

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
July 3rd, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Ken Darby, Scott Miller, Dot Sharp, Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer. Joe Blewett and Stillman with Keller and Associates. Cory Cucchiara 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.

Warrants: Warrants, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Scott Miller and a second by Ken Darby. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9904973-9904979 for:	\$12,745.60
Vendor Checks: 911288-911299 for:	\$15,038.57
Grand Total:	\$27,711.29

New Business:

Public Hearing for Joe Blewett:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:34 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Ken Darby, Scott Miller, Dot Sharp, Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer. Joe Blewett and Stillman with Keller and Associates. Cory Cucchiara was absent.

Resolution 819:

Joe Blewett presented his request for a variance for an increase eave height (2 feet) and increase square footage (120 feet) and decrease setback to 8 feet on the north side of his property for his shop. Jenni told the council that letters were sent to all neighbors and the only one that she heard from was Jim Dahmen, and he was fine with it. Sam Keller motioned to close the public hearing and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The public hearing closed at 7:46.

Resolution #819:

Sam Keller motioned to approve Joe Blewett's variance request. Dot sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ordinance #535, Increase Building Permit Fees:

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance to increase building permit fees to 1% of total project plus state and local fees. Sam Keller motioned to approve Ordinance #535 and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ordinance #536, Increase Plumbing Permit Fees:

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance to increase plumbing permit fees to 1% of total project plus state and local fees. Sam Keller motioned to approve Ordinance #536 and Dot Sharp seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Ordinance #537, Increase Mechanical Permit Fees:

Mayor Weber reviewed Ordinance to increase mechanical permit fees to 1% of total project plus state and local fees. Scott Miller motioned to approve Ordinance #537 and Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Port of Whitman:

Mayor Weber told the council that he and Jenni had a great meeting with representatives from the Port of Whitman and they will be helping the town look into funding for projects.

Ongoing Business:

Keller and Associates:

Stillman from Keller explained that the town will need to accept the Ecology funding by December 31st. The council agreed to move forward with accepting the Ecology funding. Scott Miller motioned to enter into an agreement with Ecology, authorizing the mayor to sign all paperwork for it. Sam Keller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Chip Sealing:

Steve said that the county is done with the crack fill on Summit, Lincoln and Harrison.

Speed Bumps:

Steve told the council that the speed bumps will be put in before school starts.

Burned House:

Dot Sharp mentioned that she has had complaints about the Ferro home that burned up. Jenni will contact them to find out the timeline for the rebuild.

Video Calling System:

Jenni presented the Metta Video calling system that will be used for council meetings when she is working remote.

Laptop:

Jenni said that the laptop that accesses the town's desktop computer works well and will be great for when she is remote.

Ken Darby:

Ken Darby will be covering town hall for the walk in hours Tuesday through Thursday from 10-1.

August's Council Meeting:

It was decided to have the August council meeting on Monday, July 31st at 7:30. Jenni will post this.

TIB Project:

Steve told the council that the county should be starting the chip seal soon.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Sam Keller. and seconded by Scott Miller. The meeting closed at 8:52 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk