

Town of North Hills

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Council meeting minutes
February 11th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dale Baumgartner at the Ohio Valley University conference room.
Present: Dale Baumgartner, Don Stemple, Rachel Hensley, Chris Nahley, Cheney English, Fred Newberry. Absent: Regina Smith

Minutes

A motion to approve the January 28th minutes as written was made by Cheney English, seconded by Rachel Hensley, approved by council.

Recorders report

Shared financials

Fred suggested that in planning this year road repair budget that we consider paying back \$10,000 to the Parks and Recreation account that was borrowed in 2020 to help with the cost of the street repair. If we do this, the street user fee account will still owe the General account \$22,000 that was also borrowed from to help with street repair in 2020. Council should consider paying back a portion of the \$22,000 during the 2022 street repair budget.

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Received a paid invoice from Union Williams for the chemicals added to our sewage system in the amount of \$ 7,459. Breakdown as follows:

76 Bulk/gal of 225 Force Main stripper \$1,329.24

2,700 Bulk/gal of Nitra Nox 122 \$ 5,913.00

Fuel Surcharge \$ 217.27

Call was made to Union Williams asking if this was an average monthly charge. Their response was that the Force Main stripper was a one-time charge and the Nira Nox charge would be around \$ 1,478/month.

We have collected 68% of the Street User Fees. 32% still owes or around 98 residents.

MOVRC arranged a meeting on 2/10/2021 with one of the 3 Engineering firm candidates for the sewer system Hydrogen Sulfide abatement work. Ed Daub and Dean Waters along with Mayor Baumgartner discussed issues and possible solutions. Firm was knowledgeable of the town sewer system. One topic of discussion was that it may be cheaper to do the recent higher chemical addition levels instead of a major upgrade to the system along with the increased maintenance and complexity it would entail. It will take several months to determine the operating costs of chemical additions and then we will be able to compare long term costs verses major upgrades.

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The pool board held a meeting on February 7th, during which time aspects of the takeover of the pool by the town was discussed. At our 1/14/2021 town council meeting, the council approved the takeover of the pool by the end of fiscal year 2022. The reason for the delay was the possibility of the Swim and Racquet Club receiving Covid stimulus funding from pending legislation. Soon, the pool board wants to mail information about the upcoming pool season to its past/prospective members, specifically the new fee schedule as proposed by the town. The pool board was hesitant about sending out this fee schedule with reduced rates for the upcoming summer without the town owning the responsibility of this decision. The pool board acknowledged that the possibility of receiving Covid funds would be very advantageous but was concerned about how cumbersome the process would be. Dale to write a letter of intent to purchase pool.

The town is required to meet to construct the budget for the next fiscal year between March 7th and March 28th. After the budget is adopted, we must begin publication once a week for two consecutive weeks. After that, the State Auditor's office will audit and review the Budget Document.

We have a resident in town who owes the town \$7,256.78 in street user fees and requested if they may use a payment plan. A motion to approve a 48-month payment plan was made by Chris Nahley, seconded by Rachel Hensley, approved by council. A down payment of \$2,884.32 will be made with a balance of \$4,372 to be paid at \$91 per month.

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Safety

Don Stemple presented a message on “Why does travel raise your risk of blood clots?” Sitting still for 4 or more hours slows down the blood flow in your legs. This makes your blood more likely to clot and for the next few weeks, your blood clot risk stays higher than normal. Even if you are healthy and have a low risk of blood clots, a long flight or road trip raises your risk of blood clots.

How can you prevent blood clots from travel?

During a trip of 4 or more hours:

- Get up and walk around every half hour to an hour. When in a car, stop and walk around every hour or so.
- While sitting, raise and lower your toes, keeping your heels on the floor. Then raise and lower your heels, keeping your toes on the floor. Do every 20 minutes.
- Drink extra fluids. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Wear loose-fitting clothes that are not around your waist or your legs.
- If you already have a risk of blood clots, talk to your doctor before taking a long trip. Your doctor may want you to wear compression stockings or take blood-thinning medicine.

Building permits

N/A

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Committee updates

Playground – Waiting to see if a grant will help us fund the upgrade. Chris Nahley to resurrect the committee.

Town business

Dale to publish North Hills will be accepting bids proposals for street upcoming street repairs

There is a major repair to be made at the Beechwood cul-de-sac. The catch basin and 180 feet of drainpipe are rusted out and damaged. A small section of driveway will have to be removed to install new pipe. There will also have to be removed a big pine tree that is above the drainpipe. Seed and straw to be applied after repair. A motion by Cheney English to approve Blackwell's construction to make the repair at a cost of \$9,000 seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council.

The snow removal contract will need renewed before April.

Don Stemple asked about buying the fishing derby supplies now at a discount. Council thought it was a good idea.

A motion was made by Don Stemple to adjourn the meeting at 9:15, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on February 25th, at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM.

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