

GOODLAND TOWN COUNCIL

September 18, 2023

THOSE PRESENT: Tom Mattox, Carol Light, Michael Dart, Ryan Morris, Alina Keller, Ashley Keller, Brian Luttrell, Gary Rheude, Ingrid Barce, Maureen Inman, Tim Taylor, Dillon Hall, Brent Schermann, Jamie Schermann, Kase LaReau, Ashley Meyer, Jim Butler, John Meyer, Marlon Burton, Sarah Taylor

UBO HEARINGS

606 S Newton Street owner Michael Dart was present. John Schwartz stated that Mr. Dart has been working on property has sidewalk dug up, but has done nothing with back side of house window. Mr. Dart stated that he didn't really know what windows he was talking about. Jim made a motion to have Mr. Dart reach out to Building inspector within the next 2 weeks to go over what he needs done to bring up to code. 2nd by Gary will continue October 16, 2023. Unanimous.

Regular Town Board Meeting

Council president Jim Butler made a motion to waive the minutes of the meeting and was 2nd by Gary Rheude. Unanimous.

Old Business

Jim made motion 2nd by Gary for disconnect list. Shut off will be on Tuesday September 19, 2023. Unanimous.

New Business

1. Building inspector – 3 new building permits.
2. Financial Report – Clerk gave financial report. Regular town board meeting was suspended to hold a Public Hearing on the 2024 budget. There was no questions meeting was adjourned and returned to regular meeting.
3. Fire Department Report – Ryan Morris stated that they had 3 fire calls, 14 medical calls and 2 mutual aid calls. They did an honor walk on the evening on 9/11/2023 32 people walked, and Fowler & Earl Park fire departments attended. 3 members are currently doing rope rescue training.
4. Police Department Report – Dillon presented the council with 65 calls, 28 handled by Goodland police, 1 arrest and 20 ordinance violations. Dillon told the council that the Police Jeep and the Police truck are now decaled. \$8000.00 was donated to the Jasper/Newton Foundation from Goodstock and \$2000.00 was donated to Mary T Klinker from Goodstock.
5. Street and Water Dept.- One town mower has been repaired and the sewer plant mower is being fixed now. Hired a new person to finish out the mowing season. A new 2024 town truck has been delivered. Continue doing routine testing and the hole at Co Alliance lot has been filled in. The water leak at the ballpark has been fixed.
6. Sewer Department – Routine testing and reporting as per IDEM/EPA regulations. The burn pile has been pushed up and burnt, 3 semi-trailers that were behind 3D has now been removed and the one's out at sewer plant will be gone within the next few weeks. Hired someone to clean up the county ditches between South James and South Central.
7. Attorney's Report – Ingrid had nothing new to report.
8. Diane Mailloux sent a letter to ask for sewer adjustment because she had a leak. We just gave her credit last month and only required to give one per year. Jim made a motion to rescind the credit from August and give her credit for this leak since it is much bigger. 2nd by Gary. Unanimous. Jim made motion and Gary 2nd. Unanimous. Leak credit to Manuel Moran for HM Properties Management LLC for leak at 301 S Newton Street. Jim made motion 2nd by Gary unanimous. Leak credit for Town for ballpark Jim made motion 2nd by Gary unanimous.

9. Jim stated that the gazebo in the park has been vandalized poles, lattice, he asked the town guys to get quotes to get it fixed and ask clerk to see about town's insurance deductible which is \$2500.00.

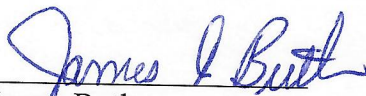
10. Sarah Taylor with GAA was present to talk about fall ball they have 70 ball players. South Newton High School is redoing their baseball fields for next year and has approached GAA about hosting all games to be played at the Goodland Ball Park. GAA is working on 3 different phases to improve ballpark sidewalks from press box to bathrooms, parking lot to fields all to be ADA. The playground is up and running and GAA will have a ribbon cutting on Saturday October 7, 2023, at noon. GAA still needs 2 handicap signs. Safety concerns: No lights from concession stand to playground, town guys are to work on getting them a motion light placed. Shaina Sanchez daughter fell on the new playground (on tight rope) and got hurt she is requesting that the piece be removed or add the extra mulch to meet playground specs. After discussion the council has asked to put the extra mulch down and to keep an eye on this if it still becomes a problem then remove the tight rope. The clerk was to ask Town insurance if we need to place signs up about play at your own risk, Jim from Hoosier Assoc. said that we do not need to do signage.

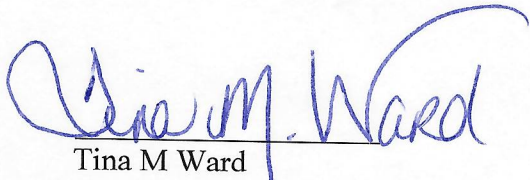
11. Carol Light asks about trimming the trees at the empty lot on the corner of West Mill Street and Washington Street.

12. Brent & Jamie Schermann were present with an ordinance citation letter they received in the mail about having to many animals. Jamie stated that their dogs are ESA emotion support animals. Ingrid states that it is reasonable but if they start causing trouble with other ordinances then the council will meet again to discuss.

13. Maureen Inman with Right Steps Childcare was present to ask about putting up a shade canopy on the existing playground on the south side of the building. The council gave their permission if they sink post in the ground and hang from the posts not building. She also asks about a short toilet in the multi-aged room. Dustin & Kase to install if right steps can find one. If it becomes not an easy install, then right steps will need to hire this done.

14. With the Agenda matters concluded, the Council began signing claims and then Jim adjourned the meeting and Trisha 2nd Unanimous.


James Butler
President


Tina M Ward
Secretary