

Morocco Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. Attending the meeting were Board Members Bob Gonczy, Jason Cornell, and Nikki Kimbrell. Clerk Treasurer Sherri Rainford, and Town Employees, Dustin Gary and Brian Vanderwall were in attendance. Attorney Becky Goddard was also in attendance.

Town Council

- ❖ The Morocco Projects Unlimited Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 8. Brian told the board the park would be ready to go.
- ❖ The board asked Brian to get paint and supplies to repaint the playground equipment in Recher Park. We will get a date and ask Friends of the Park if they would be interested in helping. The town will provide lunch for all helpers.
- ❖ The board asked Brian to get paving quotes and bring quotes back for the next meeting.
- ❖ Sherri has ordered a new volleyball net for the park.
- ❖ Bob will meet with the road commissioner before the next board meeting.
- ❖ The employee handbook will be approved at the next meeting. Bob asked the board to get him any changes they would like to see before the next meeting.
- ❖ Bob will contact the Morocco Re-Development Commission member and have them at the May meeting. Sherri will advertise for a Town Board, Re-Development, and an Economic Development meeting on May 2, 2023.
- ❖ Town Wide Clean up Day is Saturday, May 6. The dumpsters have been ordered.
- ❖ We received a quote for a new park pavilion from FBI Buildings. Total cost is around \$50,000. Brian will get another quote for the pavilion and report back next meeting
- ❖ Dustin asked the board if they could pay for Port a Pots and dumpsters for Beaver fest. Jason made a motion to pay for those items and Bob seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ The board asked Brian to come back next month with a quote to get utilities to the McCann property. They are building a home at 813. N. Polk St.
- ❖ The board asked Brian to get a tree quote for the tree on Clay St.
- ❖ A MCO report was submitted. It is being made a part of these minutes.
- ❖ We received two thank you notes from Projects Unlimited and the Morocco Preschool.
- ❖ The Morocco Planning Commission recommends to the board that we have Becky draw up an ordinance for wind mills or turbines in the town and the two mile buffer. Becky will have it by the May meeting or June at the latest.

Clerk Treasurer

- ❖ Jason made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting. Nikki seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- ❖ Nikki made a motion to approve the claims from March 7, 2023, meeting. Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

- ❖ Sherri provided the board with a 2023 Salary Amendment. This increases the part-time deputy pay to \$150 a night and gives full-time employees the option of insurance. If an employee needs a family plan it will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. This also gave our board KIRPC representative a stipend of \$200 a meeting. Nikki made a motion to approve the amended salary ordinance and Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Street Superintendent (Brian Vanderwall)

Brian presented the board with a quote from Clausen's in Rensselaer for a new mower. The board tabled this until the next meeting.

Town Marshal (Dustin Gary)

Report submitted.

Dustin will be reaching out to people that have expired plates and the vehicle is not running.

Town Attorney (Becky Goddard)

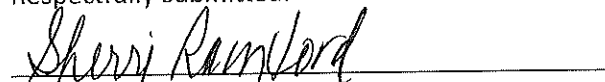
- ❖ The board directed Becky to send a nuisance letter to the owner of 202 E. State. They will have 15 days from the date of the letter to get the building into compliance. If not, Becky will file a lawsuit.
- ❖ Becky would like Brian and Dustin to attend the Schwanke damage hearing. Becky asked Dustin and Brian to come up with a cost estimate of what it would cost the town to clean the property up.

Donation Requests:

1. **Newton County Fair Queen Contest-** Bob made a motion to give the queen contest \$200. Jason seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
2. **Life Wise Academy-** Jason made a motion to approve a \$500 donation to the life wise academy and Bob seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

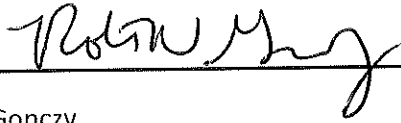
Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Sherri Rainford


Approved:



Robert Gonczy



Jason Cornell



Nicole Kimbrell