

Town of Hamilton

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January 3rd, 2011 Town Council Meeting

7:00pm

1. Council President Brent Shull called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call: Councilors John Damron, Will Nuttle, Gail Bartlett and Brent Shull were present. The Clerk Treasurer, Hester Stouder was present to record the meeting. Also present was Town Manager Milton Otero and Town Attorney, Dan Brinkerhoff. Jeff Bireley was absent from the meeting. Attached is a list of audience members.

2. Clerks Report -

- A. Delinquent Water Accounts– Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder presented the list of delinquent water/garbage accounts, John Damron made a motion to accept the delinquent water/garbage accounts. Will Nuttle second the motion; motion carried with unanimous voice aye votes.
- B. Abandon Taps – Three abandon taps were presented to the council. John Damron made a motion to approve them as supported by ordinance. Will Nuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous voice aye votes.

3. Reports –

- A. Town Manager – Mr. Otero will get more information after IDNR/INDOT has a meeting 1/28/2011 and will report back the council . Mr. Otero has made contact with another school that may have students interested in local government projects. He submitted the following projects to them; Comprehensive plan and ordinances, Storm Water Study, Paving/Engineering of Lane 280 and a 5-year preventative road maintenance plan. There is no cost to the Town. As the selection process occurs Mr. Otero will update the board. He informed the board about contracting with Auburn Fire Protection to maintain our fire extinguishers. Brent suggested to leave them where they are and let the company move them rather than bringing them to one location for inspection. Milton will check with the company and get the details worked out. Because of recent interest in Wind Turbines, Milton has passed out copies of the County Wind Turbine Ordinance to the council and Plan Commission. Mr. Otero said Mr. Waldo Manns property had been sold, but wasn't certain who purchased it. He did confirm that the title search came back showing Waldo Mann as the owner. *(Please see attached)*
- B. Street Department – *(Please see attached)*
- C. Police Department – Reserve officer Tom Frederick will be attending training in Detroit. Marshal Warner is requesting he be able to use a police vehicle and gas card. John Damron made a motion for him to be able to do so, Will Nuttle seconded the motion, motion carried. . *(Please see attached.)*

D. Water Department –Will Nuttle asked if the water department would be using the scanner for inventory as noted in their monthly report. Superintendent Justin Stouder explained they haven't purchased the scanner. He said he was approached by Marshal Warner regarding participation if the unit was purchased. He thought it was a great idea and said he would like to be involved. *(Please see attached)*

4. Old Business –

A. Training - Mr. John Damron said he would like to make a motion for the board to approve Mr. Otero to attend Phase II of the CPM training if Mr. Otero would agree to sign an agreement that if he chose to leave the Town within 2 years, he would be responsible for reimbursing the Town 100% of the cost of Phase II. Gail Bartlett seconded the motion; motion carried with all members present voicing aye votes. Mr. Otero agreed to the condition. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff will write something up and present it for approval.

5. New Business –

- A. Election of Officers for Council – Council President Brent Shull nominated Will Nuttle for President and John Damron for Vice President, saying they have helped him, have more time available and have been a great asset to the council. John Damron seconded the motion for president, but declined the Vice President nomination. Instead he nominated Jeff Bireley for the position. Brent said Jeff was not interested. Will then re-nominated John and he again declined. John Damron nominated Gail Bartlett who respectfully said no thank you. John then selected Brent Shull to fill the Vice President position. He too declined the nomination. The motion for president was put to a vote with all members present voting in favor. The Vice President seat will remain vacant. If the President is absent, a chairman will be selected at that time.
- B. Redevelopment Commission – Board President Will Nuttle said he would like the board to table this topic, have the council review and contact those interested and discuss it more at the next scheduled meeting.
- C. Appointment for Committees - President Will Nuttle asked that these appointments be tabled as well. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff recommended Will make the appointment to BZA prior to the next BZA meeting 1/10/11. Mr. Nuttle thanked him for this advice and said he would take it under advisement. No appointments were made at this time.

Public Comments/Questions –

Mrs. Jan Myers welcomed Will as President and wished him luck.

Mr. Jerry Rosswurm asked if there was an attendance policy for the council and if they got paid regardless of their attendance at the meetings? Clerk Treasurer Hester Stouder said they are the only board that was not paid based on attendance. She wasn't sure of the reason and

referred the question to the board and Town Attorney. Mr. Brent Shull said they are aware of the problem and it is has been discussed. Newly elected President Will Nuttle said it would continue to be a discussion until it produces a resolution.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Brent Shull and seconded by John Damron the meeting adjourned at 7: 16 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Will Nuttle - Council President