

Town of Hamilton

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Hamilton, In 46742

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March 21st, 2011 Town Council Meeting

6:30pm

1. Council President Will Nuttle called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll call: Councilors John Damron, Will Nuttle, Jeff Bireley, 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. Town Attorney Dan Brinkerhoff was absent from the meeting. Attached is a list of audience members.

2. Reading & Approval of March 7th, 2011 Minutes – Councilman Brent Shull made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. John Damron seconded the motion; motion carried with majority aye votes.

3. Clerks Report -

A. Claims – Brent Shull made a motion to approve the claims presented. Jeff Bireley seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the claims were approved.

4. NIFL Co. Easement Agreement –

Town Manager Milton Otero reviewed a letter he sent to the council outlining a request from a resident who would like a larger than 10' easement on Poppy Lane to their property. They are requesting the entire road or at least 20'. Mr. Otero said he has not seen the agreement NIFL came up with yet, to know what they are requesting. After some discussion, Brent Shull made a motion to approve no more than a 20' easement subject to what NIFL's agreement says. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Street Department Maintenance & Paving Plan -

Town Manager Milton Otero explained to the Council roads he considered a priority. #1-Lane 280, #2- Lane- 221, #3 Lane- 150 and #4- a portion of Bellefontaine road. The council discussed each road and it's condition in more detail. When talking about roads with drainage concerns Council member Brent Shull said the current and previous Town Attorney's warned the council to stay away from assuming any drainage responsibilities. He said if the current council wanted to handle drainage with some of these road improvements, there would need to be a policy and plan in place. Brent asked if Lane 280 could be done in phases? Town Manager Milton Otero said yes it could but would recommend an engineer come in to look at all angles and lay those phases out for the board. Brent said if an engineer were hired, he would like to see one that specialized in paving or road projects. Jeff Bireley asked what the estimate for Lane 280 was; Milton said about 2 years ago it was \$280,000.00. Mr. Bireley asked why it was so much if 300 was done for less than \$200,000.00? Milton said there was more work

involved with 280 to include drainage. Councilman Damron asked if a specialized engineer came to look over Lane 280, could they also look over the entire town to give the council a better idea of what they would suggest for a plan of action. With these ideas before the board, Brent Shull made a motion to take \$10,000 out of major moves money and contract with a specialized engineer to evaluate Hamilton's roads and assist in providing a plan for the Council.

John Damron seconded the motion, all members present voiced aye' votes, the motion passed.

6. Street Department Tractor –

Councilman Brent Shull made a motion saying he would like to see the Garden Club have exclusive use of the Street Departments John Deere lawn tractor at no charge. However he said he would like for them to be responsible for maintenance/repair during the time they are utilizing it. Milton presented an agreement reflecting what Brent explained, with usage starting April 1st, 2011 thru November 30th, 2011. This will be an annual agreement and the Town will be responsible for liability insurance. John Damron seconded the motion, motion carried with unanimous voice aye' votes.

With no other comments or items of business, the motion to adjourn was made by Brent Shull and seconded by Jeff Bireley the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Hester Stouder - Clerk Treasurer

Will Nuttle – Council President