

A meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Williamsport was held at 7:30PM March 1, 2018 at the Town Hall with the following officer present – Dave Banta, President and Traci Latoz, also in attendance Nancy Litzenberger, Town Attorney, William Lucas, Clerk Treasurer, Kevin Strickler, Ted Latoz, Mark Hutson, Theron Arms, Dave Adams, Sharon Hutchison, Karl Parker, Lee and Mike Kay, April Nowicki, Tawnia Adams, Wade Arms, Ruann Marks, Doug Baldessari, Umbaugh and Steve Eberly..

Minutes from last two meetings. Dave Banta made a motion to approve both. Traci Latoz, seconded. Voted and passed.

Ted Latoz said he needs tires for the Tahoe. Need three new tires. Dave Banta made a motion to approve. Traci Latoz seconded. Voted and passed.

Ted Latoz said he and other police departments had a drug bust in town. They recovered about \$10,000.00 plus drugs.

Kevin Strickler spoke about electric lines in Town. He needs to run a new line to a house that is all underground (\$7,303.99). Traci Latoz made a motion to approve. Dave Banta seconded.

Market and Warren Streets have a transformer burned and poles need replaced as well. Material cost is \$6,204.85. The transformer has been replaced.

Kevin Strickler said a pole on Thomas Street has been replaced as well as a globe for a downtown street light; \$2,171.00 for pole, \$641.00 for a new light to have a spare for street lights downtown.

Kevin Strickler has items on the bucket truck that needs replaced. Need two at \$395.00 each for now and two new ones later.

Kevin Strickler said he and Andy Strickler went to a meter school. Fluke Amp meter \$399.00 and they need one. Kevin will order.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the electric material held in our warehouse that belongs to Anixter Inc. Kevin wants to purchase over the next several months and have our own stock. This could do away with the consignment inventory.

Kevin Strickler spoke about water lines on Old State Road 28. This is done except for yard work.

Kevin Strickler said they replaced old water service on Third Street.

Kevin Strickler met with Eric Smith on the master utility study. First we need to have a Rate Consultant for water, waste water and storm water.

Kevin Strickler said the Community Crossing Grant money should be to us in 30 days for 2017.

Kevin Strickler said they will do the railroad ties at the falls soon.

Dave Banta spoke about water being pumped out of the gas tank area at Velaro. This is not to be put on the street, but in drums.

Kevin Strickler spoke about the Fire Department volunteers. We have 18 now and can fill two. Theron Arms will be a new Fireman.

Dave Banta spoke to April Nowicki about her house that needs fixed up. She said she is using it for storage now and plans to fix the house. She talked about new siding and paint, as well as working on the roof. She also will fix a shed or replace it. Dave Banta told her the town needs a time from her to get it done. Dave said at the April 2nd meeting the council will issue an order to demolish the house unless there has been some improvement and a plan to get all repairs complete with completion dates.

Tawnia Adams spoke about rental properties in town. She has 27 properties in town. She will be in on March 2nd 2018 after 8:00 a.m.

Ruann Marks spoke about Town flowers and who will plant this year.

Karl Parker asked about the electric and water utilities in Town. He had a progress letter on his property to show that he is fixing things. He is looking at putting a modular home on his property. Karl is working with county zoning to do what is necessary.

Mike Kay spoke about insurance renewal for the Town. The new renewal is 3% higher than last year.

Lee Kay spoke about the reserve deputy insurance.

Doug Baldessari (Umbaugh) spoke about his quote for a rate study for Water, Wastewater and Storm Water. He spoke about ways to increase rates in small amounts. He also has state wide rates to compare.

Steve Eberly said he has worked with Doug on Warren County projects. He said the fees charges were in line with what the County gained.

Steve Eberly spoke to the council about painting on the side of a building for public art. This would be a mural on the side of the Hutchison building on Monroe Street. Warren County Economic Development will put in for the match. Sharon Hutchison spoke about the plan and the fact that it would bring light to the side of the building. Traci Latoz asked how long the paint would last. There is no real timeline bout it will be on a north side wall so will be protected from the sun. They plan to use grade school students to paint on 4X8 ft panels, as well to be put throughout the country. Dave Banta said he is concerned about giving money to art when there is so much opposition to any increase in utility rates. Traci Latoz made a motion to contribute \$1,000.00 to Tippecanoe Arts Federation. Dave Banta seconded. Voted and passed.

Nancy Litzenberger had a Statement of Benefits for TMF for equipment for \$1,051,217.00. Also a findings for TMF for four employees. Traci Latoz made a motion to accept. Dave Banta seconded. Voted and passed.

Traci Latoz spoke about tennis nets. The council will look at them now and order if needed. Kevin Strickler can find out what the cost will be.

The council met on February 23, 2018 to interview applicants for a Utility Clerk. Amy Cushman was chosen to fill the position. She starts March 1, 2018 at \$13.50 per hour. After 90 days, she will be evaluated and if all is well, she will be moved to \$14.00 per hour. After another 90 days, she will be evaluated again and, if all is well, she will be moved to \$14.50 per hour.

Council looked at notice received from Billy Trimble regarding cat control and has decided to take no action.

With no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST _____	_____, President
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