

Wheatfield Town Council

Wheatfield Municipal Building
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The Town Council opened the March 21st, 2024 meeting by inviting the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm. Roll call was read by Brian Kwiatkowski. Present, Brian Kwiatkowski, Dean Stalbaum, Andi Jones & Deborah Norberg.

Approval of Minutes

Andi Jones made a motion to accept the draft provided for the February 15, 2024 meeting. Dean Stalbaum seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0**

Police Report

47 police calls were reported. Locks have been changed in the Police Department and fobs have been installed on the 2 Police Doors. The front doors are still waiting to have dark film installed on the glass. As of this month no Police Car Vinn number has been assigned to the Wheatfield Police Dept.

Park Report

No reports at this time.

Cemetery Report

Reported that 4 plots were sold this month. Gravel is in the planning stages. The flagpole at the Cemetery is currently broken and looking into fixing it or replacing.

Sewer Report

MCO report was read by Dean Stalbaum. IDEM Annual Report renewal had been signed and mailed back to the state.

Street Department

Dealing with Complaints on alley's needing gravel.
Storm drains are being reported as forming sinkholes

Building Dept

Issued 2 new homes
1 fence permit
1 deck permit

Minutes Continued:

Old Business

None reported

New Business

Wheatfield Little League received permission for the Wheatfield Little League to hold the Opening Day Parade on April 27th along with Opening Baseball Season. Parade will be @ 9 am to 10 am.

Melanie Way received the go ahead to plan and run the 2nd Annual 5K run in the Fall. Estimated to happen in October. Andi Jones made a motion and Dean Stalbaum seconded. **Passed 3-0**

Proposal Deyoung Dirt Works, INC. 1494.07 proposal for 3 raised manholes. Ryan Schultz fixed the issue. Andi Jones made a motion and Brian Kwiatkowski seconded. **Pass3-0**

Resolution 2024-01 Transfer funds. Sewer fund has the trash fee in the fund. Need to move to Trash Fees. Andi Jones made a motion and Dean Stalbaum seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0**

Resolution 2024-02 Transfer funds from payroll to general. Payroll should be a clearing house and hold no money at the end of year. 2023 records show \$14,378.83 still in the payroll fund clearing house. Brian Kwiatkowski made a motion to transfer the funds and Dean Stalbaum seconded. **Passed 3-0**

The Town Council is looking to purchase a utility tractor for use with gravel and such. Estimates are being asked for the south side of the Town Hall where the gutter has been torn down with the high winds.

Tree that fell on Pearl St out of a residents yard. As of date it is all cleaned up and done. Results for the interviewing for seasonal help. Dean Stalbaum stated the Town Council will be hiring Shannon Durham and Elmer Pace to work for the town this season. The crew will be under the supervision of Andi Jones, Town Council Member.

Dean Stalbaum made a motion and Andi Jones seconded. **Passed 3-0**

Approval of Claims for December 2023 and March 2024, Dean Stalbaum made a motion and Andi Jones seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0**

Approval of Payroll February 29th & March 15th, 2024. Andi Jones made a motion to accept and Dean Stalbaum seconded. **Passed 3-0**

Citizen Comments: Floor was opened: Bill Davis, Wheatfield Chamber President asked to have two days of a Beer Garden in the Town park during the Sandhill Crane Festival. The Wheatfield Legion will assume responsibility and follow state laws for such an event. The days will be Friday 7-10 pm and Saturday 11-5 pm. Brian Kwiatkowski made a motion to accept the request and Andi Jones seconded the motion. **Passed 3-0**

Minutes Continued:

Lynn Creekmur spoke on having Community clean up weekend, something being done about all the vehicles at the body shop in town, and buffer zone being enlarged to include the business on the edge of town limits.

Questions on how long a permit is for. Response was a year. Residents complained that a house in town has been under repair for years.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Andi Jones and seconded by Dean Stalbaum.

Passed 3-0

Approved Council Minutes for Thursday,

Passed and Approved on this day _____ of _____ 2024, by the Town Council of Wheatfield, IN

Brian Kwiatkowski

Dean Stalbaum

Andi Jones

Attest:

Deborah Norberg, Clerk/Treasurer