

**2021**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 12, 2021**  
**IN PERSON MEETING**

Present:

Paul H. Smith	Supervisor
Susan Storms	Councilman
Patrick Britton	Councilman
Shari Gerber	Councilman
Frank Skvorak	Councilman
Lori Borland	Town Clerk
Mary Ann Yuhas	Clerk to Supervisor
Terry McKeever	Code Enforcement Officer
Mickey Dietrich	RACOG Circuit Rider
Michael O'Shaughnessy	Highway Superintendent
Justin Hall	Dog Control Officer
Margaret Cleland	Public

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Gerber to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held on September 13, 2021. Unanimously passed, carried.

Privilege of the Floor: Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider for RACOG was present and noted that the next RACOG meeting will be on October 19, 2021 at a location to be determined. The Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner will be on October 14, 2021 at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. "Friends of the Black River" Group is interested in historical sites along the river, and there is continuation of marking the navigation hazards. LED Lighting construction will begin at the end of September for some of the communities and continue through November. He continues work on the new website. His full report can be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office.

Communications: A request was received from Margaret Cleland to use the Board room at the town offices every Tuesday from 6-8 for her knitting and crocheting classes.

**RESOLUTION #31-2021** – Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Britton to authorize the use of the Town Board Room every Tuesday from 6-8 by Margaret Cleland for her knitting and crocheting group. Motion passed unanimously, carried. It was noted that Councilman Sue Storms will coordinate the key to the offices.

Community Development Director Report: Sarah Bullock reported that after a walkthrough of the old Railroad Depot, that the property is deemed to be salvageable and reusable. The main factor is the need for a new roof. She further reported that she has submitted an application for the Village of Carthage Downtown Revitalization Initiative. There are several projects that could be done, and herself and Village President Wayne McIlroy will be meeting virtually with an interview team to present the application and answer questions.

Town Highway Superintendent Report: Michael O'Shaughnessy noted that the crew has helped the County with finishing the County Rt. 42 project, paved for the County in Champion, helped Deferiet with their fall cleanup; helped with trucks for Town of LeRay paving job; Hickey Road shoulders are now complete; The new employee started on 10/4/2021 and is working out well; they replaced a stolen stop sign at Avery Road and N. Croghan Rd.; crews are hauling sand; tractors and mowers washed and put away; maintenance on various vehicles; dozer needs a complete undercarriage rebuild.

Dog Control Officer Report: Mr. Hall noted that he has had several calls on dog complaints or loose dogs, and they have all been addressed and taken care of or taken to LCHS. One boxer had to have medical treatment and the dog was transferred to the shelter. There is an ongoing matter with dog feces on someone's yard. He's doing what he can without a written complaint about the issue. Mr. Hall noted that the LCHS usually releases dogs to the owner with the contingency that they license the dog within 10 days, which usually does not happen.

**RESOLUTION #32-2021** – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Gerber, to move forward with allowing the LCHS to license the dogs prior to release to the owners. Also, that Mr. Hall may license any dogs that require after hours attention when the Clerk's Office is closed. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

Town Clerk Report: Water district collections for September were \$13579.40. Town Clerk fees for September were \$1882.24. Transfer site fees collected for September were \$3344.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Report: Mr. McKeever reported that on the Gill property in Natural Bridge that was deemed an emergency for clean up, there were upwards of 500 tires found, barrels of oil, and fuel oil in a tank. ICC is about 1/3 to ½ done today and will finish tomorrow. He further noted the progress on the remaining four condemned properties as follows:

Smith – Mr. Fuller has apparently partially moved out

Hajdacz – property purchased by William Mono, is aware to clean up

Helmer – property has an interested buyer

Foy – move ahead in springtime to demolish

Assessor's Report: Robert Ball reported as follows: 71/114 property sales or transfers since January 1, 2021 were arms length. He has 43 open site visit/permits for the 2021 assessment roll. He has completed all of his Continuing Education courses for the year.

Attorney's Report: None

Cemeteries: Ms. Borland reported that there have been a couple of requests for foundations and they have been completed by Kempney Trucking and billed. The Town has already been paid by the families for these.

Town Supervisor's Report: Motion was made by Councilman Storms, seconded by Councilman Skvorak to approve the September Supervisor's Report. Unanimously passed, carried.

Vouchers: Motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Britton, to approve the vouchers in Abstract #10 in the amount of \$82,725.75. Unanimously passed, carried.

Old Business:

Union Contract – Contract negotiations have been completed and Mary Ann Yuhas will prepare the new contract.

**RESOLUTION #33-2021** – Motion was made by Councilman Britton, seconded by Councilman Storms to accept the new contract as negotiated between all parties. Motion passed unanimously, carried.

LED Lighting – It was noted that a closing with National Grid will be on October 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via conference call.

Wire transfer of funds needs to be at least two days prior, and will be done on Thursday, October 14.

New Business:

Budget Transfers: None

It was noted by Supervisor Smith that the fees for Thomas Trash will increase by 11% to \$62.32 per container.

Preliminary Budget – a Public hearing was set for October 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. for the Preliminary 2022 budget. (Afternote: It was brought to the Board’s attention at a later date that the Tax Cap Levy Override must be done with a Public Hearing prior to approving the preliminary budget, therefore, the October 22, 2021 meeting was not held)

EV Charging Stations: It has been brought to the Board’s attention that the funds for the EV Charging Stations have run out of money and this matter has been postponed until such time as funds again become available.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Councilman Skvorak, seconded by Councilman Gerber to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lori Borland, Town Clerk