

Town of North Hills

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Council meeting minutes
January 26th, 2023

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

Minutes

A motion to approve the January 12th, 2023, minutes was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

Safety

Cheney English gave a presentation on Winter driving.

Again, the cold month of January brings a range of added risks, and winter driving is one of the areas where accidents can easily happen. Preparedness is key, and it is important to ensure that your workers have the right training, resources, and tools available to tackle driving in the winter.

The three P's of safe winter driving are Prepare, Protect and Prevent, and this is a catchy safety slogan that you can use when covering this safety topic. As an employer, you should ensure that your drivers all have the following available in their **emergency kits**:

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- Blankets, gloves, and a hat
- Water and snacks
- Emergency flares
- Jumper cables and a tow chain
- A flashlight and batteries
- A snow brush, ice scraper and shovel
- An emergency cell phone or radio.

Recorder's report

Fred shared with council the breakdown of our street user fee collections for road repairs and snow removal costs for the last 3 years.

- 2020

Street user fee collected \$119,200.

Street repair cost \$115,761

Snow removal cost \$11,700

Year total expenditures \$127,461 **(-\$8,261)**

- 2021

Street user fee collected \$119,200.

Street repair cost \$131,276

Snow removal cost \$ 15,583

Year total expenditures \$ 146,859 **(-\$27,659)**

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- 2022

Street user fee collected \$119,200.

Street repair cost \$ 128,152

Snow removal cost \$ 21,755

Year total expenditures \$ 141,409 **(-\$30,707)**

For the last 3 years we have avoided having to raise the street user fees, but North Hills is not immune to the rising cost of goods and services. As noted in the breakdown, we have had a deficit in each of the last 3 years. We borrowed from the General fund to help pay for these additional expenses. Our general fund is used to pay for audits, accountants, lawyers, salaries, grounds maintenance, and water infrastructure issues. In order to overcome these deficits we need to increase the dues and we are in the process of discussing the rate increase which will be implemented on the next billing in July.

Street user fee invoices were sent out on January 9th. We have five families who have not been paying their dues and liens have been placed on their homes. As noted in our by-laws, the names and addresses of those not paying will be published in the Town Crier. Those residents are:

Morgan Ta – 162 North Hills drive \$9,817.43

Michael Foster – 48 Lake drive \$22,007.90

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Ralph Richards – 132 North Hills drive \$2,119.25

Kelli Marteney – 107 Brentwood heights \$3,402.91

Joe Stephens – 153 North Hills drive \$1,633

Murray Mace – 222 North Hills drive \$ 4,651.10

The total owed to the town is \$ 43,631.59

Building permit's

N/A

Committee updates

Winter deer harvest - No updates

Town business

There is more drainage and ground leveling work to be done along the basketball court and the area Northeast of pond parking lot when the weather permits.

The GFI had to be reset after the pond aerators quit running.

The town lawyer will be reviewing the pool bylaws.

The town has yet to receive the final YMCA final invoice. Don Stemple has the action item to follow up.

Pat has the action item to have Bryan Anderson (Safety Rep) to work with the pool committee on Safety training.

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There was some discussion on a loss prevention policy required by the state. More discussion required on this.

Union Williams is requiring an access road to the Northridge housing development sewer system. Pat will get with the town lawyer to understand who is responsible for construction of the road. There are two possible entrance points. One access will cost \$43,000 and the other access will cost \$45,000.

There was some discussion on the playground equipment project that the town has plans for this year. Don sent information to each council member on equipment to consider. It was agreed for a starting point of \$50,000 which will come from the parks and recreation account.

A motion was made by Fred Newberry to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, seconded by Tami McCCase, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna, February 9th at 7PM.

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