

TOWN OF SHADELAND  
Town Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Mike opened the floor was opened for the 2023 Budget Public Hearing. David D asked what the total budget for 2023 was, and Char reported it was \$2,868,600. There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

David D made the motion and Pam second the motion to accept the August 9, 2022 minutes as presented. All in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Char presented the claims docket for approval in the amount of \$346,005.45. Char mentioned the Hamstra invoice and retainage is on hold. Pam made the motion, Tim second to approve claims. All in favor.

Financials were reviewed this month by Pam. Bob made the motion to approve August 2022 financials as presented, Dave second, all in favor. Tim volunteered to review records next month. Char also mentioned she was able to get the interest rate more than tripled and we should be receiving between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per month for a while in interest.

Char disbursed the 2022 Salary Ordinance for discussion on the 2023 Salary Ordinance. A discussion ensued and it was determined that it would be tabled until next month.

Town Hall Complex:

Ken gave an update on the new Town Hall complex. He's meeting with Hamstra tomorrow to get a timeline on how things will progress. Footers etc should go in this week.

Highway Department

Tom gave the highway report. He has been mowing. He checks the roads on Mondays and Fridays. Highway safety services is going to be doing some line striping. The Town is going to 8" white lines.

David asked if anyone had feedback on the Child Playing signs. The consensus is to follow the national guidelines and allow our highway department to remove the signs. He also informed

the Council that the solar signs have been delivered. We are waiting for the State to tell us where we can put the signs.

#### Park Committee

Dave V presented the Park Committee report. The Park Committee would like to insert a sidewalk around the ball field and by the soybean field so everyone can enjoy the ball fields. Phase 2 would go along the tree line. David D is going to get estimates for the sidewalk. The two new trees were installed at the park.

Bruce Barker would like to use the ball field on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The same terms as last year will be offered. A discussion needs to happen as to if the ballfield will be maintained for future use. The council determined there will be no fee, however a \$250.00 deposit would be collected and returned if the field is left in good condition.

#### Planning report – Tim Balensiefer

There was no August planning meeting. Ken gave an update on the MS4. He has prepared a letter and request for a waiver for IDEM for the Town. Tim made the motion to approve submitting the request for a waiver, Dave V second. All in favor.

#### Fire report – Pam Luenz and Kevin Vanschepen

Kevin gave the Fire report. The VFD was contacted by Mintonye to do a fire prevention program with the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. 4 firefighters and trucks will be going to the school. A new patch design was decided on.

David D asked what the rules were on burning. IDEM says “clean” items can be burned, but not garbage, such as couches, etc.

#### Citizen Comments:

Jim Stalker 1680 W 400 S – He is offering to do the Pepper Press. Pam offered to work with him on this. Pam is going to come up with recommendations and costs regarding the Pepper Press.

John Hack Sr asked how much the Council was paid.

#### Council / Clerk / Attorney comments

Tim indicated that Mintonye would be expanding. It will likely begin spring 2023.

David asked how the purging is going. Mike expressed how well Kelley is doing with the job. It is hard to give a date, however she is approx. 60 to 70% done.

Char indicated that crafting day this month will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:00.

Mike reported we’ll be having the well chlorinated this weekend. There will be no water usage from Friday to Monday while this process is done.

Stu is trying to reach someone about the abatement at Evonik. He will continue to do so.

Stu has presented the terms of the Riehle settlement. Tim made the motion, Dave V second, all in favor to ratify the settlement agreement.

David D made the motion to adjourn, Dave V second, all in favor to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:

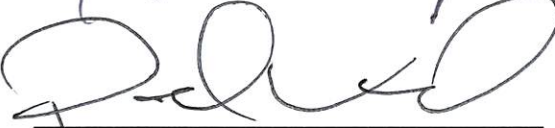
  
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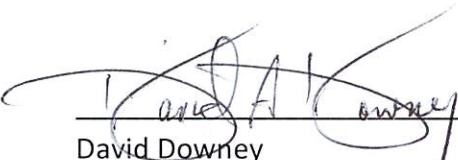
  
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Charlene Brown, Clerk-Treasurer