Town of North Hills

Council meeting minutes

March 9th, 2023

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

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the February 23rd minutes as amended was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Rachel Hensley, approved by council.

**Safety**

Cheney gave a presentation on Eye Safety.

**Eye injury**

Around 2,000 Americans suffer eye injuries every single day.

Another reason to talk about eye hazards is that they are one of the leading causes of preventable injuries. But, even in the event of a minor injury, the worker can be left in pain, with vision problems and unable to work. This is why it is hugely important to be aware of eye safety in the work environment.

Many eye injuries result from dust and other small particles entering the eye, but others occur when splinters of metal or wood fly up during hammering. Workers should also be careful after handling hazardous substances not to touch their eyes. In spring, persons who suffer from hay fever need to be on guard for this, ensuring they remove safety gloves and wash hands of chemicals before rubbing their eyes.

**Eye and Face PPE**

A worker’s eye and face PPE is essential for preventing workplace eye injuries. Knowing which articles of personal protective equipment to wear for the job, such as goggles, safety glasses and face shields, and how to wear them properly, is key for preventing accidents and injuries.

It’s also important to educate employees on the features of their PPE. Some safety goggles and other eye protection items can thwart flying particles and chemical hazards, whereas others only protect against particles. Knowing how to tell the difference between the two is crucial.

**Recorder’s report**

Town sent out 17 late street user fee notices. Out of those seventeen late notices, two accounts had insufficient funds, and two accounts requested a 2-week delay.

Shared town account balances:

 General account $49,593.06

 Sewer account $70,285.98

 Street user fee account $100,797.79

 Stimulus account $20,702.75

 Parks and Recreation account $97,580.04

 Coal account $2,443.77

Community updates

 Pool Work –Waiting on Brian Anderson (Safety consultant) to give us a cost estimate for his training on the pool equipment operation prior to opening.

 Don working with Andrew Colvin on the design of the chlorinator and its operation for the upcoming training. They will also be working with the YMCA.

 Playground – Don will submit a bid package to the newspaper for new equipment.

 User fee increase – Council had the second reading and voted to increase the annual road fees to $500 per year. The next billing in July will reflect the semiannual $50 increase on the invoice.

 Street parking – Council discussed amending the street parking ordinance to read **Sub – section 2 – Parking Provisions: Paragraph 11. Section d. Within 15 ft. of a fire hydrant. Section f. Within 20ft. of a crosswalk or an intersection.**

**Public forum**

 Snowplow sign needs replaced.

 Don was going to cold patch a small pothole on North Hills drive next to the intersection of Wedgewood Drive but were sold out.

 A motion was made by Rachel Hensley to adjourn the meeting at 8:37, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna, March 23rd at 7PM.