

# *Town of North Hills*

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Council meeting minutes  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Pat McDonnell at the 36<sup>th</sup> street Church of Christ building. Present: Pat McDonnell, Don Stemple, Regina Smith, and Fred Newberry. Also calling in was Cheney English and Tami McCas. Absent: Rachel Hensley. Dale Baumgartner was also in attendance.

## **Minutes**

A motion to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

## **Safety**

Cheney English gave a presentation on National Radon Action Month. The Environmental Protection Agency has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. It's known as the silent killer because it's a gas that you can't smell or see, and it results in over 20,000 deaths annually. It's important to test for radon during the winter when homes are sealed for heating purposes. It can seep into your home from underground. Symptoms of radon include shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, tightness or pain in the chest, and a new or worsening cough. Since these symptoms are common to other causes, educate your workers this January on radon and the importance of testing to eliminate radon as the source. Tests can be conducted by a qualified radon tester or by purchasing a do-it-yourself kit from the hardware store.

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## **Recorder's report**

Shared town account balances:

Fiscal Recovery-\$34,702.75

Street user fee-\$56,726.80

Parks and Recreation-\$110,694.24 (to be used on future Playground and on pool expenses.)

Sewer-\$66,060.20.

Suttle and Stalnaker (town accountant) informed the town that we are required to have \$40,000 in a cash working capital reserve account required by the state. Funds were taken from the Sewer account. The \$40,000 was set up as an interest-bearing Money Market account.

General-\$56,714.24

Coal severance-\$1,537.15

Street user fee invoices were mailed out on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Received confirmation from the State that Ferrari and associates will be conducting the town audits at a cost of \$4,500 per audit plus the state gets 8% in addition. We will be audited for the years of 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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Owner of 110 Oakwood informed council of a scheduled auction on January 28<sup>th</sup> which will generate additional traffic in the town.

## **Building permits**

N/A

## **Community updates**

The Salvation Army bell ringing at the Piggly Wiggly went well with the last shift left open.

The Winter deer harvest will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. Cheney will be putting up signs.

## **Town business**

Don Stemple and Regina Smith took the oath of office for town council.

Pond work-Blackwell retrenched behind the basketball court. More work to be done across the pond as weather breaks. Pond is in good condition.

Pool items-coping work is done some concrete poured.

Safety-Don Stemple needs a schematic to help understand the operation of the chlorine system to train those who will be working with system. It was suggested that we may use a safety company representative to help with this. Also, we may contact the YMCA for their help.

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Pat is concerned about the liability issues and that the fine print on the pool memberships should be reviewed.

It was also suggested that the previous pool area painted lines should be reviewed and repainted as needed.

keeping up with costs. We will discuss more throughout the year and address accordingly. Council is looking at an increase in the dues next year beginning in January 2024.

Snow removal-we have some residents parking on the street during the snow removal effort. We will advise residents via the town crier of their obligation to park in their driveway to allow snow removal to be done without vehicular traffic in the way.

Town leaf's-residents need to help with leaf cleanup as the leaves accumulate on the storm drains which causes the streets to flood. Council will discuss the various ways to help with this and publish.

Town calendar-council will work on this year's events at our next meeting.

## **Public forum**

Council discussed the playground project. More to come on this as we move forward with the project.

Pool bylaws-Don will send the final version to our emails for review.

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A motion was made by Fred Newberry to adjourn the meeting at 9:00, seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at the 36<sup>th</sup> street Church of Christ building in Vienna, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

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