

Town of North Hills

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Council meeting minutes
January 14th, 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, Cheney English, Chris Nahley, Regina Smith and Fred Newberry. Also in attendance was Aaron Vann (Pool board member) and Fred Rader from the MOVRC.

Minutes

A motion to approve the December 10th, 2020 minutes as amended was made by Cheney English, seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council.

Recorders report

Shared account balances

Received a building permit from 140 North Hills Drive to build a storage shed. Permit approved.

Sent Suttle and Stalnaker the December 2020 financials

Sent Suttle and Stalnaker needed data to complete the preparation of the 2019 audit requested by Ferrari and associates.

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Reminded council that the General account owes the Parks and Recreation account \$10,000 and the Street User Fee account owes the General fund account \$22,000 that was borrowed to complete the street repairs in 2020.

We started receiving the February 2021 Street User Fees on Tuesday.

Informed council that \$47,328.23 is owed to the town from those who have not paid their street user fees from previous years. The list of those who have not paid will be published in the Town Crier.

Received a 2019 audit contract extension request from Ferrari and Associates which was approved by the State. The extension request runs thru March 2021.

Reminded council that the Snow Removal contract expires in May of this year.

Safety

Various discussion about the COVID vaccines as to when, and where these vaccines would be available.

Committee updates

Christmas decorations - Received many positive comments. Decorations have been taken down.

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Bell ringing – Plans are to advertise for volunteers earlier next Christmas, hopefully this will help address shortage of volunteers. Will be posted on Facebook to sign up for a time. Rachel will be the focal point for posting.

Shed upgrade – Soffit has been installed. There is a need to get power to the building. Dale mentioned that the Sycamore tree near the building either needs trimmed or cut down.

Urban deer hunt – none have been harvested for this time period which ends on January 25th.

Town business

Event planning calendar is being updated. Dale is the focal point.

Pool acquisition – Council discussed pros and cons of pool acquisition. Reviewed feedback from November Council meeting; Council agreed that the majority of meeting participants felt that Town ownership of the pool would be a benefit to the Town and that it enhances property values and Town way of life.

A motion was made by Chris Nahley to purchase the North hills pool and all associated property in the amount not to exceed \$40,000 by the end of fiscal year 2022, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council.

End of fiscal year 2022 was chosen so that the pool could first determine if it is eligible for fiscal assistance via various pandemic related assistance programs. Pool purchase, by the Town, would

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be done once any outside funding was determined. Aaron Vann (pool board member) will present the proposal to the pool board.

Sewer upgrade – Fred from the MOVRC shared the process for engineering firms to be considered for the project. Sewer Board will need to interview top three firms. Dale is the focal point for this project.

A motion was made by Cheney English to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM, seconded by Chris Nahley, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on January 28, at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM.

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