicles. Letters will go out tomorrow about them.

**TIB:**

Jenni informed the council that the TIB project's total cost has been reimbursed to the town. It even covered the engineering cost. All vendors have been paid.

**CIAW Insurance:**

Jenni told the council that she was told by the insurance agent to use replacement costs when estimated all the buildings in town. The insurance agent suggested that the water tank should also be included in the coverage. Scott Miller suggested asking the insurance agency to send someone to Colton to get an idea of what replacement costs would be. Kyle motioned to add the water tank to the insurance policy and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Town CD:**

The town has made over \$8,000 on the CD with Banner Bank. The term will be up soon. Dot Sharp motioned to roll it over for another 3 years, if it has the same guarantee as the last one. Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**2020 Preliminary Budget:**

Jenni reviewed the 2020 preliminary budget with the council. Salaries were discussed. Jenni explained to the council that she was going on her 20<sup>th</sup> year, Caryl was going on her 21<sup>st</sup> year, Brian was going on his 15<sup>th</sup> year and Steve was going on his 10<sup>th</sup> year. Kyle White motioned to give a 4% raise to the four employees. Cory seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Snow Removal Letter to the County:**

Mayor Weber signed the snow removal letter asking for their assistance in a snow emergency.

**Old Business:****Recycling Cardboard:**

Steve let the council know that someone from Uniontown dumped a whole bunch of cardboard around the bin instead of bringing it back at a later time when the bin was empty. Dot Sharp told the council that she heard that Whitman County Recycling

may cost \$25 a trip to pick up recyclables. She had no news to report about the county getting a bin for the town.

**Mitigation Hazard Partnership Planning:**

Dot Sharp attended the Mitigation Hazard planning meeting last week. She gave Jenni a CD to download paperwork that needs to be completed by the town.

**Lagoon Boat:**

Mayor Weber found a rowboat for Steve to use in the lagoons. He still needs to order a small electric motor, oars and lifejackets.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scott Miller and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting adjourned 8:44p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk

