

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
October 5th, 2020

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

Minutes: Sam Keller motioned to approve the September's 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 Dot Sharp and a second by Scott Miller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904573-904584 for: \$12,488.59

Warrant #'s 910836-910845 for:

Void warrant # 910796-910799

General: \$ 289.04

Streets: \$ 47,566.06

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 3,486.29

Subtotal: \$51,341.39

Grand Total: \$63,829.98

New Business:**Steve Bremer:****DOE and EPA:**

Steve and Mayor Weber had a meeting with DOE. There are 387 towns/cities on the EPA's Significant Noncompliance List and Colton is one of them. Steve explained that every time the PH and/or BOD is too high in ponds 3 and 4, the town receives a violation. Steve would like to purchase a baffle barrier to try to keep the algae out of the testing site in hopes of lowering the PH and BOD's. Steve contacted several companies to get bids. Only 1 company, Abscoe, sent him a bid. Abscoe's bid is \$3,300. Cory Cucchiara motioned to accept the bid and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Flow Meter:

Steve suggested that it would be a good idea to buy a flow meter to accurately measure the town's influent intake. Right now, the town relies on a 60 year old curve from pumps that were designed to produce. This meter would give him an exact gallon per minute that is going into the ponds. The approximate cost to do this would be around \$8,000. Sam Keller motioned to get bids to do this and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Town's Stolen Excavator:

The Town of Uniontown reported that the shared excavator has been stolen right off the Uniontown property in broad day light. The police and insurance companies have been called. The insurance company said that the claim for the excavator would be \$31,000 and the trailer would be \$5,700. The lowest price for mini excavator that Brent found was \$45,000 and the trailer would cost another \$7,000. Steve and the council discussed looking at back hoes. Uniontown had expressed interest in purchasing a back hoe as well. Mayor Weber will get together with Uniontown Mayor, Dave Jacobs to discuss the options. The town council is willing to split the cost of a back hoe.

Time Study for the Auditor:

Jenni told the council that she and Steve are doing the annual time study to ensure hours are proportionally allocated.

Letter from Blaine McMahan:

Mayor Weber read a note from McMahan. He has sprayed the weeds on his property.

Caryl Keller:

Jenni told the council that Caryl will continue to work for the town. She will only work 1 day a month and then cover when Jenni is gone. If she happened to be gone when Jenni was gone, then Town Hall would be closed.

Keller and Associates Amendment:

Mayor Weber reviewed Keller's proposed amendment plan. The council discussed ways to stop pumping effluent into the creek. The two most viable options are land application and/or building an additional larger pond to store the effluent and let it dissipate using aerators, similar to Uniontown's. Both of these options would need addition acreage.

2021 Preliminary Budget:

Jenni reviewed the preliminary 2021 Budget with the council. After some discussion, the council approved 5% raises for the Clerk, Marshal, Public Works Superintendent and Deputy Clerk with a motion by Sam Keller and seconded by Kyle White. There will be a public hearing next month for the approval of the 2021 Budget and an amendment to the 2020 Budget.

Old Business:**LED Lights:**

Steve will get bids for flashing solar lights for the speed limit signs this month.

Tree Trimming:

Mayor Weber reviewed the 3 bids. One was for \$1,600.00, one was for \$2,750.00 and one was for \$2,500.00. The bids were compared and Strunk Tree Service was the lowest. Jenni will contact him tomorrow to schedule it.

Faded Stop Signs:

Steve has replaced the faded stop signs.

TIB:

Steve told the council that the crosswalks have been painted and now the TIB project has been completed. Jenni told them that she has billed TIB for everything except for striping. When she receives that bill, she will close out the TIB project.

Generator:

The generator has been delivered. Steve is just waiting for it to be hooked up. He said that Collier does not hook-up propane. Steve said that he has contacted Amerigas to do this.

Alarms for Water and Sewer System:

Steve said that the alarms are in and that he spoke with Phil and he will try to hook them up soon.

Snow Removal Letter to Whitman County:

Mayor Weber received an approval from Whitman County for emergency the snow removal.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller and seconded by Kyle White. The motion was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk