

TOWN OF SHADELAND  
Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Mike Kuipers, Bob Morrison, David Downey, Josh Shives, Tim Balensiefer, David Vanderkleed, Pamela Luenz, Clerk-Treasurer Charlene Brown and Attorney Stu Weliever.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kuipers at 7:00PM at the Shadeland Fire Station.

Mike presented Sarah Brown with a plaque that will go in the pavilion at the park, and a quilt made by Clerk-Treasurer Char. Dick Vanschepen provided ice cream to anyone who wanted some.

The bids were opened as advertised for the 1992 Tanker 304 for sale. Char indicated they are waiting for the title from the BMV and asked if anyone would like to change or retract their bid. No one did. Bids are tabulated on the attached sheet, and virtual bidding was allowed if requested.

A motion was made by Josh and second by Pam to consider bids closed and accept the New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus Co for \$36,000. All in favor.

Pam made the motion and Dave V second the motion to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's report

Pam made the motion to approve claims as presented, Dave V second, all in favor.

Pam made the motion to approve July and August financials as presented, Josh second, all in favor.

Charlene presented the Ordinance 2021-6 – the 2022 budget ordinance. Tim made the motion, Bob second to adopt Ordinance 2021-6, all in favor.

David D made the motion to give the Town Council a \$100.00 per month raise for 2022, Pam and Dave V voted against a raise, Tim, Bob, David D and Mike voted for the raise, Josh abstained. Motion carried.

The Fire Chief will come next month prepared to recommend raises for the Fire Department. The other positions will be discussed next month. Dave V asked Char to prepare an email to let everyone know what the past payments to fire personnel over the past few years.

Town Hall Complex:

Ken Smith gave an update on the new Town Hall Complex. Ken prepared a new floor plan that eliminated the second option. Dave V is going to bring the new plan to the Park's committee. The rest of the Town Council was in favor of the new layout.

Park Committee

Dave V presented the Park committee report. The Park Expansion project was accepted by Purdue, and members will be meeting with the students 9/15/21 to begin the process. Dave V and Conny D extended a thank you to Ken for his assistance.

We had a request to use the Ball Field on October 9<sup>th</sup>. David D recommended a \$250.00 fee and a \$250.00 refundable deposit. Josh made the motion, David D second, all in favor.

#### Planning report – Tim Balensiefer

Tim gave the planning report. Mr Riehle appeared virtually to the meeting to ask for a variance to the residential signage requirements. The Planning Committee is asking that the Town Council enforce the Town Code. Pam made the motion, Josh second, all in favor to enforce the ordinance. Stu will prepare the letter to send to him.

Tim also would like to request official inspections on remaining permits, and hold off on issuing permits until the County takes them over. The Town Council was in favor.

Dante Wells paid his permit fee and deposit. Due to the longevity and non-compliance with the permit back in April, Char needs to know if his compliance deposit should be returned. The Town Council has a precedent that it not be returned. Dave V made a motion to refund his compliance deposit, Tim V second the motion, Pam and David D opposed, Dave V, Tim, Bob, and Josh were in favor to refund Dante's \$500 deposit. Motion carried.

#### Fire report – Allen Bol & Pam Luenz

Allen Bol presented the fire report. Tomorrow is the County wide audit at our Fire Department. There are repairs to the 306 truck needed.

#### Road report –Tom Younkin & David Downey

Tom presented the roads report. Tom has been trimming for school buses, etc. The first project on CR 400 project is completed. American Paving is not going to change their rates and wonder if they need a new contract. David D made the motion to keep American Paving for 2021/2022 winter season. Josh second. All in favor.

Sleeper road project began on 9/13. The final stage will begin after Sleeper road is complete.

A resident would like speed bumps on Sleeper Road. Another resident requested "No Jake Braking" on CR 100. David D made a motion to do a study on road traffic and speeds in those areas. Dave V Second. All in favor.

David D reported that the vision at CR 375 W and 550 S is much improved, but more options need to be looked at.

Betty Edens wrote a letter to the Town Council. David D indicated that we have been trying to work with Mrs. Edens, and they will continue to try to appease her.

#### Composition of Elections

Josh made a motion that we adopt Ordinance 2021-7 to vote all at large, and keep the election schedule as it is on even numbered years, and also to look forward in the future to establish a committee to evaluate at a later date. David D second. All in favor.

Citizen Comments

Allen Bol asked if we could restripe the fire parking lot.

John Hack Sr discussed the salary ordinance, and indicated that 1) with the building permits gone the Clerk-Treasurer will be having less duties. He also would ask that the salary ordinance be posted on the bulletin board.

David Whitehead made a comment that the Town Council just increased their salaries, but can't find a way to give employees raises.

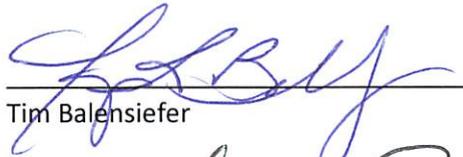
Council / Clerk / Attorney comments

There is trash at the residence at 2333 SR 25 W again. Tim made the motion, Pam second, all in favor to approve a Notice to Abate a Nuisance for 2333 SR 25 W.

David D made the motion to adjourn, Josh second, all in favor to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

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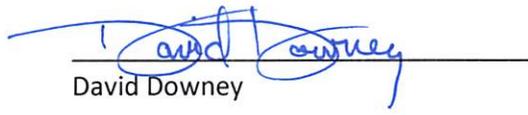
  
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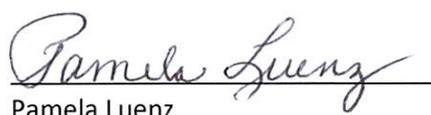
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