

Town of North Hills

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Council Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Dale Baumgartner at the 36th Street Church of Christ multipurpose room. Present: Dale Baumgartner, Don Stemple, Cheney English, Chris Nahley, Rachel Hensley, Regina Smith, and Fred Newberry. Also in attendance was Henry Sasyn on behalf of the YMCA and the LEGO Robotics team (The Tender Defenders) Amanda Gillispie, Amy McCleary, Brad McCleary, and KC Doepker from the town of North Hills.

Minutes

A motion to approve the February 10th minutes as amended was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

Safety

Cheney English presented summer safety tips to consider:

Consider your smoke alarms. Change your batteries each spring to be sure you are prepared for an emergency.

Clean the dust covers of carbon monoxide detectors.

Review your emergency escape plan with each member of your family.

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Clean or replace furnace filter.

Check all fire extinguisher needle indicators and dates to be sure they are working.

Clean around your dryer.

Check all electrical cords to prevent an electrical fire.

Recorder's report

The town has spent \$20,526.40 year to date on snow removal

The town paid \$2,585 for quarterly insurance premium

Eighty-six percent of the Street user fees have been paid. Recorder making calls and texting to remind residents.

Recorder provided a list to the mayor of those who refuse to pay their fees which will be published in the Town Crier. Overall, the town is owed over \$50,000 from these residents.

The council had the pleasure to see a First Lego League presentation. The team resides in our town. The background of the team follows.

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The background of the team is we are a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) community team (for ages 9-14). This is their third year participating; it is a program that gets kids interested in science, technology, engineering, and math all while having fun in a team building, competitive activity. Our team not only designs and programs a robot to solve missions, but they are also tasked with researching and developing an innovative engineering solution that solves a problem in the community. They also present their strategic plan for the robot design and game, and how they displayed FLL Core Values over the season to a panel of judges. FIRST Robotics' philosophies are based on Cooperation and Gracious Professionalism with a focus on making a difference in the team's community. The team has done several events in the community, having their LEGO Spirograph displayed at the Parkersburg Art Center last year, doing fun LEGO STEM activities at our lemonade stand fundraisers, and most recently going into local elementary classrooms to teach kids about gear ratios using LEGO, reinforcing multiplication skills in a tangible and fun way!

The team has won several awards, most notably 2nd Place WV State Champions in the 2019-2020 season, and first place WV State Champions in 2020-2021. They have won two bids to compete internationally, however due to COVID in person events were canceled. They participated in

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the 2021 World Virtual Open Invitational sponsored by Amazon and held their own amongst top teams in the World!

The kids were honored to share what they have been up to this season and appreciate the Town taking the time to meet with them! Thank you!

KC

The Tender Defenders

Without Engineers, Science is Just Philosophy

FIRST Robotics Challenge Team #50741

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Mr. Henry Sasyn representing the YMCA effort to replace the pool liner also made a presentation on the history of the pool and the need to replace the liner and re-design the gutter system to provide access to piping and the recirculation system. He asked the town to donate \$500 toward the work scheduled to start in August. Total cost of the project is \$125,000. He also approached the City of Vienna, Parkersburg, Belpre, Williamstown, Marietta, and the Wood County Board of Education. Chris Nahley made a

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motion to put the request on the March 10th agenda, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

Building permits

N/A

Committee updates

The schedule for the 2022 town activity dates is posted online.

Don shared a 5-year contract renewal (adopt a highway) request from the state. A motion to approve the contract was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

Don is to meet with the Marlow's Fisheries (pond fountain) and an electrician tomorrow to discuss needs.

Rachel Hensley asked if was possible to have a pickle ball court. Don Stemple to research.

Don has the do not park signs and will install around pond area and the shelter.

Don asked council to review the pool by-laws to discuss at next meeting.

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The YMCA is projecting a \$2500 increase in their rates for lifeguard services for 2022.

The town is looking into an instructor tennis fee to be levied for use of the tennis courts.

Fred is to call Blue Collar Construction for an estimate on, concrete work for the pool.

Cheney English made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, seconded by Rachel Hensley, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on March 10th, at the 36th Street Church of Christ building in Vienna at 7PM.

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