

FAIRMOUNT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2023; 7:00 P.M.

The Fairmount Town Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 26, 2023. With only three councilmembers present Town Attorney Kyle Persinger preside over the meeting. Persinger called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Clerk-Treasurer Jo Ann Treon called the roll: Eric Treon, present; Karen Pollen, absent; Steve Hedrick, present; Angie Armstrong, absent; David Broyles, present. Also, in attendance Town Attorney, Kyle Persinger.

PURCHASE ORDER:

#3399 to Utilitac of Ridway, PA in the amount of \$46,445.00 for 2023 Ford Police Car, to be taken out of the American Rescue Fund.

Motion by E. Treon to approve purchase order as read, seconded by Broyles, motion carried with all ayes.

CLAIMS:

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the claims and order warrants on same. Seconded by E. Treon; motion carries with three ayes.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Hedrick to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting June 12, 2023. Seconded by Broyles; motion carries with all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Jerry Soultz has some concerns about the survey the town had on the alley in the 300 block of N. Main Street which is on the south side of his property. He was told the survey company has stacked the alley today and if they agreed with the stacks already in place, they placed a pink ribbon on the stacks. A written report would be sent to the town at the end of this week.

Mr. Soultz was upset about a stop work order from Grant County Area Plan on a fence he was installing on the south property line next to the alley. Area Plan stated he was impeding emergency vehicles from using the alley with the fence setting on the property line. Mr. Soultz also had concerns about the house south of his property that was being remodeled. The council told him he needed to contact Grant Area Plan about his concerns.

Erin Metzger of Main Street Barber Shop 110 S. Main Street, requested Main Street from Washington to Adams be closed from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on July 29, 2023 for a Back to School Bash. Free haircuts, back packs and hot dogs will be available for the kids.

Hedrick made the motion to close the Main Street as requested on July 29, 2023, seconded by Broyles, motion carried with all ayes.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS:

PRESIDENT:

President Hedrick read a thank you card from Steve Deal to the Council and Employees for his retirement party. Mr. Deal worked for the town for 45 years.

Hedrick made the motion to give Erin Metzger \$1,000.00 for the Back to School Bash, seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes. The money will be taken out of the American Rescue Fund.

STREETS & PARK:

Superintendent Gossett stated the town needs to do ordinance on the installed of a fence along a right-of-way that needs to be set back three feet from the property line.

10th Street has been paved. Grant County Highway will be chip and sealing the end of July.

Superintendent Gossett thanked the 9th Street Car Club for paying for the sealing of the Big Pavilion floor. The car show on June 24th had 650 cars registered.

Broyles asked Gossett if they could take two days to sweep the streets instead of Thursday only. Residents are complaining there is nowhere to park when the streets for being swept. Gossett stated it takes 2 ½ hours to clean the sweeper after each use and it wouldn't be feasible to take two days. Gossett stated they are finished sweeping by 12:00 and Dollar said they only ticket cars from 8:00 to 12:00.

POLICE & FIRE:

Marshal Dollar stated the police car they order the first of the year will not be coming in until 2024. Utilitac did agree to sell us the car without the lights as we already have all the material needed to light the car. The old K-9 unit will be used until this comes in.

Dollar is wanting to change the Animal Control Ordinance to include the owners have to clean up after their animals and if they fail to do so there is an \$50.00 fine. Jo Ann Treon and Kyle Persinger are working on the changes.

Arron Solms, Fairmount Volunteer Fire Department, thanked Steve Deal for his many years of service to the Fire Department.

Solms expressed his concerns about the lack of ambulance service from Medic 7. Out of the 30 runs the fire department did in June Medic 7 only showed up on four of them.

Hedrick stated a five-member committee consisting of two council members, two fireman and one other will be formed to look into the service.

WATER & WASTEWATER:

Assistant Superintendent Shelton reported Bragg Excavation is working on Adam Street project to get sewage to parcel of ground.

The Bobcat Compact mini excavator is on order and expected to be here the end of July.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon stated the base for the Digital Sign has been installed and they will be back in two weeks to install the sign.

New Sound System has been installed and Chuck Rhodes was at the meeting to do any fine tuning that needed to be done.

FINANCIAL REPORT & CLERK-TREASURER:

Clerk-Treasurer Treon presented the council with May Fund Report and Bank Rec.

Treon presented the council with Commonwealth Engineering Company with Amendment to Task Order for \$5,000 additional construction engineering and \$40,000 for additional resident project representative increasing the task order to \$212,500.00 for the Main Street Project. The town has already agreed to \$25,000 in Construction Engineering and \$40,000 in resident project representative. Commonwealth will need to explain to the council why more money is needed.

Clerk-Treasurer presented the council with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors engagement letter to services. They will perform an engagement scope of service for the FCA and preliminary rate study and once Commonwealth Engineering has the estimated cost of the next wastewater project. This contract does not have a cost the work nor a do not exceed amount. The council is requesting a bid for the work to be completed.

J. Treon stated to the council that other communities in the area are declaring July 3rd as a holiday and giving their employees a four-day weekend. Motion by Broyles to declare July 3, 2023 has a holiday and give the employees a four-day weekend, seconded by E. Treon, motion carried with all ayes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Theron Beardslee regarding extension of utilities further on West Second Street, where he plans to build a new home. Mr. Beardslee has agreed to pay all cost for the utilities to be run to his property. The first step is for him to get the property annexed into the town; he will be working with Town Attorney Kyle Persinger in preparing a petition to be presented to the town council.

With no further business to come before the Council, Broyles made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Treon; meeting adjourned with all ayes.

Steve Hedrick, President

ATTEST

Jo Ann Treon, Clerk-Treasurer