Town of North Hills

Council meeting minutes

October 12th, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Fred Newberry at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna. Present: Cheney English, Rachel Hensley, Kathrine Pittman, and Fred Newberry. Absent: Pat McDonnell, Don Stemple, and Regina Smith.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the September 28th minutes was made by Rachel Hensley, seconded by Kathrine Pittman, approved by council.

**Safety**

Cheney gave a presentation on Essential Autumn Safety tips.

**10 Essential Autumn Safety Tips**

**Did you know these Fire Safety Tips?**

October is Fire Prevention Month.  As the weather turns colder, we start using heaters, fireplaces, and candles more. Here are some quick fire safety tips from the [NFPA](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001XKh6B_PAIW6uTe_UMMaM3k7ZJX8LCR4dbsPGOmzpIE8XUPDbrbDQKUULyse6MjaomvnGpRDUTC7g8jmdG6UHIZfd7nJRCn2aFcRKVxAVU3RFdTq8zZ_u3al9v-GnE72P5X5yiL7nkpI=):

1. Put candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and never leave a child alone with a burning candle.
2. Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet**away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
3. Only plug **one** heat-producing appliance (such as coffee makers, toasters, or space heaters) into a receptacle outlet at a time.
4. Never burn candles if oxygen is used in the home.
5. Test your fire and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure the batteries are fresh and that your equipment isn’t more than [10 years old](https://www.alarmengineering.com/essential-fire-safety-tip-listen-for-the-beep/).

**Recorder’s report**

The town received $926 for the fish derby from town residents.

The town paid Suttle/Stalnaker $1,525 for their services.

Shared balances:

General - $113,561.30

Parks/Rec – $68,492.14 ($25,000) for the balance on playground equipment.

Sewer - $97,791.76

Street user fee - $ 217,886.06 – ($160,00 to be used on Brentwood Drive repair.)

Fiscal Recovery - $20,702.75 ($20,702.75) to be used on building a road for access into the Northridge homes sewer system as soon as they provide North Hills a right of way access. The town is responsible for any maintenance to their system.

Coal severance - $2,678.41

We will file 8 liens on homes next week.

The town received a $11,658.07 county tax check.

The town received a camera to see if we wanted to use at the pond. Cheney will get back to the council on its operation and we will decide if we have the resources available to operate and maintain.

**Building permits**

N/A

**Town business**

The council voted unanimously to donate $471.10 to the Boy Scouts for their bench seat canopies Eagle scout project that they will build and install at the playground and at the pond.

Deer harvest begins on the 16th. Walking trails will be closed.

Pat gave an update on the Brentwood slip – the work is scheduled to begin on November 2.

Someone from out of town asked if North Hills had a flag and if there was any interest in having one. No interest was shown.

Cheney English made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15, seconded by Rachel Hensley, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna, October 26th at 7PM.