

TOWN OF PELZER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2020

COUNCIL PRESENT – WILL RAGLAND, MIKE MATHEWS, EDDIE WAITS, SKIP GOLDSMITH

STAFF PRESENT – TOWN OF PELZER CLERK – CHERYL BOUDREAU – MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR – MARK VICKERY

DAVID MEADE - WILLIAMSTON JOURNAL

CALL TO ORDER –7:01 PM – WILL RAGLAND

INVOCATION/PRAYER – SKIP GOLDSMITH

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMENTS

LINDA FORD – WITH REGARDS TO THE CONCERNED CITIZENS MEETING LAST WEEK WHEN CHAD MCBRIDE WAS THERE, SHE FORGOT TO MENTION THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE POLICE PATROLLING HER NEIGHBORHOOD. STATED THAT SHE HARDLY SEES ANY IN HER AREA.

TINA BOLDEN – WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE UPPER AND LOWER MILL PROPERTIES.

DONNA IDE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS SEVERAL ISSUES –

- WOULD LIKE COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS, WHEN THEY ARE APPROACHED BY RESIDENTS WITH QUESTIONS/CONCERNS, IT USED TO BE LIKE THAT AND WHY WAS IT CHANGED?
- QUESTION IS FOR CHERYL – WHY AREN'T ALL THE MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE? CHERYL RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE BUT SHE WILL CHECK INTO IT TOMORROW.
- CELL TOWER – NOTICED THAT THERE WAS A SURVEY COMPANY THERE, WHY IS THAT SEEMS THE ITEM IS NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.

OLENE BEAR – WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION? SCOTT LARSON STATED THAT HE IS THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER.

RONNIE SHORT – QUESTIONED THE CHRISTMAS BANNERS, WHERE ALL THE BIDS RECEIVED AND WAS IT APPROVED. MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT IT IS ON THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – MIKE MATHEWS MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, ALL FAVOR.

CLERK'S REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

- CHERYL BOUDREAU REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 39 WORK ORDERS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, POLICE COVERAGE FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TRANSPIRED – 56/TRAFFIC STOPS – 75/CONTACTS – 35/CALLS FOR SERVICE AND 4/ARREST. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THE CHRISTMAS PARADE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5TH STARTING @ 5:30 BEHIND WP FIRE DEPARTMENT, IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE THIS YEAR TO PLEASE PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM AT THE TOWN OFFICE, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING ENTRIES UNTIL DECEMBER 3RD @ 12:00.
- LARRY FROM GREENE FINNEY LLP PRESENTED THE MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST, ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS. STATED THAT BECAUSE WE ARE JUST STARTING WITH THESE REPORTS THEY CAN BE ADJUSTED AS NEEDED AND WHEN THEY GET EVERYTHING CAUGHT UP THEY WILL HAVE THE MOST CURRENT REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS –

- ADGER STREET PROJECT – MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT THIS HAS BEEN ON THE TABLE SINCE 2018, AND IT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. WE HAVE RECEIVED ONLY 2 BIDS FOR THE WORK TO BE DONE WITH A DIFFERENCE OF \$10,000.00. MARK VICKERY WAS ASKED QUESTIONS PERTAINING THIS SITUATION, STATED THAT HE HAS HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH

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VARIOUS CONTRACTORS AND SEVERAL OF THEM DECLINED TO BID ON THE PROJECT DUE TO THE SIZE OF IT. MAYOR RAGLAND SAID WE NEED TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE TWO BIDS WE HAVE AND HE WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF WE TABLED THIS PROJECT TO LOOK INTO GETTING MORE INFORMATION AND MAYBE SEE IF WE CAN FIND A GRANT TO HELP WITH THE EXPENSES. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO A FUTURE DATE WHEN WE HAVE GOTTEN FURTHER INFORMATION, MIKE MATHEWS 2ND THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.

- SEPTIC – BALLFIELDS – MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THE WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 1 BID ON THIS PROJECT, AGAIN ASKED QUESTIONS OF MARK VICKERY AND HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS CONTACTED SEVERAL, EITHER HE WAS TOLD BY THEM THAT THEY WOULD FORWARD A BID OR THEY NEEDED TO SPEAK WITH DHEC FIRST. MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO SEE IF WE CAN AT LEAST OBTAIN A 2ND BID, EDDIE WATS 2ND THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.
- GARAGE DOORS – MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THE WE RECEIVED 3 BIDS FOR THIS ITEM, ADVISED THE QUOTED PRICE, MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM AMERICAN DOOR MASTERS FOR \$2,378.00, WHICH IS LOWEST BID RECEIVED. EDDIE WAITS RECUSED HIMSELF DUE TO FAMILY TIES. SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION, 3 IN FAVOR AND I ABSTAINED FROM VOTING, MOTION PASSED.
- CHRISTMAS BANNERS – MAYOR RAGLAND WENT OVER THE 3 BIDS RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM, MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID OF \$1,473.93 FROM ST. CLAIR SIGN, SKIP GOLDSMITH 2ND THE MOTION. EDDIE WAITS QUESTIONED WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE BANNERS? HE FEELS THAT THE WORDS ON THE BANNERS MIGHT CONFUSE PEOPLE. MAYOR RAGLAND STATED THAT HE TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO WORK WITH LUNCHBOX CREATIVE AND DESIGN THE BANNERS AND KEEP THE SAME THEME “WINTER WONDERLAND” THAT WAS STARTED PREVIOUSLY. ALL IN FAVOR.
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NEW BUSINESS –

REQUEST BY COUNCIL –

MAYOR RAGLAND ADVISED RESIDENTS OF ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. BRANDING FORUM IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AND MEET THE CANDIDATES IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH. MONTH OF NOVEMBER WE HAVE OUR SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 10TH, AND OUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 17TH. HE ALSO WANTED TO THANK ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO ORGANIZED AND HOSTED THE CRUISE INN CAR SHOW, IT WAS A WONDERFUL SHOW WITH A GREAT TURNOUT. EDDIE WAITS PRAISED EVERYONE AS WELL. MAYOR RAGLAND ALSO STATED THAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST, THEY WILL DISCUSS FURTHER AND GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO THE RESIDENTS.

EDDIE WAITS SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO EITHER ORDINANCE OR WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT THE SHOPPING CARTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. THEY ARE ALL OVER AND MAKES TOWN LOOK BAD, AND IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING TO ADDRESS THIS IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO. EDDIE WAITS ALSO STATED THAT HE IS LOOKING INTO A ORDINANCE WITH ANDERSON COUNTY REGARDING DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, WE NEED TO HAVE AN ORDINANCE ADDRESSING THIS. PLANNING ON BRINGING THIS TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. EDDIE ALSO QUESTIONED WHO THE MODERATOR IS GOING TO BE AT “MEET THE CANDIDATES”, WHO PICKED THIS PERSON, CAN WE ELIMINATE THE MODERATOR AND IF WE HAVE SOMEONE IT NEEDS TO BE A PERSON WHO IS BIAS. MAYOR RAGLAND SAID WE CAN DISCUSS IT.

MAYOR RAGLAND MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 7:56 PM, EDDIE WAITS 2ND THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR.