



## Meeting Minutes May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attendees: MacKenzie Taylor, Jim Winkler, Dean Smith, Austin Turner, Ben Eldridge, Larry Randolph, Vernon Miller, Robert Roa, Ray Rodriguez, Steve Ecker, and Haley Hurst.

Dean called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Dean made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Austin Turner seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Water:** Jim asked Ben, are we flushing hydrants soon? Ben replied, I generally do that towards the end of May or first week in June. Jim asked, and is it every hydrant? Ben said, yes.

Timber Valley had a resident that had water coming up at the end of their driveway. Ben called Matt Haskin's and he was able to do some digging and find an old ball valve that was busted. He repaired it. Then, the next day, Stan Chupp replaced the concrete where we had to dig the hole in their driveway to make the necessary repair. This was last Wednesday that this incident happened and the concrete repair happened Thursday.

**Wastewater:** The problem we were having previously from the septic hauler is now cleared up. Tina informed me today that there was an issue with the fine screen. It has since been fixed. The stop button was accidentally pushed.

**Community Development:** Ben said, he heard back from the gentleman that was possibly interested in selling us property for an environmental center. He declined our offer and does not want to have an environmental center back there. So, now we're back to the drawing board.

**Maintenance:** Haley said, this question was going to be for Matt, but he isn't here. On Jefferson Street, our neighbors have noticed a sink hole that's been there since they did a road repair a couple of years ago. Every time Charlie Lantz goes out to mow, he puts fill dirt in it but it keeps getting washed out. I've asked Matt about this and he said he contacted an engineer. Rick said, he hasn't contacted me so maybe you have another engineer? Rick said, I will take a look at it.

There was talk about pot holes. They are not getting filled in a timely manner. There's a lot of noticeable ones all over town and they need to be taken care of. MacKenzie and Jessica regularly hear complaints over this matter.

**Marshal:** We had some graffiti in the bathrooms at the park and on the exercise equipment. Vernon took care of everything and get the equipment and bathrooms back in shape. Whoever did the graffiti wrote "WREKT" everywhere. MacKenzie said, she noticed someone wrote that exact misspelled word on the fire truck at the Millersburg Elementary playground. Someone asked, is there any camera footage we can review? Matt told Vernon he hasn't been able to get in contact with Phil. Ben said, he would be more than happy to contact Phil and get access to cameras. Vernon said, this is the first vandalism issue we've had in a couple of years. Haley said she would ask Wade from the school to see if they caught any footage of the vandalism.

Robert said, him and Ray have been monitoring the stop signs at Jefferson and Elm. Steve said, it has really slowed down traffic.

**Park:** Ben said, I don't have much. Vernon, do you? Vernon said, no.

Ben said, I know this isn't related to the park but I wanted to see if you would approve MacKenzie to pay these either tomorrow or Friday? I wasn't able to get these bills turned into MacKenzie since I've been in and out of the hospital. These bills are for Haskin's, Dean Rink, and Ultimate Edge. All council members said that would be fine for MacKenzie to pay them if she's okay with it. MacKenzie said she was.

Not related to park but this is a good opportunity... Ben gave a letter to all three council members. It says, please accept this letter that I will be resigning in 30 days. My last day will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. I cherish the town and the connections I've made through community and local events. I talked with Jim about this a couple of weeks ago. This is a good career and change for me and I want to make it official. I don't want you to think I'm leaving the town high and dry. I am working to find a replacement as soon as possible. Jim said, I would like to schedule a meeting with you and the other town employees, since responsibilities will be changing and shifting. With that being said, we go back almost 22 years and I appreciate all of your work and effort. Some of it wasn't always satisfying. Ben said, like I explained to you Jim, my whole life I've always taken jobs out of necessity and stayed put. I'm now at a point in my life where I don't have to do that, I'm not just having to collect a paycheck. I can pursue my passion. Austin asked Ben, are you going to still help with the Eagle Park project? Ben said, I'll try to help them get through it and hopefully Vernon will be okay with helping them if they need it.

Dean said, we haven't always seen eye to eye but you've done a lot for this town and I want to say thank you. I really appreciate it. Dean said, we wish you the very best.

**Clerk Treasurer:** MacKenzie announced Ordinance 2023-03 to establish a Donation Fund in the 2300-line-item series. Dean made a motion to waive to the second reading. Austin Turner seconded the motion the waive the second reading. Upon voice vote it was unanimously