

# YORKTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, March 20, 2017 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

**Claims, \$715,124.42:** Bob Ratchford recommended to allow all claims except the John Brooke invoice. Clerk-Treasurer Neff asked what the difference was that her attorney would not be paid and when other employees have attorney fees and they are allowed to be paid. Yorktown attorney stated that this is under review. Bob Ratchford made the motion to allow claims except the John Brooke claim and Lon Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried in favor by all council members.

**Meeting Minutes: January and February 2017 meetings:** Dan Flanagan made the motion to accept minutes and Michael Burke seconded. All council members voted in favor.

**Meeting Minutes: Feb. 7, 2017.** Dan Flanagan made the motion to accept with changes presented by the Clerk-Treasurer about the 1782 notice and tax rates. Dan Flanagan made the motion with changes and Lon Fox seconded. All council members voted in favor.

**Round-about Presentation:** The town was presented a picture of the Nebo & Jackson St round-about.

**Veridus Proposal:** Veridus presented a proposal to the town that outlined the scope of work they would do for the Canal St. project. Included in this would be stakeholders interviewed, retail evaluation, competitive market analysis, and community profiling. EDIT money would be used to fund the proposal. Rick Glaub asked when is enough enough? He stated that the downtown revitalization cost \$5 million and it seems we funnel money to downtown. Dan Flanagan made the motion to do the market study for \$31,000 and Lon Fox seconded. All council members voted in favor with a descending vote from Rick Glaub.

**Packets for Council Meeting:** Clerk-Treasurer Neff stated her office did not received notification of packets availability. Pete stated that they were on-line. Ms. Neff stated that this is a change in practice. Mr. Olson stated that he was having problems with his e-mail service. Rich Lee told the town manager to be sure the Clerk-Treasurer's office received notification.

**Water Hydrant Purchase, \$2,050 each:** 10 water hydrants will be purchased from the quote issued by Ferguson Waterworks. EJ Prescott issued a quote for \$2,375 each. Bob Ratchford made the motion and Dan Flanagan seconded. All council members voted in favor. These will be paid from water depreciation fund.

## **Public Comments:**

A representative for Grace Baptist Church stated that during the building of the River Rd trail the telephone lines were damaged to the church. The church went without telephones for months. He stated that he had discussed with Town Manager Olson and that Mr. Olson told him that this was not the towns fault. The lines were marked and they had been damaged 2 times during this project. GBC representative went on to say that the loss to the church was \$9,657.42. Mr. Olson stated that he was not aware that the lines had been hit a second time. Lon Fox stated that he was involved in the discussion in the beginning and tried to contact B, F & S to resolve. He stated that he is a member of the church and would be abstaining from voting on any issues

relating to the decisions made concerning any action on this. Dan Flanagan asked Mr. Olson to contact B, F & S to see what can be done.

Lewis Bright stated that his home in Cammack is affected by the drainage issues created by paving of driveways. He asked the council if there was something that could be done in the area. Rich Lee stated that there would be review of the area drainage issues.

Larry Crouch stated that Westbrook residents would like to for Yorktown to handle the sewer lines, not DCRWWD.

Tim Gant stated that council members that purchase properties for rehabilitation should not be voting on what properties the town purchases and what development that the town does. The information given to council members allows for an unfair advantage of knowledge of where development would or could happen.

Ron Quakenbush stated that he stated that he hopes the study by Veridus does a thorough study that includes what people say they will use.

**Council Comments:** Michael Burke stated that council members are available via e-mail and welcomes questions and comments. Bob Ratchford stated that he would like everyone to be involved in the development of downtown.

Next regular scheduled Council Meeting April 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM, Town Council Meeting Room.

Adjournment 6:15 pm.

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Clerk-Treasurer