

TOWN OF LAFONTAINE

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LAFONTAINE IN 46940

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The monthly Council meeting was held November 14th, 2022 at 6pm in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Jay Gillespie and the Pledge was recited. Those in attendance was the Council, Jordan Tandy, Diana Heath, Rob Bellucci, Janet Pattee, Sharon Pattee, Ethel Eib, Jerry Bowman, Lance Gray, Teresa Snyder.

The meeting minutes for the July meeting were presented. John made a motion to accept the minutes for July and Lori 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried. John made a motion to accept the October minutes, Lori 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried.

Rob from Common Wealth Engineers was present and gave updates on the wastewater project. He submitted invoices to be paid for November. Jay made a motion to pay Div A Sewer Lining to be paid to Culy Contracting \$180,062.81. Lori 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried. Jay made a motion to pay Crosby \$5937.50. John 2nd. Vote 3-0 carried. Invoices from Common Wealth Engineers totaled \$26,467.29. Lori made a motion to pay, John 2nd. Vote carried 3-0.

The Town Marshal report was given by Diana. Dustin worked 83.5 hours, 7 calls for service, 1 Traffic stop/1 warning/2 assist other agencies/1 background check/routine patrol/3 disabled vehicles/1 arrest on a warrant/Town Trick or Treating/Taser training/mandatory training.

Tom Simpson Fire Chief reported the department had 9 EMS runs and 3 fire runs. He also reported they had a great turn out at the Halloween party and several responses at the Town Expo.

The Utility report by Lance was given with Rob and the project information. It was also discussed about alleys/streets with tree/branch obstructions per Ordinance No.1 2077. Dustin will have to write warnings for residents that have those obstructions and the Town will have to find a contractor to trim the obstructions and get a cost.

The Clerk's report was given. There were 6 adjustments needed for under \$1.00 each for accounts that we received Trecs funds for but were short of the total due. Jay made a motion on each account, John and Lori 2nd. (See attachment). The Town has collected and cleared 21 accounts with funds received from Trecs. Trecs announced 3.7 million dollars were offset to local units of government. 54 disconnect letters were mailed. 7 actual disconnects. 1 account could not be disconnected due to the meter is in the basement. Lance is contacting Sullivan to have meter put on the outside of the building. Liens that will be released with out payment is 204 W. Kendal however, no adjustments are needed as the mowing and fees are not put on the accounts. All bank accounts have been balanced and the board has been given the spreadsheet. Diana stated the office is having problems with emails so if the board sends an email and does not receive a timely reply please call and let us know. The utility billing procedures word changes needs completed and approved. The clerks need to update language on the Utility Bills and Keystone has to do that from their side. The passing/signing of the Amendment of Ord. No.1 2022 and the 2023 Salary Ordinance will have to be moved to December meeting due to changes to Lance's insurance being cancelled by the Federal Government. The Clerks are working on a Utility Report for the board to review. Jay has requested a report of the dollars and what it takes to produce a gallon of water.

Sharon Pattee was present and representing her neighbors, Buddy and Debbie Mancha. They are handicapped and have trouble getting their trash can put out for pick up. There is a line low and the Republic driver can not lift and dump their can. Metronet was called and they zip tied the low line to another low line

which did not help. All will continue to work together to get the Mancha trash picked up and help them. The line limit should be followed.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Heath
Clerk-Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Heath".