

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Ellendale Town Council

February 07 ,2024-7:00 PM

Ellendale Fire Hall- 302 Main Street

Recorder A File 230908-0138

- **Call to Order**
- **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**
- **Town Council Members Present**
 - Council Member Tom Panas-President
 - Council Member Clay Walton-Vice President
 - Council Member Joe Beck -Chairman At Large
 - Council Member Virginia Weller-Secretary

Town Council Member Absent-

Council Member Mike Workman-Presiden

Town Staff Present-

Police Chief Bruce Von Goerres

Karen Brittingham-Town Clerk

Solicitor James Sharp

Members of the Public Present-Sign in Sheet Dated February

- **Approval of Agenda-**

Motion to approve agenda made by Joe Beck, 2nd by Clay Walton. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay Walton-yes, Joe Beck-yes, Virginia Weller-Yes, and Tom Panas-yes.

- **Approval of Previous Minutes-**

Motion to approve the Minutes for January 9, 2024, made by Virginia Weller, 2nd by Joe Beck. **Roll call vote:** Clay walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. **Motion** to approve the minutes for January 17, 2024, made by Joe Beck, 2nd by Clay Walton. **Roll call vote:** Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck Yes, Virginia Weller yes, and Tom Panas yes. **Motion** to approve the Minutes for January 23, 2024, made by Virginia Weller, 2nd by Joe Beck. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Bonding approved for Aaron Moore on February 6, 2024. He will be Starting on February 8,2024.

- **Police Chief's report**

Motion to approve the Report made by Joe Beck, 2nd by Clay Walton. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

Town Clerk Report

Motion to approve the Report made by Virginia Weller, 2nd by Joe Beck. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

- **Committee Report**

Motion to approve the report made by Virginia weller, 2nd by Clay Walton. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

- **President's Report**

Motion to approve the report made by Virginia Weller, 2nd by Joe Beck. **Roll Call Vote:** Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes. Mrs. Janet Todd was paid \$1300.00 while she worked for the Town. She signed a letter that states she will do no more work for the Town and has been paid in full.

- **Recognition of Visitors**

Tamara Skis gave us a letter about Charter Change and the Planning and zoning about 2 people from same family or married couples. Terri Ottomano disagreed with Mrs. Skis. Blanche Stukey asked about the drainage ditches in Ingram Village. Mr. Tom Panas said DNREC came out about the pond and the flooding.

- **Old Business**

A. Treasurer Update: talked about it in the report.

B Tax billing/split properties; 17 lots affected by split. Get Map from Sussex County. Georgetown lets the owners stay out.

C. Bank Location Review: The Town has Changed to Community Bank. Closed out 9 accounts so far. They will be here next week to set up a check reader and a device so we can accept credit cards

D. Charter Review: We need to fix the typo Errors. Update boundary line

E. Insight Homes, Phase 4 (Planning Commission Update): They need to have another meeting. Del-Dot has to give their input.

F. Forest Landing Street Names: The fire Company rejected the names. Forest Landing has submitted new names.

G. Delaware State Flag: We are working with the firehall. Find out where they order

H. Audit(update): Town is working with Ms. Shank to set up a meeting.

I. Decorum Policy (Annual Review) & Meeting Policy: The meeting policy is the two minute policy. Review and update the Decorum Policy.

- **New Business**

1. We interviewed and accepted Don D'Aquila, Blanche Stukey and Diana Eisenbrey.

2. Community Outreach Approval of Funds: They had 7 meetings last year. They will need \$1500.00. They will be having a Spring Easter Event. The yearly dumpster for residents is \$700.00. They would like to set Family Fun Day for Aug. 17, 2024 from 10 AM until 2 PM. They will have 150 backpacks provided by the Police Dept. They will need folders, crayons, and mini bubbles. There will be a DJ.

Correspondence:

1. Street Lights (update) Willow Street lights need new bulbs. The electric co. Will be putting new led bulbs in.

- **Executive Session:**

__ 1. Update on Time and Location on Future Agenda (time change to 6:30) You Would have to start the meeting and then go into executive session. Mr. Jamie Sharp does not think this is a good idea. Mr. Roland Moore said that we could use the firehalls meeting room.

- **Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Joe Beck to Adjourn with a 2nd from Clay Walton. Roll Call Vote: Clay Walton yes, Joe Beck yes, Virginia Weller yes and Tom Panas yes.

2:20 P.M. on February 8,2024 by Virginia Weller