

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
June 7th, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were, Mayor Jerry, Dot Sharp, Kyle White, Cory Cucchiara, Scott Miller, Clerk Jenni Straughan, TJ Burchell and Steve Bremer. Sam Keller was absent.

Minutes: Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the May minutes and Scott Miller 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 Dot Sharp and a second by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904675-904685 for: \$11,321.41

Warrant #'s 910961-910974 for:

General: \$ 625.24

Streets: \$ 2,066.72

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 22,416.15

Subtotal: \$ 25,118.11

Grand Total: \$ 36,439.52

Old Business:**Steve Bremer:****Dump Truck:**

Steve told the council that the dump truck needs a lot of work done. It needs a new clutch, starter, exhaust brake, and the fuel tank needs to be fixed. It also has a cracked frame. Steve said that he was talking with Rick Heitstuman and he suggested a guy out of Uniontown, Chris McCauley. He has done a lot of work for him and is quite reasonable. Steve will get three bids, including one from Chris McCauley.

Back-Up Pump:

Steve told the council that he ordered a discharge pump and it never came so he ordered another one. The next day the pump came, so now the town has a back-up one.

KME:

Phil, from KME is coming to pull the lift station motor, so that they he can build an extra one. That way the town will have a complete motor sitting on shelf for back-up. The dialer isn't working seems to be a sim card issue. KME is going to try and make a unit that communicates with one another in well house. The cost will be half of what a dialer would cost.

Ken Clyde Property:

The town needs to purchase approximately 30 acres for the town's sewer system. Jenni spoke with Jim Dahmen, who farms Ken Clyde's property. Clyde's property is the closest to the town's sewer ponds and would be the ideal property. Jim said that he will talk to Ken Clyde. Cory Cucchiara will also talk to him. The town will also be in communication with other farmers around the area to see if they would be willing to sell 30 acres.

New Business:**Resolution #786:**

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #786, the 1% tax increase. The town has been doing this for 20 plus years. Dot Sharp motioned to accept Resolution #786 and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Resolution #785:

The town council discussed Resolution #785. It is to levy \$30,000. This resolution will be on the ballot for the voters to approve. Cory motioned to accept Resolution #785 and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The levy will be put on the November ballot.

Resolution #787, Six Year Street Plan:

Mayor Weber reviewed the streets that are on the 6 year street plan. Scott Miller motioned to accept the 6-year street plan, Cory Cucchiara seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Speeding Cars:

Cory Cucchiara has received lots of complaints about cars speeding on Steptoe by the church and on Highway 195. Brian is still out on L and I from an injured hand. The council asked Jenni to contact him to see if Whitman County would be willing to patrol some. It was also suggested that maybe the police car be parked on the highway.

Trailer Court:

Dot Sharp told the council that she met with Chris Schultheis and they toured the trailer court. He was surprised how bad it was. There is junk everywhere and it is an eye sore. He told her that at some point he wanted to sell the property.

Riser Letter:

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter that was sent to Mr. Riser, from the town's attorney.

WSDOT Letter:

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter from WSDOT letting the town know that they will be doing maintenance on Highway 195 and asked if the town had any areas of concern. They asked Jenni to contact them about the leaning school zone speed sign and also asked for two more speed zone signs to be put up.

New Website:

Jenni told the council that Joe Savoy, from First Step would be willing to do the town's new website for \$750. It will look a lot like Genesee's. Scott Miller motioned to spend the \$750 on a new website and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Fire District:

Rick Heitstuman asked Steve to ask the council about adding on to the fire station on the town's property. Mayor Weber asked for them to get plans so that the council could take a look at them.

Edwardsen:

Dot Sharp told the council that Edwardsen's property has a lot of noxious and high weeds. She asked if Jenni would send a letter about asking him to take care of them.

Dr. Pipeline:

Dr. Pipeline is storing some vehicles on the town's property temporarily.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Kyle White and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk