

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
January 3rd, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Cory Cucchiara, Ken Darby, Dot Sharp, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan via phone, Art Schultheis, Greg Schultheis, Ashley Alred, and Steve Bremer. Sam Keller was absent.

Minutes: Scott Miller motioned to approve 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 Ken Darby and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Salary and Benefits

Warrant #904890-904905for: \$11,602.15

Warrant #'s 911194-911205 for:

General: \$ 1,490.30

Streets: \$ 1,667.14

Real Estate Excise: \$

Cemetery: \$

Water/Sewer: \$ 2,726.70

Subtotal: \$5,884.14

Grand Total: \$ 17,486.29

New Business:**Steve Bremer:****Sewer Backed Up:**

Steve told the council that when the power went out, it caused the sewer to get backed up. The PLC went out and it caused the sewer to get backed up for about an hour. He pumped out over 10K gallons. He is going to get a surge protector to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Art and Greg Schultheis:

The Schultheis's presented cost totals of all of the revenue that the town incurred because of the subdivision that they put in over the last 20 years and said that they increased the town's valuation by \$6.3 million. They discussed the water rights that they helped the town attain and said that if they are not used, they could be confiscated. They again asked the Town Council to approve to pay \$20K to do the water capacity study, to see if the town has more than the current 215 water connections. They would like to sell their 11 acres to a developer to help the town continue to grow, but they cannot without ensuring that the town has more water connections available. They are also concerned about the school enrollment and said that if the school gets shut down that everyone's property value will plummet. After a long discussion the Schultheis's and the council all agreed that the sewer project is the priority at this time.

Ongoing Business:**Enforcement Officer:**

Mayor Weber said that the town's attorney said that a council member could be an enforcement officer if the hours are kept low. Ken Darby said that he would do it.

Recycling Bill:

Dot Sharp told the council that Whitman County has the town's recycling bin. They should be delivered soon.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Cory Cucchiara and seconded by Scott Miller. The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk