

TOWN OF SHADELAND
Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam.

Pam made the motion to approve both sets of the March 13, 2023 minutes, Tim second, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Char presented the claims docket for approval in the amount of \$36,294.27. Pam made the motion, Tim second to approve claims. All in favor.

Financials were reviewed this month by Pam. Josh made the motion to approve March 2023 financials as presented, Dave V second, all in favor.

Char indicated that she would like budgets final before the June 2023 meeting. If any departments have any questions, please let me know.

Town Hall Complex

Char laid out the interior wall and floor coverings.

Ken indicated the contractor still anticipates the July 26 "substantial completion" and final completion / move in the end of August. Once the roof gets installed we'll have a lot more movement over there. They should have power and gas there at the end of May. Well and septic should be installed after power and gas – hopefully by the end of June.

Highway Department

Tom has been checking the park and roads. Soon the park will be full of families enjoying the facility. Tom has been taking pictures of driveway permits and ROW permits and cleaning shop. He has power washed and put into storage the plow truck and salt spreader. Serviced JD Tractor, JD Mower, 2 scag mowers and '16 Ford 450 are being serviced. Tom anticipates mowing in the next week or two.

David D presented the survey from Ken Smith where the flooding has been. There are 17 homes, some of the yards have been filled in over the ditches. The field water is draining into the homes. There are all sorts of telephone and gas lines that would impede putting in a new pipe. There is one pipe going from the W side of 250 to the E side of 250. David doesn't think it

is working. Two more pipes going under the road might also help the drainage. Wabash Valley Hydro-Vac can put a camera through the existing pipes, and push water through it to clean it out if necessary. He is going to record one section for free. David will be presenting a cost estimate next month after this free recording is completed. Mike indicated there is a shale shelf there sending water that direction there too. David also gave elevation shots to Tim for his opinion. Tim cautioned the council against taking water from one side of the road and putting it on the other side as those property owners won't be happy. Pam indicated the planning committee decided several years ago that the problem isn't the Town's problem, it is the homeowners. David reminded the council that on CR 150 and CR 625 there were drainage issues that the Town rectified to keep from washing away the roads. Tom indicated that there are different sized pipes, and pipes that haven't been cleaned out. Tim recommended David call Mike Spencer at the County Hwy department does.

David has reached out to the company that did weed spraying around the guardrails, etc, last year and would like approval to contract with them to do it again this up to \$3,000. No objections from the council.

David has a quote for \$350.00 per hour for mowing around bridges, culverts and guardrails, and anywhere else that is a road hazard. David would like to have approval to hire for up to 40 hours, or approx. \$14,000.00. Tim made the motion, Dave V second, for both projects.

David received a complaint about CR 550 from CR 150 to CR 375 has significant speeding issues. David said inverted rumble strips could be put onto the road. More signs are another suggestion. Discussion tabled.

Park Committee

Forrest Commodities is bringing mulch for clean-up at the park day. We have three teams using the ball fields Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The teams using it are taking care of the ball field. David D discussed putting in a wheelchair friendly sidewalk behind the concessions, by the garages, behind the ball fields. David presented two estimates for the sidewalks. TNT provided an estimate for \$36,000, Dixon quoted \$18,000. Tim made the motion to accept Dixon's quote, Bob second, all in favor.

The bathrooms at the park need refurbished. It was recommended that a second port a pot be installed during the park busy season. Josh made the motion to have a second port a pot put in through the end of September. Pam second. All in favor. Josh indicated in the long term the parks committee would like to have the building demolished and replaced if renovations are considered.

The lock boxes for the pickleball equipment will be given to Char as soon as possible.

Planning Report

No planning meeting in March, but there will be in April.

Ken provided a MS4 update – we still don't have an answer. We have submitted all information requested to IDEM.

Fire report – Pam Luenz and Allen Bol

Allen provided the fire report. The knock boxes are installed, as well as lock boxes in two of the trucks. Harold Williams, founding member of the VFD, passed away. His wife donated some pictures of the founding members at the old fire house. He asked if the Town would like to consider a baby box for the firehouse. There is a reimbursement grant of up to \$10,000. The discussion was tabled.

Allen presented quotes for extrication tools. David D made the motion to table the discussion, Tim second, all in favor to table the discussion pending more information and comparison.

Citizen Comments:

No citizen comments

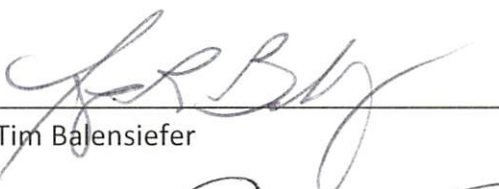
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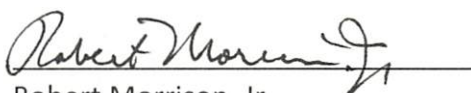
Char reminded everyone that clean up at the park day is April 22nd from noon to 3:00. Char invited everyone to crafting day on April 15th from 9:00 to 3:00.


David D made the motion to adjourn, Dave V second, all in favor to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

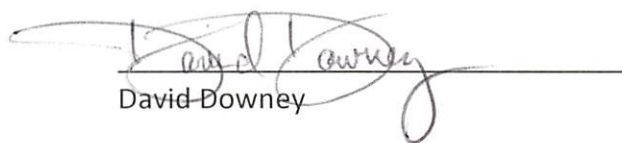

Michael Kuipers


Tim Balensiefer

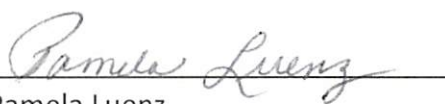

Robert Morrison, Jr.


David Vanderkleed


Joshua Shives


David Downey

Attest:


Pamela Luenz


Charlene Brown, Clerk-Treasurer