

YORKTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, January 22, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

Present: Bryan Smith, Rick Glaub, Lon Fox, Bob Ratchford, Rich Lee and Michael Burke. Dan Flanagan was absent.

Claims, \$2,479,856.35: Rick Glaub made the motion to allow all claims except John Brooke Law Offices. Lon Fox seconded. All council members present voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes: Dec 18, Dec 27, 2017 and Jan 10, 2018 minutes: Michael Burke made the motion to accept the minutes. Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members present voted in favor.

Election of Officers 2018: Lon Fox made the motion for Rich Lee and Bob Ratchford to remain as President and Vice-President. Rick Glaub stated that the intention for councils is to rotate and have changes in leadership. Michael Burke seconded Lon Fox motion. Roll Call Vote: Bryan Smith, Michael Burke, Bob Ratchford, Rich Lee and Lon Fox voted yes and Rick Glaub voted no.

Ord 765 changes to Ord 766: Due to wording issues within ordinance 765, the ordinance 766 was created to clarify the language and meaning to this document. Michael Burke made the motion to introduce and Bob Ratchford seconded. Michael Burke made the motion to suspend the rules and Bob Ratchford seconded. Michael Burke made the motion to adopt the ordinance and Bob Ratchford seconded. In all motions made and seconded the votes were in favor by all council members that were present.

Department Head Appointments: All department heads will remain the same during 2018 including the legal firm, Defur-Voran. Lon Fox made the motion and Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members present voted in favor. Delaware County Regional Wastewater appointment was made by Bob Ratchford and seconded by Michael Burke. All council members present voted in favor of Larry Crouch to be the town's representative by a roll call vote. Mr. Crouch then requested that himself, the town manager and a couple of council members to meet to discuss issues.

767 Ord. Extreme Weather: The Marshal stated that there had been complaints about people leaving their pets outside during extreme weather. He stated that he wanted to do more research on the issue prior to the adoption. Michael Burke made the motion to introduce and Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members voted to introduce.

768 Ord. Zoning Changes: The town manager stated that the zoning board had met and determined that the zoning for the properties located at 9800 & 9870 needed to be changed. Lon Fox made the motion to introduce the changes recommended and Bryan Smith seconded. Lon Fox made the motion to suspend the rules and Bryan Smith seconded. Lon Fox made the motion to adopt the change and Bryan Smith seconded. All motions were voted on unanimously by all council members present.

Police Vehicles: Ford Explorers: The police department is in need of new vehicles. Price quotes were made and Auto Farm in Middletown had the lowest quote of \$28,700 for a 2018 Ford Explorer. Wetzel Ford quote a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor for 29,734.80. Wetzel Chrysler quote a 2017 Charger police AWD for \$44,085. Though this quote process was not done on similar vehicles, the council decided to allow for the 2018 Explorer. The additional costs to outfit the vehicles would be at \$12,000. The old vehicles will be taken apart and what can be used will be used on the new vehicles.

Clerk-Treasurer Neff stated that the budget for 2018 had not been approved by the state and this order should not be placed until after that time. Some of the funding will come from the Marshal budget and some will come from Rainy Day. This Rainy Day money will have to have a public hearing with an additional appropriation process and could take 2 months to go through the approval process depending on when the town receives the tax notice and budget approval. Bob Ratchford made the motion to allow and Bryan Smith seconded. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of all council members.

Conflict of Interest: Jason Brooks, Jay Crew and RDC. Lon Fox, FedEx and council member, Dan Flanagan, Flanagan Electric and council member, Matt Ray, Water Tank Tec and Building and Zoning Commissioner, Jon Myrick, Myrick's Lawn care and Park Board member. Each of these people have companies that the town does business with and they have some capacity to affect town decisions. They have filed paperwork stating the issues. Michael Burke made the motion to recognize and Bob Ratchford seconded. All members present voted in favor.

Snow Broom: \$4,297.34. This broom is needed for the sidewalk sweeping that the town does. Lon Fox made the motion to allow for the purchase and Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members present voted in favor.

Well #4 Easement: Vectren: The town manager stated that Vectren needs to replace gas lines near well #4 and need easements. They will be paying the town \$272 for the easement. Michael Burke made the motion to allow and Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members present voted in favor.

Public Comments:

Vicki Craig stated that she had not known that she was being replaced on the Park Board and did not appreciate the way the issue was handled.

Rick Yencer stated that this council is not open or transparent with the changes that they are proposing in the downtown area.

Mike Blanch stated that it is an eye sore having boulders around a property along the main road in town. Bob Ratchford stated that he did that because his insurance company told him to.

Bruce McFarland stated that the property owners in the downtown area are not happy about the proposed changes and would like the council to reconsider where the bridge would go over Buck Creek. He felt that the town could buy the empty building along Canal St, tear it down and put the bridge there. Then there would be no need to demolish all of the proposed properties.

Matt Anderson, President of the RDC, stated that he would be happy to speak to homeowners about the downtown project.

Next regular scheduled Council Meeting February 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM, Town Council Meeting Room.