

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 20, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE
SARATOGA TOWN HALL

Mayor Ed Glode called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Councilman Will Faust, Councilwoman Judy Welton, Councilwoman Susan Howe and Councilman Richard Raymer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilwoman Welton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Treasurer Sammy Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$97,193.23; Payroll and FICA in the amount of \$58,337.37; and manual checks including the November Liabilities in the amount of \$641.83 for a total of \$156,172.43

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$156,172.43. Councilwoman Howe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Mayor Glode reviewed the LGLP official board ballot that was included in the council packets. Discussion followed and Mayor Glode recommended that the council nominate Bob Wood from Dayton for the three-year term At-Large position and Tom Ringley for the County Commissioner three-year term position from Sheridan County.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to nominate Bob Wood from Dayton for the three-year term At-Large position. Seconded by Councilwoman Welton the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Raymer made a motion nominate Tom Ringley for the unopposed three-year County Commissioner position. Seconded by Councilwoman Howe the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department: No report

Police Department: Police Chief Bifano reported that Dispatcher Cindy Talbott finished her training at the academy and Officer Tyler Christen is scheduled to begin his fourteen week training at the academy on January 3, 2017.

Chief Bifano reported that he continues to work on the revisions to the police department policies and procedures and the incinerator for disposing of unused meds was received and will be set up as soon as possible.

Recreation Department: No report

Department of Public Works: DPW Director Jon Winter requested permission to order ice slicer in preparation for snow and ice removal.

Councilman Raymer made a motion to allow Mr. Winter to order ice slicer at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Winter reported the following:

Street Department:

- o Assisted with a water and sewer tap installation on Bridge Avenue
- o Snow plowing and sanding as needed
- o Maintenance on Bridge Street sidewalks heating system
- o Completing the Street Dept detailed inventory
- o Serviced both streets and water/ sewer equipment

- Developed cost estimate for replacement of the barricade that was knocked down at Saratoga and 5th Street

Water & Sewer:

- Installed water and sewer tap on West Main
- Sent in EPA results for TTHM's and HAA5's sampling
- Wet well level sensor project moving forward
- Replaced dry well sump pumps
- Fixed air lines at the lagoon
- Lagoon upgrade evaluation, three proposals were submitted and distributed to the JPB members for review
- General service calls on sewer and water system

Weed and Pest:

- Working on year-end report

Hot Pool / Parks / Lake:

Hot Pool/Good Times Park

- Routine Maintenance

Parks

- Nothing to report

Lake

- Nothing to report

River Project

- Pre-proposal meeting for removal of the river gravel was held on December 8th with five contractors present to receive the bid proposal packages
- DEQ 401 water quality certification was received on December 13th, the turbidity waiver was received on December 14th, and an approval letter from Army Corp was received on December 19th for coverage under the nationwide permit #33

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Board President Jennifer Johnson reported that at the last airport board meeting concerns about the new hanger leases were again brought up and questions about Lessees being allowed to use old leases and/or portions of the old leases resulted in a lengthy discussion. Two board members, Ms. Johnson and Bobbie Chitwood, were in favor of allowing lessees to use their old leases or portions of the old leases. Items in question were paragraph 7 and paragraph 11 which was read as an explanation. No action was forthcoming.

Mayor Glode responded by reporting that the town attorney has been made aware of the issue and will be attending the next airport board meeting on January 11, 2017 to review the airport lease issues.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Community Center Joint Powers Board: Councilwoman Welton reported that she will continue to hold her position on the Community Center Joint Powers Board, which is a county position, and if the council would like to appoint a council representative to that board they will be attending as a non-voting member.

The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held Monday, January 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer reported on issues with the sewer line on 11th and Rochester which had a lift station installed to pump the sewer to the sewer main. There are two additional foundations installed in the same area and the issue as it applies to Ordinance 13.36.070 will be brought before the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board at their next meeting for discussion. The contractor will need to address connecting into the sewer without installing grinder pumps and/or lift stations.

Councilman Raymer reported that Don Sherrod has resigned his position on the board and the position will need to be advertised.

Councilman Faust made a motion to advertise the vacancy on the water and sewer joint powers board. Councilwoman Welton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Cox explained that Mr. Sherrod's position is a county appointment and she had contacted the county clerk's office and they will be advertising the vacancy.

The next meeting of the Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Saratoga.

Medical Foundation: No report

Planning Commission:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on January 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Commission

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Community Garden Board:

Councilman Faust addressed issues that he has concerning the Community Garden Board and the manner in which billings and reimbursements for services are being addressed.

Issues of concern include:

- o Invoices presented by a construction company whose owner and/or contractor includes a current board member
- o Submission of grants without prior approval by the council
- o Experimental gardening when it was intended to be a community garden
- o Local government involvement vs. a non-profit 501c3
- o Dissolution of the board and leased to the 501c3 as reorganized without participation of the town
- o Recommendations that are expected to be forthcoming as a result of the 2015/2016 audit review

Discussion followed but no action was taken

The next meeting of the Community Garden Board will be Monday, January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

South Central Emergency Medical Services: Nothing to report

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Welton made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Councilman Raymer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzie Cox