

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
February 5th, 2024

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Cory Cucchiara, Ken Darby, Sam Keller, Scott Miller, Dot Sharp, Jenni Straughan, Jason Reisenauer, Erin Bauer, Bill Whitman, Roger Clauss, Zarn Clausen, John Schlee, Rick Heitstuman and Steve Bremer.

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 Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905049-9905053 for:	\$12,786.69
Vendor Checks: 9911367-9911375 for:	\$8,760.97
Grand Total:	\$21,547.66

New Business:**Oath of Office:**

Sam Keller read and signed his Oath of Office, as continuing council member for another four years.

Gun Club:

Several members of the Gun Club attended the meeting. The new wastewater system was discussed. They all want to work together with the town to co-exist while this project is underway. They are hoping that they will still be able to do the 10 week shoot, that is scheduled January through March. There was discussion of putting in a shot screen so that ponds 2, 3 and 4 don't get any lead in them. Jenni will contact Whitman County to ensure that the town owns the property. She is also pretty sure that there is a file with all of the Gun Club information in it. Ken will look for that tomorrow.

Steve Bremer:**Sewer Line Replacement:**

Steve told the council that he has spoken with Stillman at Keller and Associates, and he said that there is funding available to add new sewer lines and manholes down Gun Club Road and on Heitstuman's land.

Keller and Associates Meeting:

Steve said that he has scheduled a meeting with Stillman and other Keller and Associates next Monday at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the design phase of the town's wastewater project.

Steve Vacation:

Steve will be on vacation from 2/20 through 3/1. Dustin will be covering for him. He will quit discharging until he returns.

John Schlee:

John told the council that he has a complaint about the town's current Building Inspector. Jenni told him that Kile, the town's inspector, told Steve that he was going to be giving 30 days' notice, because he is just too busy to get to Colton. Jenni said that she contacted Whitman County Building Department and that they are willing to do an interlocal agreement with the town and will do the town's building inspections.

Whitman County Building Inspection:

Mayor Weber reviewed the interlocal agreement with the county to do all of Colton's building inspections. The county will be taking the payments and issuing the permits. The town will need to ensure that the zoning is correct and will also be the enforcement authority if the inspector has any issues with a job. After some discussion, Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve the interlocal agreement for a 90-day trial period. Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. Jenni will contact Kile and let him know that Whitman County will be taking over the Building Inspections.

Cemetery Grant:

Mayor Weber read a letter regarding the grant the town applied for. The town did not receive the cemetery grant this year.

Fountain Flying Letter:

Mayor Weber reviewed a letter for Fountain Flying to fly over the town for 2024. Sam Keller motioned to approve sending the letter and Scott Miller seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Whitman County Spot Sealing Letter:

Mayor Weber reviewed the annual letter that the town sends to the county for spot sealing. All agreed to send the letter.

Lawn Mowing Flyer:

Jenni will type up a flyer to see if there is any interest in a mower for spring, summer and fall to replace Joy Faerber.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Cory Cucchiara and seconded by Sam Keller. The meeting closed at 9:13 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk