

Town of North Hills

Council meeting minutes Final

February 27th, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Baumgartner in the conference room of Ohio Valley University. Present: Dale Baumgartner, Regina Smith, Don Stemple, and Fred Newberry. Absent: Chris Nahley and Cheney English.

Minutes

A motion to approve the February 13th minutes was made by Don Stemple, seconded by Dale Baumgartner, approved by council.

Safety Report

Don Stemple gave a report on Spring cleaning safety tips. Every day we need to be careful when going about our household chores, but when you really start tearing the house apart and moving things around during Spring cleaning, it is doubly important to keep safety in mind.

1. Don't rush because you are tired on in a hurry
2. Be careful moving large pieces of furniture and appliances. Use the proper lifting technique, keeping your back straight and lifting with your legs.
3. Be safe while on ladders and step stools. Never stand on last rung of ladder.
4. Be careful when walking on wet surfaces.
5. Keep stairs, landings, and walkways clear of clutter.
6. Don't carry too much at once, especially on stairs. A Good practice is to keep one hand free at all times when on stairs to help cushion a fall.
7. Always follow cleaning product label safety instructions and use personal safety equipment as needed.
8. Don't leave buckets filled with water around your home
9. Put away all your cleaning supplies when you are done.

Recorders Report

Requested bids on a 100 ft. Sycamore tree removal that is leaning toward the sanitation station. Awarded the bid to Blacks tree service for \$ 1,500.

Council performed a brief overview of North Hills town budget that is due to be filled to the state by March 28th. We will work on a more in-depth finalization and vote at next meeting. We are working with software requested by the state that auto computes result and can be filled electronically. We also have the option of email or regular mail for filling.

Presented bank statements for council review

Received Wood County Assessor Certificate of Valuation that is to be used in the budget.

Continue to receive Street User fees. Have had many issues with incorrect mail delivery or residents forgetting about dues. Have made many phone calls and some residents don't have phone numbers listed. Some new residents were under the impression that fees would be taken out with their mortgage payments. As of today, there are approximately 30 residents who haven't paid the dues. Will make additional calls or visits before lien placement.

Suttle and Stalnaker continue to work with state auditors on the 2018 and 2019 town audit.

The levy estimate budget is due between March 7th and the 28th.

Continue to make calls to remind residents of due street user fee dues. Some of the new residents thought that street user fee was included in mortgage payment.

Committee updates

Picnic shelter – Pro Construction to start work soon and will work on weekends to complete.

Various discussions on water drain for shelter, grass growth around shelter, back side of hill behind shelter clean up and possibility of some rock installation to reinforce bank.

Building permits

None

Fishing in the Hills

Don Stemple to check on stocking pond on Monday versus Wednesday as suggested by residents.

Playground

Chris Nahley sent link to catalog company selling equipment – still working on plans.

Dog park

Blackwell contractor to give estimate on clean up of park and surrounding area.

Pond

Waiting on quote for pre pond cleanup work.

Don Stemple researching for a new pond aerator.

Waiting on quote for brush removal

Plan to cut/remove cat tails before the fishing begins

New business

Laying of the levy will be held at 7:00 PM at the pond on April 21st

Council to look around for any street repairs that are needed

Council decided to buy \$10,000 worth of salt from Jason to help with his expenses to be deducted from our next road salt treatment bill. He has purchased the salt and is not making any money on it.

A motion was made by Fred Newberry to adjourn at 8:30, seconded by Regina Smith, approved by council. The next meeting will be March 12th at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM