

May 7, 2020

7 pm

Atkinson Town Board Meeting

Attending: Mayor Elton Newkirk, Clerk Margie Craver, Commissioners Dee Turner, Denise Lewis, Gary Alsup, Bryan Stewart and Town Attorney Robert Keenan, Jason Turner Carozell Henry and Jonathan Brewer

Call to order by Mayor Elton Newkirk

Prayer – Gary Alsup

Pledge of Allegiance – All

Minutes –

March 5 2020 – w/ changes Denise Lewis / Brian Stewart – All

March 17, 2020 – Dee Turner / Denise Lewis – All

March 19 2020 – w/ change – Gary Alsup / Denise Lewis – All

Public Comment –

Carozell Henry said Henry St. was a State road and he did not understand why he could not take his tractor trailer down that st. as he had been doing for years. He cannot come down sunset from 53 because of safety. He said he would try to be respectful of people's yards.

Jonathan Brewer –

Wanted any concerns for his property on Linden Ave. to be addressed to him, not to his daughter.

He said that Linden needed repairs and paving.

Water bill issues...Said that previous agreement was not followed and that we should have found out where he moved and sent his bill to him. He still owns the property and the bill has been mailed to the address on the bill. He never came in to change the address or comply with the agreement.

Mr. Henry-

Lights down Sunset are out. Dee and Denise are going to ride around and get a list of light that need repair and give to the clerk to report for repair.

Mayor:

- Expressed that he would like to have the black top re-done at the outdoor basketball court.
- The mayor explained his plans for the baseball field and dugouts. Materials have already been donated and trying to get labor to rebuild.

FD REPORT (See Printed Report)

Clerk Report

- Budget Amendment to existing budget year for purchase of a maintenance vehicle. Money to be moved from the cafeteria budget allotment to the non-recurring vehicle purchase line. Motion by Brian Stewart / Gary Alsup - All
- Motion made to amend existing budget year to reflect \$9000.00 loan to water system to cover unexpected repair costs for 19-20 budget year. Dee Turner / Denise Lewis – All
- Budget Amendment to reflect FEMA reimbursement to existing ordinance. To show as emergency reimbursement for future disaster reimbursement. Denise Lewis / Brian Stewart – All
- Discussion of the water system and it's ability to carry itself financially in the future. Loans to cover the maintenance expenses cannot continue after the next budget year. Robert Keenan explained the financial shortfall due to increasing maintenance costs and the need for a Long Tern Maintenance reserve amount for those unexpected repairs. Clerk is to contact Judy Hunt and ask for a meeting in the near future to discuss options to help manage the water system budget better, such as a new payback amount from the USDA Loan. Grants available etc...?
Send Dee a budget vs actual to see what the water system expense is at this point.
- Clerk explained the need for a Loan amount of \$27,886 to the water system for upcoming 20-21 budget year to cover expenses as well as a \$10,000 line item for Long Term Maintenance item.
- Pender county Rotary club has donated a Book Box for the Town
Denise is going to spearhead some program ideas for the Library

NEW BUSINESS

- Dee Turner and Margie Craver met with GCL Waste and discussed the options for dropping the recycling program and getting dumpsters at different times of the year for larger items and disposal for Town residents.
Pros and cons were discussed as well as cost. Decision to be made at a later date.
- Brian Stewart wanted to know about the standing of the acquisition of the property next door to the FD. Robert Keenan is trying to get part of it donated by one owner.
- Maintenance truck is being picked up Friday
- Board mad a motion to hire Envirolink to maintain the water system as of July 1, 2020. A letter needs to be sent to Leslie Lewis relieving her of her responsibility as water contractor as of June 30th 2020.
Motion by Brian Stewart and second by Gary Alsup to hire Envirolink as the water System maintenance contractor. Clerk is to execute contract information and approval.

9:30 Motion to recess until Monday May 11 at 7pm to interview maintenance applicant and finish budget by Denise Lewis second by Gary Alsup all in favor.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Margie Craver, Town Clerk