

COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES
March 4th, 2024

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

Minutes: Scott Miller motioned to approve the minutes and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Checks: Checks, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Scott Miller and a second by Dot Sharp. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905054-9905058 for:	\$12,522.98
Vendor Checks: 9911376-91111381 for:	\$12,961.22
Grand Total:	\$26,484.20

New Business:**Steve:****Wastewater Flow Meter:**

Steve told the council that when he returned from vacation, that the flow meter for the wastewater system was not working properly and needed to be recalibrated. KME came to recalibrate it.

NPDES Permit:

Steve told the council that the NPDES permit's lab accreditation changed in 2019 and that he needed to test differently, which he has been doing, but it is unclear which way of testing that Ecology wants, so Steve has a call into them for clarification.

Depot Street Grading:

Wilbur Ellis has requested that the Depot Street from the bridge to the grain bins be graded. Steve will contact the county and request that this be done.

Ongoing Business:**Keller and Associates:**

Mayor Weber updated the council on this morning's meeting with Keller and Associates. He told the council that the cost for the shot fence was over a half million dollars. Jenni will look into other companies to see if there is a better price. He also informed the council that to replace the 2400 linear feet of sewer line on Gun Club Road and to put in 9-10 manholes will cost \$1.3 million and with the shot fence the total price would be \$1.8 million. Stillman has been in touch with Ecology to add this to the town's wastewater project.

Ecology Loan:

Jenni told the council that the Ecology loan has been signed and approved. IT has been set up in EAGL, so the town can make payments, as needed.

Jenni said that the design part of the loan is not forgivable, and that the town should use the \$127,975 ARPA money for the design phase, because the ARPA needs to be used for an infrastructure project by 2026. Sam Keller motioned to use the ARPA money for the design phase of the wastewater project and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Gun Club Deed:

Mayor Weber told the council that the town found the deed and agreement with the Gun Club. The Gun Club sold the 9.3 acres to the town for \$10 but in the deed says that the Gun Club will not pay any expense for this property and that the Gun Club will not be interfered with.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scott Miller and seconded by Sam Keller. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:18 p.m.

Approved By Mayor

Attested By Clerk