

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The Town Council met in regular session at the Town Hall at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Blaylock.

Present were: BLAYLOCK, ALSOP, WADE, WATSON, and WILLIAMS along with Clerk-Treasurer Karla Atkins.

The following visitors were present: Chris Laughbaum, Robin Lewis, Connie Weinzapfel, Claire Eagle, Aaron Straub and Trisha Lopez.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the minutes of the previous regular meeting be approved. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President Blaylock reported the paving done with CCMG 2020-1 funding has been completed, and striping should be done soon. The application for CCMG 2020-2 has been submitted.

President Blaylock reported a section of the water main on Harmony Township Road was replaced by Blankenberger Brothers.

President Blaylock announced the salaries of elected officials for 2021 will need to be approved at the December meeting.

President Blaylock stated Council had previously discussed ending the Ribeyre Gym Restroom Contract on December 31. The contract requires a 30-day notice to cancel. Councilman Williams made a motion that the contract continue under the same terms. There was no second. Motion denied. Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a decision be tabled so discussion can be held with the New Harmony Business Associates and the Ribeyre Gym Board. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Council members were asked to look over the information submitted by Anthem for the yearly health insurance renewal.

President Blaylock read Ordinance 2020-5 in title only. This ordinance allows the Town to submit a request to be reimbursed for public safety payroll expenses from the CARES Act grant. Councilman Watson made and Wade seconded a motion that Ordinance 2020-5 be adopted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion that a proclamation be prepared to proclaim May 14, 2021, as Robert Owen Day. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Claire Eagle reported on behalf of Historic New Harmony. There are \$500 beautification grants available. A link on their website can provide more information. She reported the golf cart checklist is being used at the Atheneum. There were some guidelines on murals submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer for possible action by the Plan Commission in the future. The labyrinth is scheduled for trimming in December.

Robin Lewis suggested that a \$500 beautification grant request be submitted to install a spotlight on the New Harmony sign at the entrance to Town. She also thinks a grant application could be submitted to do landscaping around the sign. She offered to submit the application on behalf of the Town. President Blaylock asked that she obtain estimates for the two projects before the Town would commit to covering the cost of any overrun.

President Blaylock reported Attorney Bauer is working on the food truck ordinance and should have a draft to Council by the December meeting.

Robin Lewis announced most events scheduled for Christmas in New Harmony have been canceled due to the new mandates put in place by the Governor. The scavenger hunt, decorating contest, and lighted golf cart parade are still going to be held.

Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the claims be allowed and the Clerk pay the same. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Councilman Wade noted Attorney Bauer had stated at the last meeting that individual ordinances need their own penalty. He feels Council should look into this further.

Councilman Williams reported he has had some citizen complaints about events in Town on the weekends. Chris Laughbaum commented the person holding the event is the one responsible for meeting the mandates in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There being no further business, Councilman Wade made and Watson seconded a motion the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Alvin Blaylock, President of Town Council

Attest:

Karla L. Atkins, Clerk-Treasurer