

August 11, 2020  
REGULAR MEETING

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Present are Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese and Clay McDaniel. Daniel Blankenship is absent. Clerk-Treasurer, Bridgett DeWees is attending by phone due to quarantine.

Vice-President Roger Wells called the meeting to order.

D. Reese made a motion to approve minutes for the July 14, 2020 meeting. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner talked about a K-9 Tracking Software Packtrack that tracks the training and arrests for both K-9s. It would be \$100.00 per dog per year. Delaware County Sheriff's Department use this same program for their K-9s. Discussion followed. John Liggett and Christy Foster pledge to donate \$100.00 each to cover the cost of the system for one year. T. Welsh made a motion to sign up for Packtrack. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Joe Ratliff, Water Operator in-training, said the annual tests for the Water Plant are completed and just waiting on the results.

J. Ratliff talked to the Council about two trees that are unsafe and need to be removed at East Union/South Street. Newsome Tree and Stump Removal will do it for \$700.00. D. Reese made a motion to allow Newsome Tree and Stump Removal to remove the two trees and stumps. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

J. Ratliff stated that he got the intersection maps laminated and ready for the Water Utility Improvement Project. They also discussed getting the parks mowed until they can hire someone or figure out something else.

J. Ratliff stated that he needs a new printer at the water plant. He presented the Council with a price of \$249.99 for a printer from Staples. Discussion followed. Ratliff is to get with Bridgett D. and look at printers on staples.com. T. Welsh made a motion to approve up to \$249.99 for a printer for the Water Plant. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Jeff Fish, Certified Water Plant Operator, went over his Water Operating Report. He said the guys are doing great with training. Discussion followed. He stated that Living Water Company is coming in to do annual maintenance. Mr. Fish also stated that the generator was working and now has faulted. He is going to call Cummins Crosspoint LLC and ask for another generator. R. Wells would like to sit in on the call and have the expenses so far available for the call.

Jeff Fish said that Commonwealth Engineers and IDEM are going back and forth about responsible charges at the Water Plant. IDEM said person in Charge must be present five days a week. Discussion followed. Solution from IDEM is that Travis Hunt would have to fill out paperwork to be the person responsible temporarily. Once permitted to be RC at the Water Plant Hunt would have twelve months to pass the Water Operator Test.

Fire Chief Newby presented the Council with a quote from 5Alarm for two sets of turn out gear for \$4,380.00. C. McDaniel made a motion to allow Fire Chief Newby to purchase turn out gear from 5Alarm for \$4,380.00. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

R. Wells gave an update on Union Township Fire Contract. The Trustee is working on maybe getting \$40,000.00 and some money for a truck payment or to buy other equipment. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt, Sewage Plant Operator, presented the Council with a bid from My Outside Guys for \$17,500.00 and Kessler \$21,500.00 to fix the drains in Norseman Park and the drain. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to accept My Outside Guys bid for \$17,500.00.

Hunt also presented the Council with a bid from My Outside Guys to fix the storm drain on Babb Road by the Railroad Tracks. Discussion followed. D. Reese made a motion to approve the bid from My Outside Guys for \$1,775.00. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Hunt also presented the Council with a bid from My Outside Guys for \$750.00 to fix the culvert on South Street. Hunt stated that the Town employees don't have the time. It would take them 2-3 days to complete. D. Reese made a motion to approve the bid from My Outside Guys for \$750.00 to fix the culvert on South Street. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Hunt stated that Ratliff and himself would be going to training one day this week.

Hunt presented the Council with bids from Kessler for park and not mowed properties in Town. The Council decided not to go this route. Discussion followed.

Rachel with Commonwealth Engineers went over the Sewage/Stormwater Project. She stated that it is 95% complete. She presented the Council with the pay application. D. Reese made a motion to approve the pay application for \$231,494.75. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Rachel presented the Council with the pay application for the Water Line Improvement Project for \$2,500.00. She stated that Culy Contracting, Inc. will be starting soon. D. Reese made a motion to approve the pay application for \$2,500.00. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Rachel presented the Council with the pay application for the Water Utility Improvement Project for \$190,905.74. Discussion followed. She stated that the estimated start time would be the end of the year. She wants to schedule a meeting to go over the plans.

Rachel also presented the Council with an invoice for \$3,000.00 for Water Operating Assistance for May, June and July. T. Welsh made a motion to approve the invoice from Commonwealth Engineers for \$3,000.00. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

T. Hunt was asked about 2018 Pretreatment Program Annual Report not being submitted. He said he didn't know he had to do this. He is working on getting 2018 and 2019 done and submitted. He is going to put it on his calendar, so he remembers from now on.

Council discussed the flooding on Harris Street. We received a lot of rain on that day. Discussion followed. Council thinks that we just received too much rain all at once.

Council stated that the building permit for Gary Moles at 115 E. Bosman Avenue was approved outside of the meeting by D. Blankenship, T. Welsh and C. McDaniel.

D. Reese would like to combine the positions of Fire Chief, Park mower and Utility Helper. Discussion followed. C. McDaniel made a motion to table the hiring of another employee until they have more time to discuss it. Motion dies due to lack of a second. T. Welsh made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-8-12. To pay the Police and Utility Employees \$75.00 for compensation for weekend duty. D. Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

D. Reese asked what the Council is going to do with the mowing quotes. Council is going to keep for reference.

John Liggett stated that his grandson Jack Liggett would like his trash bill to be adjusted because he did use it. Bestway has the trash being picked up once. Discussion followed. T. Welsh made a motion to adjust only half the trash bill. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Christy Foster asked if the Council has discussed adding a water meter to her mother's well. So, she could be billed for actual sewage usage. Council said not at this time. Discussion followed. Council stated that the owner of the property will need to sign a hold harmless contract and allow access to meter when needed. D. Reese made a motion to add water meter to the well if a Hold Harmless Waiver is signed. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Becky Moles asked if the Council has come to a decision on the fire issue down by Bosman and Randall Avenue. Council is looking to make the Towns own Fire Ordinance by the next meeting.

Council was presented a quote from Reach Alert. Bridgett D. is to get with Snodgrass and get the name of who the Hospital uses.

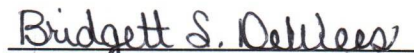
Becky Moles asked about tearing down empty abandoned homes. Discussion followed. The Town would only get back about \$0.10 on the \$1.00 that we spend to tear them down. Council plans to look for grants to use for this.

D. Reese made a motion to sign the claim docket. T. Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time T. Welsh made a motion to adjourn. C. McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

  
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Daniel Blankenship, Council President

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Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer