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Council meeting minutes
April 8th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Dale Baumgartner at the Ohio Valley University conference room. Present: Dale Baumgartner, Don Stemple, Chris Nahley, Cheney English, Regina Smith and Fred Newberry. Absent: Rachel Hensley. Also, in attendance for the paving pre bid meeting was contractors John Brown and Rob Evans.

Minutes

A motion to approve the March 25th minutes as amended was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Dale Baumgartner, approved by council.

Recorder's report

The town received a Notice to Redeem Taxes on real estate 197 A EXT OF N Hills EST on which due taxes went delinquent and was sold by Wood County Sheriff. The town had the option to pay the tax liens before March 31st. It was decided that the town would purchase the tax liens in the amount of \$896.00 past due taxes, \$35.00 for the recording fee and \$89.86 for the year 2020 taxes for a total of \$1021.62.

\$21,678.31 was reimbursed to the General account as the General account was incorrectly billed for the sewer lift station electric bill that should have been paid out of the Sewer account.

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Sarah Baumgartner (president of the Pool board) and Fred Newberry (town recorder) met with Suttle and Stalnaker on best practices for pool account once town takes over.

Held the road paving pre bid meeting with contractors. Bids for paving the roads are due by April 21st. There is also an option to extend contract for an additional 2 years.

Reminded council of the meeting at which the governing body will adopt the budget (Laying of the Levy) on April 20th, at the shelter at 7PM.

We have 7 who did not pay their street user fees and liens will be filled on those properties after the 15th of this month.

It was suggested that we contact Habitat for Humanity for their interest during the spring garage sale. Chris Nahley will check with them and others.

Rachel Hensley ordered and installed the “Welcome Spring” sign.

Building permits

One to remove and replace a back patio, extend the driveway and add drainage at 174 North Hills Drive.

One to build a storage shed at 168 North Hills Drive

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Safety

Don Stemple presented a message on “Which habits really help you avoid the Flu and colds.”

- Use hand sanitizer. Look for one that contains 60% alcohol. That is the amount needed to kill germs.
- Turn off the faucet with a paper towel. The faucet handle is the most contaminated surface in a restroom. Using the same towel to open the restroom door on the way out is also a good idea.
- Skip the hand dryer. These machines are not only annoyingly loud, but they could be hazardous to your health. Studies find that a jet air dryer spreads 1,300 times more germs than paper towels. Use paper towels if available or air dry your hands.
- Use a paper toilet seat cover – not worth it. The thin piece of paper is not going to do much good, since fluid can go right through it.
- Touch elevator buttons with your knuckles or sleeve. The ground floor button, which everyone touches, can get especially grimy.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging people who appear ill.
- Bring your own yoga mat to class.
- Keep your fingers off your face.
- Wipe down gym equipment.

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Committee update

Picked up 33 bags of trash for the highway cleanup

There will be a tentative brush pile burn on April 17th. Contact the mayor or Don Stemple for the details.

Town business

There are ongoing talks with attorneys about language in the pool acquisition. The plan is to close before end of April.

Pool entry recognition system – Cheney English to speak with Biz Tech on what they may have to offer.

There was some discussion as to whether to make repairs to the pool house roof before opening. We have 2 estimates and council wants another bid from Pro Construction for a metal roof. Fred is to contact them for a bid.

A motion was made by Cheney English to adjourn the meeting at 8:45, seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council. The next scheduled meeting will be on April 20th for “Laying of the Levy” at 7PM at the shelter to be followed by a regular scheduled meeting on April 22nd, at the Ohio Valley University Conference room at 7:00 PM.

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