

YORKTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday, February 20, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

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

Claims \$2,355,454.80: Dan Flanagan made the motion to allow all claims. Bob Ratchford seconded. All council members present voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes: No minutes were presented. Dan Flanagan made the motion to table the issue and Michael Burke seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

767 Ord. Extreme Weather: The town manager stated that this ordinance presented last month is being reviewed.

Utility Office Hire: The town manager stated that he would like to hire Jessica Bachmann for the position of utility clerk. He also stated that he would like to give her a week vacation after six months of employment. Dan Flanagan made the motion and Michael Burke seconded. The motion carried by all council members voting in favor of the hire and the vacation time.

769 Ord. Park Board Fees: The park board adopted rates for the park fees and now asks the council to approve these rates. Dan Flanagan made the motion to introduce the ordinance and Bob Ratchford seconded. The motion was voted on unanimously by all council members in favor of introducing.

Library Expansion Presentation: The Yorktown Library Director, Liz Rozelle, presented the plans for the library expansion which would have to be a bond project. This project has to be approved by the local representatives because it will increase local tax rates. The presentation included the proposed building renovations, the cost, the history and the support the public has for the project. The earlier estimates on cost for the project are 1.4 million. It increases the area of the library by 33%. The library is putting in \$400,000 from their current budget to help fund.

Rick Glaub made a motion to allow and no other council members seconded. The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Rich Lee stated that the town had many projects planned and didn't know if this was the right time for the library expansion and additional debt. Lon Fox agreed with Mr. Lee.

Bob Ratchford stressed to the public that taxes would go up for this project.

Dan Flanagan made a motion to table the issue until the council could review the project and the other projects the town has planned. Bryan Smith seconded the motion. All council members voted to table except Bob Ratchford and Rick Glaub who voted no on tabling. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 yes to 2 no vote.

Public Comments:

Many residents spoke in favor of the library expansion. The room was full of residents that were in favor. They also stated that the tax rate increase would be worth the additional space for the library.

Bruce McFarland asked the council if the residents of Yorktown would feel if they knew that people were being displaced due to the downtown project. No council member answered the question.

Meeting adjourned 7 pm.

Next regular scheduled Council Meeting March 19, 2018 at 5:30 PM, Town Council Meeting Room.

President

Clerk-Treasurer