

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SARATOGA TOWN COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2018, 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, Councilman Steve Wilcoxson and Councilman Richard Raymer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Raymer made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Wilcoxson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Treasurer Samuel Flohr read the following bills for approval: Accounts Payable: \$55,501.73; Payroll and FICA for 9/18/18 in the amount of \$51,847.46; and manual checks in the amount of \$693.81, for a total of \$108,043.00.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the Shively bill in the amount of \$783.45. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Glode declared a conflict and abstained.

Councilman Faust made a motion to pay the remaining bills in the amount of \$107,259.55. Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Glode read a letter of resignation from Ms. Jennie Lou Garland indicating that she was resigning her position as Councilmember immediately, and thanking the council for their support while serving on the Town Council.

Mayor Glode stated that moving forward, with only one day to absorb the loss of a councilmember, the council intends to move forward with the four remaining members until the general election and see what comes after that.

Councilman Faust made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Councilwoman Garland, Councilman Raymer seconded and the motion carried.

Councilman Wilcoxson added that Councilwoman Garland had become a very valuable member of the town council and she will be missed.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: Dan Burau, Saratoga's representative to the Carbon County Visitor's Council, thanked the council for his appointment to the CCVC, an appointment that he is enjoying. Mr. Burau then introduced Leslie Jefferson, CCVC's Executive Director. Ms. Jefferson provided an overview of the visitor's council annual report to the council, highlighting the number of visitors to Carbon County and the number of overnight visitors that add funding to the visitors council and participating municipalities. CCVC has produced a new visitor's guide to help promote tourism in Carbon County. The brochure has general information, maps, lodging, dining, and things to see and do for each community in the county.

Ms. Jefferson also asked everyone to consider supporting the 2% lodging tax that is on the general ballot in November.

Ryan Schmidt, Right of Way Supervisor for Union Telephone, addressed the council with an update on the installation of fiber optics lines throughout town. Mr. Schmidt explained that the lines will be installed in phases, covering all areas of the town. When completed Union Telephone will be able to offer dedicated and non-dedicated internet services to businesses and homeowners that will allow them to decide what services would best serve their needs.

Paul Martin, Intermountain Wind, in conjunction with BlueEarth Renewables, a Canadian independent power producer will be developing two wind energy projects in SE Carbon County and Albany County beginning in 2019. Mr. Schmidt provided two short presentations on the Two Rivers Wind Energy Project and Lucky Star Wind Energy Project, near Medicine Bow and Rock River. The projects are slated to begin construction starting with Two Rivers in 2019 through 2020 and The Lucky Star project will begin in 2020 through 2022.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Theresa Hart addressed the council with her concerns and opposition to Ordinance #847 dealing with designated trailer parks. She noted that she has a very limited income, being disabled limits her ability to move to a different trailer or home. Her sister is offering her a newer trailer to put on the spot she now occupies but the changes in the ordinance may not make that possible.

Ms. Hart's questions, concerns and Ordinance #847 will be discussed under the Planning Commission.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Glode reported that there will be a Council of Governments (COG) meeting on Wednesday, September 19th in Hanna to discuss the 5th and 6th penny taxes. The council will need to put their project lists together to present by November 10th.

Councilman Raymer expressed his appreciation for all of the first responders and other individuals that assisted in the recent fatal vehicle accident. He expressed the importance of supporting all emergency services, firemen, ambulance and medical services, the people that participated as they were driving by, air medical services, law enforcement, everyone who participates in emergency situations. Councilman Raymer stressed the need to support fund raisers that are in support of all of our emergency services.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Faust reported that he had a copy of the lease for the medical clinic which was drafted by the town attorney and provided to the Mayor and Council for their review. The lease is similar to the current lease with language added that will provide for additional clarification as the council reviews the lease and other issues are addressed. The council was asked to review the draft and get any questions or concerns back to Councilman Faust before the next meeting.

Additional Discussion followed with Mark Pesognelli, Saratoga Care Center Administrator, providing the council with additional information on the proposed funding model for the new HMS that will take over valley health care services (*for additional information go to: www.ruralcenters.org*)

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS:

Town Hall: Clerk Suzie Cox reported that the liquor license renewal applications have been sent out with a request that they be returned to the clerks' office by October 5th. Notices will be published on October 17th and 24th, and a public hearing will be held on November 6th at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular town council meeting.

Fire Department: No Report

Police Department: Chief Bifano reported the police department had finished their 2018 National Children's Safety Council Campaign. Donations were collected from 22 local businesses for a total of \$2070 and he noted what those funds allow them to do. They will go through a large assortment of age based learning information and literature, then make selections that they feel will be most useful to the community. The literature is then put out to the preschools, elementary school, middle high school, and the senior center.

Department of Public Works: Councilman Raymer reviewed the following notes from DPW Director Jon Winter.

Streets:

- The crew has sweep 13th Street in preparation for an overlay of millings
- County Road and Bridge will haul to the landfill, transfer station and landfill road this end of this week

Water and Sewer:

- Flushing and repair of fire hydrants
- Chuck McVey is attending the Fall WRWA Conference in Lander this week

Weed & Pest: Nothing to report

Hot Pool: Nothing to report

Parks and Lake: The crews have winterized the swimming pool

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Board: Councilman Raymer reported that landing fees had been approved by the board at their last meeting. Additional information will be presented to the council as the board reviews a fee and payment plan.

Dan Ferrin will be making arrangements to do the hanger inspections beginning October 1st.

The next Airport Board meeting will be on October 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Joint Powers Boards:

Community Center Joint Powers Board: The next meeting of the Community Center Joint Powers Board will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Water and Sewer Joint Powers Board: Councilman Raymer noted that they are finalizing items from the lagoon project and they will be re-advertising the notice of final payment for the project providing for the 41st day after the first publication of the notice of final payment.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Landfill Board: The next landfill board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 3, 2018 in Saratoga.

Planning Commission: Mayor Glode noted that future ordinances will be discussed on first reading, read in its entirety on second reading, which will allow for correction or amendments, and reviewed and approved on third and final readings.

Councilman Faust reviewed the changes made to Ordinance #847, an Ordinance Amending Sections 18.57 Regulating Mobile Home Parks Within the Town of Saratoga in its entirety on Third and Final Reading.

Councilman Faust made a motion to approve Ordinance #847 on third and final reading. Councilman Raymer seconded the motion for discussion.

Councilman Faust reviewed each change that was made throughout Chapter 18, Chapter 57 – Mobile Home Parks. Councilman Faust stated that for particular uses a variance may be applicable and there is flexibility in the words “temporarily allowable in accordance with the permitted uses of the zone district. Additionally, Ms. Hart was assured that she could get a variance for her situation.

Councilman Wilcoxson voiced his concerns about grandfathering, which can only be used if it is a legal use, and variance applications and approvals.

The question was called and Councilman Faust voted yes, Councilman Wilcoxson voted nay, Councilman Raymer voted yes and Mayor Glode voted yes, the motion carried.

The next planning commission meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on October 9, 2018.

Recreation Commission: The recreation commission will meet at the town hall on October 8, 2018.

Adjournment: Being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Faust made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Wilcoxson seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Saratoga Town Council will be held on October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Saratoga Town Hall.

Ed J Glode, Mayor

Suzie Cox, Clerk