

August 1, 2019

Regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council

Members present: Attorney Brad Kage is sitting in for the Mayor tonight, Council Shelly Davers, John Post, and Danny Stark, Maintenance Ron Hendershot, Clerk Jean Rockey

Brad called the meeting to order at 7 PM. He then asked the council if they had a chance to look over the minutes. John had two changes for the clerk to make one concerning the wrong last name on the first page and one line on the second page concerning the gym shelter house. With these changes John made a motion to pass the minutes with a second by Danny Stark with all in favor.

Brad wanted to bring up two things. One concerning the trash pickup, Dan Wright has spoken to North Vernon and they are discussing it and will get back to him. So there will be no more discussion on this topic tonight. Second Dan Wright said that Cummins had purchased some swings and things for the new playground at the gym and they should be here within the next two weeks.

Public comments:

Mr. Davers asked that since the clerk is no longer reading the minutes at the meeting he wanted to know if they could be posted on the web site. Brad suggested the clerk run off a few extra copies and if anyone was interested they could pick them up at the meeting.

Mr. Davers also offered to take the generator from the firehouse to the gym. Ron said they have to make room for it at the storage building, and thanked him for the offer as he would have to buy a new hitch to move it. Ron will contact him when they get a space cleared out.

Council:

Shelly brought up the old green barn but since Dan was not here tonight she will bring it up another meeting.

Next Shelly wanted to know why the Town Marshal truck has never been marked. It has been discussed and Britt was to have it done, but apparently he has not. Britt is not here tonight so we will have to bring it up to him again. Brad suggested someone on the council needs to take the lead and get the ball rolling.

Shelly noted the old Bronco by the Vernon Firehouse has been moved. She also reported that the car is still parking in the alley between the Thompson rental and Bill Miller property on Brown Street.

It was brought up that the Trustee was going to buy Jim and Bev Birds property and the Debra King property across from the firehouse to build a new building on. The Trustee is selling the property across the bridge so this can be done. The new firehouse will be built on this property and concerning the trailer that sits on the property they may offer it to Debra King to live in. Discussion only on this matter. Brad said he would have to check into the Freeman/King property because of the work that was done to take down the house and clear it from the property. John said he will go to the fire meeting next week it will be Wednesday the 7th at 7 PM, Danny Stark said he would go with him. They will speak to the department about the office space that is needed for the water and sewer office.

John reported the APC is going to file on the Garry Sallee property at 55 N Pike again. He had one dumpster in there, but has not gone back and done anything else. They are going to also refile on Kolin McDonald property on Pike Street.

Danny Stark asked about the water situation at the McDonald property. Ron has pulled the meter so they cannot turn it on any longer.

Ron Hendershot informed the council that the Kabota dealership will not lease the tractor to a municipality. So he has copies for the council to look over. It is a John Deere the only thing is our bush hog will not work on this tractor. Ron suggested selling the old tractor and the bush hog and using that money to buy a new one later. This tractor is 25880.84 and they won't do a loan but a lease.

Shelly is not good with the numbers and the bottom line. The extra cost difference in the lease amount. The cost of insurance for the new tractor. We are almost out of mowing season. And we have to wait for 1 month for the tractor to come in to the dealership. Discussion, Danny Stark feels like Shelly does. Brad suggested Ron check with John Deere about the interest rate, taxes and lease agreement. We can have a special meeting in August to discuss this along with the fire department office for the clerk and Labor Day. August 22 at 7 PM was agreed on and the clerk will get it to the paper for publication. Brad asked her to try to get in the 6th and the 8th paper.

Ron has also been checking on a new meter system for the water department. He has spoken to Mueller, Badger and Neptune. He would like to speak to the systems that are using the meters to try to pick out the right one.

Jean told the council they need to do the webinar for the Internal Controls again. She will get the information and the signature sheets printed out for them to pick up. Shelly has already done hers. There is no balance sheet as today is the 1st and Jean did not get them done.

Ron had one more thing, he wanted to make sure that it is OK that when he shuts off a meter it will be locked.

Nothing more to discuss Danny Stark made a motion to adjourn with a second by Shelly.

Mayor Dan Wright

_____ *M. Jean Rockey* _____
M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer

I have received and reviewed the monthly vouchers for payment

Dan Wright , Mayor _____ *Dan Wright* _____
John Post, Council _____ *John Post* _____
Danny Stark, Council _____ _____
Shelly Davers, Council _____ *Shelly Davers* _____