

July 14, 2020
REGULAR MEETING

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Present are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese and Clay McDaniel.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

T. Welsh made a motion to approve minutes for the June 9, 2020 meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that he has done some research and made some changes at the plant on the SO2 tester. He has gotten the SO2 usage down. Discussion followed.

Hunt presented the Council with a quote from Kesler Excavating, LLC for \$21,200.00 to fix the sink holes/stormwater drains in Norseman Park. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to accept the bid from Kesler Excavating, LLC for \$21,200.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 2/3. Motion didn't pass. Discussion followed. Hunt is to get more quotes for the project.

Joe Ratliff stated the emulsion tank blanket burned out. He got it fixed.

Ratliff presented the Council with a bid from Cummins \$2,541.42 to fix the voltage regulator in the generator at the Water Plant. Discussion followed. Ratliff said the voltage regulator was covered with hornet nets. Discussion followed.

Ratliff said the Elementary School isn't using enough water to empty water lines of old water. He will be flushing the lines before school starts every year from now on. He is also going to check with the churches.

Eric Smith submitted a quote from Newsome's Tree and Stump Removal for \$650.00. To remove a tree in the easement at 200 E Harris Street. R. Wells made a motion to approve the bid from Newsome's Tree and Stump Removal for \$650.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish told the Council that the Utility Employees Training at the Water Plant is going well. He thanked R. Wells for getting them dry erase boards. Discussion followed. The Water Department will be running annual tests in August. Fish stated that fixing the chlorine issue has brought down the amount of chlorine used and lowered the complaints received about the chlorine smell.

Fish stated that he received an email quote from Paul Hayes for \$950.00 for a rebuild kit for the automatic controller and injector. R. Wells made a motion to approve the quote from Paul Hayes for \$950.00 for the kit. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fish stated that he has Dinsel Cutler coming to look at the generator.

Fish presented the Council with a letter to IDEM to request that the daily onsite operations by certified operator go from 5 days to 2 days. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to sign the letter. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner told the Council that Delaware County Sheriffs Department donated a 2010 Dodge Charger.

Chief Turner also stated the Officers Liggett and Storie have raised over \$3,000.00 in t-shirt sales for the K-9 Fund. After paying for the t-shirts the K-9 Fund will receive just over \$1,700.00. Officer Liggett thanked everyone for their support.

Chief Turner presented a quote from Versatile Metal Works, LLC for \$6,474.84 for lights, console, computer stand, full pass thru kennel etc... on the New Durango. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to approve the quote from Versatile Metal Works, LLC for \$6,474.84. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief turner stated that the property room is conforming. Also, Officer Decker has been sworn in as a reserve officer. All Officers have been qualified with handgun/rifle. Officer Knepper has put in an immense amount of time to update FTP program that is in effect as of now.

Officer Liggett stated that they have received 2300 calls so far this year. Eaton has the third highest call rate for Delaware County.

Chief Turner presented the Council with an application for Trevor Heath for Reserve Officer. He would be #20. T. Welsh made a motion to approve Trevor Heath's application. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner stated the 2013 Explorer was damaged in a police chase. It was paid for out of pocket to get it fixed.

The Eaton Police Department is now certified thru the DEA to use certain drugs to help with K-9 training.

Fire Chief Newby stated that Five Alarm will be here to service air packs on August 10. The utility employees can bring theirs up to get tested as well.

Chief Newby would like to send some Firefighters to EMR Class \$250.00/person. R. Wells made a motion to send firefighters to class. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rob Bellucci with Commonwealth went over the projects.
Wastewater/Stormwater Project is working on the punch list.

Urgent Need project OCRA #1 should be closed out this month.
Water Relocation Project OCRA #@ is ready to sign contract July 21-25.

R. Bellucci presented the Council with the pay outs.

Wastewater/Stormwater Project \$75,449.53
Urgent Need OCRA #1 Project \$63,223.82
Water line Relocation OCRA #2 Project \$7,922.20
Water Utility Improvements \$118,183.02

T. Welsh made a motion to approve the pay outs. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Delcom School Superintendent Reese Mann and Delcom Foundation member Amy Lewman and the Foundations Lawyer Mr. Murphey was present to discuss the contract for the old First Merchants Bank building and where the money from the sale will go. The Foundation helps students with scholarships and teachers with classroom equipment. Mrs. Lewman stated that due to Covid-19 and businesses closing/shutting down they have not been able to solicit for donations like they would have normally. Discussion followed. Council has agreed to pay \$6,000.00 a year by September 1st for the next five (5) years.

D. Blankenship opened the sealed bids we received for the 2003 Ford Explorer.

Bid #1 C. Turner \$251.00
Bid #2 T. Herndon \$250.00

T. Welsh made a motion to sell the 2003 Explorer for \$251.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Paying Utility Employees on-call should only pay the one person on duty not anyone else. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to pay the person on call \$75.00 for the weekend. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 3/2. Blankenship and Reese voted no. Motion carried.

D. Reese made a motion to pay full time Police Officers \$75.00 for weekend duty. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Clerk DeWees asked where the money would come from. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Discussion followed. Clerk is to see if money can be paid out of Public Safety. If not, an additional appropriation will need to be done to cover on call.

Council was presented with the minutes from the Zoning Board meeting. They made a motion to recommend passing the rezone for IMP on the corner of 1000 N and 150 E. They plan to install a new substation. D. Reese made a motion to approve the rezone for IMP. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese made a motion to approve the building permits for Lucas Quattlebaum 15330 N CR 150 E pole barn and Jeremy Smokewood 516 S. Meridian St back porch. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a letter from the Brooke-Stevens Law Office stating that the bills from the Donald Blair/Gentry Properties /Midwest/Colony Printing properties totaling \$19,231.44 need to be written off. R. Wells made a motion to write off these accounts only. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was also presented with a map showing a small parcel that the lawyers want to know if the Town is interested in this property. D. Reese made a motion to pass on the property. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Becky Moles presented the Council with a petition to stop Sherri Currey from harassing her neighbors when ever they have a campfire. Also stated that the Currey's have campfires of their own. Discussion followed.

Jim Dux stated that first Clearwater Lake isn't condoning underage drinking on their property. Second that Mrs. Currey is misusing her daughters' medical issue. He gave an example. He had fires going at his campground a couple weeks ago and the Fire Department was called because a neighbor went to Mrs. Currey to complain that she hasn't called on them, so she did. Discussion followed. He thinks there needs to be a clear definition of medical emergency.

Mike foster stated that the Fire Department can determine if it is an emergency to put out the fire.

James Welsh wanted to know if it is a medical call why the EMT's don't respond to the call if its is a medical call? He stated that Mrs. Currey patrols the neighborhood for fires to call in. Also stated that she calls the Fire Department when there is no medical emergency. Discussion followed.

Sherri Currey stated that she is sorry they must put out their fires. She explained how it bothers her daughter and how she is trying to prevent her from having an emergency or trip to the hospital. Her daughter has asthma and it is triggered by smoke. Mrs. Currey stated that she isn't patrolling the neighborhood her daughter and herself are just out for a walk. Mrs. Currey read the new medical update from her daughters' doctor. Mrs. Currey stated that her family is afraid of her neighbors because they are so upset. Discussion followed.

T. Welsh and D. Reese asked Mrs. Currey what she thinks could be done to make everyone happy? Maybe a flagpole with a colored flag to let neighbors know when daughter is home. Maybe a group Facebook Page to let them know. Discussion followed.

Daniel Nixon stated that he has helped her out many times and doesn't know why she says he's a bad neighbor.

Dawn Bowden has two special needs kids. They like to roast marshmallows. She now can't do that because the Fire Department comes down when there are fires.

Don Chambers uses wood to heat his home will this affect him because of the smoke he puts off. Discussion followed. No, it will not.

Becky Nixon doesn't understand why Mrs. Currey's family is afraid.

Jerry Currey stated that his daughter has triggered asthma not regular asthma. Mr. Currey stated that they haven't had a campfire in the last 5-6 years. Discussion followed.

Council is going to take all this into consideration and see if they can come up with a compromise.

Robert Brown with the Methodist Church stated they have a garden and was wanting to get an adjustment on their bill for watering. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to allow for the adjustment to sewage. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Mr. Brown stated that the garden is open for anyone that is in need.

Linzi Hundley asked the Council for an extension on her water bill. Council explained that due to the Governors mandate that she will be ok if she pays it by August 14.

Claudia Stephens asked for an adjustment for watering new grass. R. Wells made a motion to adjust her sewage for watering. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese asked what the current rule is for watering. The Sewer Use Ordinance says July, August and September. D. Reese made a motion to change the ordinance to read June, July and August. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Mike Foster asked Council to consider installing a residential meter on all non-water using customers (sewage only customers). These customers are billed a flat fee and he doesn't think the Town is getting the money they should. He thinks some are being over charged and some underbilled. Discussion followed. R. Wells made a motion to table this so they can investigate it further. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

T. Welsh wants to know why employees can only clock in at one location? Clerk stated that she was told to do it that way. T. Welsh made a motion to allow employees to clock in at all five locations. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented an invoice for Workwear Express for \$417.91 for reserve and Chief turner uniforms and equipment. This was given to the Clerk after the claim docket was done. R. Wells made a motion to pay the Workwear Express invoice. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

The Clerk informed the Council that both Union and Niles Township voted to not pay the Fire Contract Increase for 2020. Vickie Walburn the Union Township Trustee stated that they don't have the extra funds to pull from to pay it this year. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to continue with current signed contract and raise 2021 contract. Discussion followed. Motion died due to lack of a seconded. R. Wells made a motion to meet with both Townships. Discussion followed. T. Welsh wants to amend the motion to have just R. Wells and C. McDaniel meet with both Township Advisory Boards. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. R. Wells made a motion to discontinue 2020 contract increase and set 2021 contracts as followed. Union Township \$54,000.00 and Niles Township \$20,000.00. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented Council with mileage sheets for B. DeWees and D. Mitchell. D. Blankenship made a motion to pay mileage for B. DeWees and D. Mitchell. R. Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

R. Wells made a motion to pay the Sewage Bond payments to USDA (not on claim docket). C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk presented Council with additional appropriations that she thinks need done. Council agreed to get started.

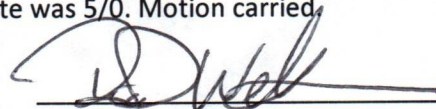
Council agreed to remove Tonya Reed from the Planning Commission and replacing with Roger Wells.

Council agreed to remove Todd Reed from Board of Zoning Appeals and replace with Derek Mitchell.

D. Reese stated that Tormoehlen Property should be done soon. He has presented the Council with a quote from a contract that Tormoehlen is getting to clean up the property.

D. Reese stated that he disagrees with allowing employees to wear shorts at work. Discussion followed. He also stated that the Town is paying for uniforms weekly and not all employees are wearing them. Discussion followed.

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



Roger Wells, Council Vice-President

Attest:



Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer