

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

Councilors present: Michael Perkins Dana Wrigley David Groder
Donald Borman Robert Nutting

Others present: Ella Bowman, Town Manager Janice Porter, Town Clerk
Eric Seekins, Recreation Director Jennifer Seekins
Dylan Clark, Transfer Station Manager Jon Cox
Boyd Snowden, Environmental Services

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by David Groder and voted 5-0 approving the minutes of the previous meeting and signing the warrant.
2. The Recreation Director, Eric Seekins, presented written information relative to questions poised by the Council members, regarding his department. Some discussion covered areas pertaining to our recent hire, the Senior citizens group, and programs currently being conducted. Eric commented that their questions have been addressed within the report and his willingness to discuss further, if need be.
3. Transfer Station Manager, Dylan Clark, presented written information relative to the recycling efforts at the Transfer Station from July 1st through December 31st. Dylan noted that he has seen an increase in the amount being recycled. Within the report he noted participating in recycling events, recycling reimbursements, and the condition of equipment currently being used.
4. Suggestions for the "Spirit of America Award" will be further reviewed by the Council and make their recommendations with the Town Manager.
5. The Town of Oakland has been notified that our PSAP service contract with the Somerset County Communications Center will not be renewed. The current contract will remain in place and will still expire on June 30, 2023. The Town Manager advised that \$20,200 has been placed in the 2023-2024 budget for unknown expenditure and with whom. The Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief, will be searching for alternatives for this service.
6. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 approving the purchase of a truck for use by Boyd at the Treatment Plant. Money for this purchase was allocated/approved earlier. A suitable vehicle (smaller than initially wanted - a-Colorado) will be purchased in an amount not to exceed \$43,000. Boyd has found that the purchase price of a full half-ton vehicle is now priced higher than the amount originally approved.

Adjournment – It was moved by David Groder seconded by Robert Nutting and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:30 pm.