

Town of Eaton  
March 12, 2024  
Regular Meeting

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese and Meghan Deckman.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 13,2024 Special Meeting, February 13,2024 Regular Meeting and March 8,2024 Special Meeting. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

David White presented the Council with quotes from Commonwealth Engineering to extend the water line to the homes on 1000 N. There are three different options. Range in price from \$472,000.00 through \$1,390,000.00. Discussion followed. The water department currently does not have the funds to proceed.

Bruce DeWees III presented the Council with a quote from HACH Service for the Spectrophotometer maintenance for \$924.00. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote from HACH Service Partnership for \$924.00. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jason Crabtree informed the Council that we need new trash pumps. He will have quotes ready for the next meeting.

Police Chief Storie talked to the Council about a renewal quote from Lexipol in the amount of \$5,171.00 for SOPs. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the renewal invoice from Lexipol for \$5,171.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Storie would like to pay the Fraternal Order of Police dues for 2024. They are \$150.00 per person. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the Fraternal Order of Police dues for each full-time officer. Teresa Welsh seconded the order. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Storie would like the Council to approve three new reserves, Thomas Couch, Cody Ballou, and Keithon Cooper. This will bring their total to twenty-one. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve the three applicants as reserve officers. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Officer Guffey has been talking to the Council about personal use of the take home vehicle. He presented the Council with a proposal. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to submit to

the insurance company to see if there is an additional cost. Meghan Deckman seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Zach Neukam with Commonwealth is presenting the Council with two pay applications from Brackney Inc. application C-6 \$405,603.82 and C-7 \$241,355.94. Discussion followed. The next construction meeting is scheduled for March 8,2024 at 10am. If any of the Council would like to attend. Commonwealth and Brackney are still going over the request for an extension. Mr. Neukam stated that they have found two lead service lines so far. The homeowners have been notified. Roger Wells asked Mr. Neukam why the water meters currently installed in residents' homes or businesses' basements are not going to be removed and brought outside as we thought was previously planned. Mr. Neukam stated that the line item didn't make it on the final plan. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve pay application C-6 to Brackney Inc. for \$405,603.82. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Roger Wells made a motion to approve pay application C-7 to Brackney Inc. for \$241,355.94. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer requested that the project supervisor be at the construction meeting tomorrow.

No bids for the 2013 Ford Explorer were turned in. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to adjust the minimum bid to \$1,000.00. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Tommy Capps has had no water at his home since the water line broke last week. Discussion followed. David White is to re-flush the meter.

The Clerk-Treasurer stated that there are three companies that have sent in a statement of qualifications. Mr. Kleinpeter would like the Council to pick five people to interview and score them. Daniel Blankenship appointed Bridgett DeWees, Meghan Deckman, Derrick Newby, Randy Blair, and Jeff Schwer. The Clerk-Treasurer will get with them to set a date and time.

Meghan Deckman stated that the Police Department wants clarification on the abandoned vehicle ordinance. Discussion followed. If it is not specifically stated in our ordinance they are to follow the State IC Code. Which states that tarps are not adequate coverage for vehicles.

Ordinance 2024-03-06 Floodplain Damage Prevention was read for the first time by title only.

The Council was presented with a contract from the Voting Site Rental from Delaware County for \$100.00. Dustin Reese made a motion to sign the contract. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to suspend the meeting rules. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Ordinance 2024-03-06 Floodplain Damage Prevention by title only for the second time. Roger Wells made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-03-06 Floodplain Damage Prevention. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to return to regular meeting rules. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Council went over the Text My Gov quote. Discussion followed. They agreed to pass at this time.

Daniel Blankenship informed the Council that Mississinewa Tavern is doing their Health Code Inspection. They currently don't have a grease trap required by our ordinance. He would like to give them up to one year to install and start using a grease trap. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to give Mississinewa Tavern one year to install and use the grease trap. The Clerk-Treasurer is to get a contract from the town lawyer. Travis hunt is to sign the paperwork after Mississinewa Tavern has signed the agreement.

The Council was informed by the Clerk-Treasurer that Commonwealth Inspector had stated that they came across a waterline that was directly connected to a building. They were told by the Clerk-Treasurer to cap off the line before the building. This property has never paid for water since she has been employed by the Town at this location. The Commonwealth Inspector then came back and said the owner wants the line hooked back up like it was to the building. They were instructed to do nothing until the Council meeting. Daniel Blankenship made a motion for the town employees to install a meter at this building and follow the rules set for everyone. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Daniel Blankenship wants the other buildings downtown inspected by town employees to verify that they are or are not hooked to Town utilities. Roger Wells made a motion that the owners pay ½ the cost for the water tap fee. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer brought up that resident Paige Liggett still has water issues from the water break at her house. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship wants David White to go talk to her and see what her issues are.

Roger Wells made a motion to sign all the claim dockets. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion was carried.

Ralp Caudill stated that Robin Webster came to him about upgrading her trailer. Discussion followed. He was told she needs to go to the Town Office and get a building permit.

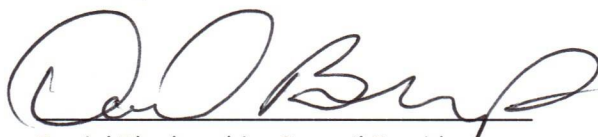
Dustin Reese asked Chief Storie where we are on the Tiffany Williams lawsuit. He stated we are waiting on her lawyers to respond.

Randy Blair stated that he has concerns about the Water Project leaving open ditches during construction. Discussion followed. John Fuchs was going to go see the areas with Randy Blair.

Fire Chief Newby stated that the 2000 Freightliner sold for \$40,000.00. That would make \$4,000.00 to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC for selling the truck.

Meghan Deckman asked if the Town and Emergency services were ready for the eclipse. Discussion followed. They have been coordinating with the counties EMA. Mr. Caudill stated that the Trustees office will be closed on April 8.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Teresa Welsh made a motion to adjourn. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

4/9/2024

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer

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