

**TOWN OF EATON  
FEBRUARY 9, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes for January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that he is still working on getting prices for the blowers. He also stated that the sensor on the digester is now hooked to an alarm along with an oxygen sensor.

Joe Ratliff stated that the electrical problem at the water plant is still an issue. He thinks the bus bar is the issue. Discussion followed. He also stated that TNT thinks the alarm system problem could be because of the radios. Discussion followed. Ratliff is to check on replacing the radio. He is to still get prices on cellular service after the first year is up for the Peerless Midwest Inc. quote. He is also to get another quote. Dustin Reese made a motion to table the quote again. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

J. Ratliff also stated that he has built the shelter over the detention tank to keep it from freezing.

J. Ratliff showed the Council that his Chlorine MRO's are staying in line. He also showed the Council his HML test results and showed them the test schedule. Discussion followed.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth went over the testing for lead and copper. Discussed the DNR report is due March 31. He also talked about the Water Project. They have been locating utilities and possible issues.

Fire Chief Newby presented a quote from Koorsen Fire & Security for \$1,276.00 to Hydrotest 40 SCBA tanks. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from Koorsen Fire & Security for \$319 x4 to equal \$1,276.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby talked to the Council about his meeting with IMP. For 5 more lights it would be \$76/month. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to have the lights installed. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed purchasing another fire truck and selling two of the older ones. The Council and the Union Township Trustee has concerns if the trustee purchases the truck and the State dissolves the Trustees Office the truck will go to the State not the Town. Discussion followed.

Police Chief Turner stated that 18 Officers showed up to help move offices. He also stated that Officer Pokorny installed the Bass Station and saved the department \$1,800.00. He also talked about installing an automatic front door. Discussion followed.

Chief Turner found ammo to purchase at Ranger Supply Co., LLC for \$964.00. It is currently difficult to find and purchase ammo. Teresa Welsh made a motion to purchase ammo from Ranger Supply Co. LLC for \$964.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner has Advance Signs working on a sign for the new building for \$295.00. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the sign from Advance Signs for \$295.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Deputy Chief Liggett purchased parking signs for the new building for \$19.98 and would like to be reimbursed. Roger Wells made a motion to reimburse Deputy Chief Liggett for the signs for \$19.98. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Turner would like to use part of the building for a workout center for the officers. Discussion followed. Council would like to see the food pantry get a room down there as well.

Jeff Fish presented the invoices for Commonwealth. Roger Wells made a motion to approve Commonwealth invoices. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to pay the Culy pay applications for the Second Water OCRA Grant. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the insurance renewal with Barnum-Brown Insurance. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council went over the Employee Handbook. D. Reese made a motion to approve 2021-1-1 an Employee Handbook. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with Salary Ordinance Amendment 2021-2-4 COVID-19 Absentee Policy. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to remove "employee must be symptom free for forty-eight hours". Discussion followed. Motion died due to lack of a second. Teresa Welsh thinks they should be able to return without a negative test because you can test positive well after having any symptoms. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-2-4 as



written. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/1. Teresa Welsh voted no. Motion Carried.

Daniel Blankenship opened the bids for 1000 N. While doing this Travis Hunt stated that the drainpipe on 1000 N needs replaced before paving is done. Discussion followed. Council wants Hunt to get quotes to get it fixed.

Bids for 1000 N:

E&B Paving \$138,060.00

Brook's 1<sup>st</sup> Construction \$99,783.00

Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to approve Brook's Construction bid for \$99,738.00 pending the outcome of the Community Crossings Grant. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with the new retainer contract for John Brooke's. Roger Wells made a motion to sign the contract. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

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

Chief Turner brought up having Lexipol redo the departments SOP's. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table Lexipol until we can talk to our insurance adjuster to see if there would be any savings. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Teresa Welsh asked Travis Hunt where he is at on getting bids for a new truck. Discussion followed. He is to get bids for the next meeting.

Council was presented with invoices from Brooke & Stevens not on the claim docket. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the invoices. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk brought up the Town not getting reimbursed for one of Deputy Chief Liggett's OPO Grant. It was not submitted to Muncie in time. Roger Wells made a motion to pay it out of the other charges line item from the Police budget. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council discussed getting invoices for the sign at the Town Office. Clerk is to get quotes for light up inserts and an LED sign. Clerk is also to see if our IT Department can do a VPN so she doesn't have to drive up to the Police Department to change the information on the sign.

Daniel Blankenship reminded the employees that they are not allowed to smoke an any of the vehicles or town buildings.

Clerk presented the Council with an email that was submitted thru the Town webpage. It claims that Town employees are plowing private drives. Teresa Welsh and a few employees stated that it was not them it was an employee of Eaton EMT's.

Council would like the employees to get the Town emblem on the side of their vehicles. Discussion followed. Council has no issues with Town employees clearing their own drives.

Council wants Eric Smith to clean the sidewalk in front of the New Town Office when it snows.

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



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:



Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer