

**Open Meeting:**

Clerk-Treasurer – Opened meeting of new council. Completed the following call to order.

**Call to Order:**

Becky Perkins – Council, David Messer – Council, Robin Rinehart – Council, Teresa Hester – Clerk Treasurer, Andy Ebbert – Fire Chief, Brian Vaughn – Maintenance, Brian Pryor – Police Chief, Attorney – Tracy Newhouse

Clerk Treasurer – Open for selectin of Council President. Becky Perkins moved to nominate David Messer for Council President, Robin Rinehart second, motion carried. Council selects David Messer as the Council President. Clerk Treasurer turned meeting over to David Messer newly appointed Council President.

**Minutes** – Approve Minutes from December 30, 2019 Year End meeting. David Messer moves to accept the minutes, Becky Perkins second motion carried.

**Guests –**

- Chris Ross – CGS Trash Service would like to extend our contract with CGS for another 2 years. Discussion on questions/concerns. Would like to limit the number of toters to 3. Chris will send agreement to CT to be presented at the next council meeting.
- Stephanie Longworth is present observing meeting
- Charlie Petro requesting use of the park for the Mudd Bogg on June 13, 2020. Council wishes to take this under consideration due to this event is damaging to the park grounds.
- Resident had complaint about dogs in their yard. The Police Dept. will look into the matter

**Department Head Reports:**

Utilities – Nicole Alexander

- Lien on property at 101 Illinois Street. Clerk Treasurer (CT) reported that Lien wasn't paid correctly. The utilities need to send check to Hancock County Treasurer for the amount of Lien due to customer paying Utility Office. In addition, there are penalties that are not the owners fault CT requesting to pay the penalty as well. David Messer moved to pay all of the Lien. Becky Perkins second, motion carried.

Fire – Andy Ebbert Fire Chief

- No longer using Town Maintenance old pick-up for Grass Truck
- Hired a Mason to do repairs to the south wall of the Fire Station for stability. This is being done after the old Southend Bar had been removed, found the wall not to be as stable as should be. Department is paying \$11,500.00 for repairs to this wall. Using department funds
- Hancock County Communications is purchasing twenty new pagers for the Fire Dept.
- Gave year-end report
- Updated new council members on the Shirley/Wilkinson EMS Service. EMS Committee are in process of voting to dissolve the Interlocal agreement with Wilkinson. Wilkinson Council would like to have a Council to Council meeting. This process is being looked into due to the lack of participation from Wilkinson. The percentage of involvement from each town is 90/10. The proposal would be to split the funds in accordance with the participation. Shirley 90%, Wilkinson 10%. The agreement has to be approved by both towns.

Maintenance – Brian Vaughn

- Hired James Satterfield for part-time maintenance (25 hours per week)

- Quotes for a new overhead door in the maintenance building to replace the barn style sliding door. David Messer moved to approve the insulated garage door at a cost of \$1700.00. Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.
- Auto Dialer – Needs 2 people to add to caller list. Becky Perkins and Robin Rinehart will be on the call list. If it gets to this point they have a list of who to call.

Police – Brian Pryor Police Chief

- Need to purchase ammo. McCordsville PD has offered 3000 rounds of 45 cal. Ammo and magazine pouches included. Dave Messer moved to purchase, Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.
- Requesting Town cell phones for Chief and Assistant. Cost is \$39 per line with \$1 cost of phone. Clerk Treasurer asked if it is possible to also add a maintenance phone. Chief Pryor stated it could be used for this as well. Council ask funding, thought is to use funds from the General Fund for the phones, maintenance could come out of water/wastewater. David Messer moved to purchase 3 phones for the PD and Maintenance. Second Becky Perkins, motion carried 3-0.
- Josh Miller request vacation Oct. 5-8. In addition: Josh would like to use his second week by using 5 Sundays throughout the summer. Dave Messer moved, Becky Perkins second motion carried 3-0.
- Requesting to purchase a new evidence kit. Cost is \$390.00. Dave Messer moved to purchase, Robin Rinehart second, motion carried 3-0

Town Clerk/Treasurer – Teresa Hester

- Fund Report
- Accountability – report of hours worked
- Review of changes in Employee Handbook
- Reminder that all vacations hourly/salary are to be scheduled and approved 30 days in advance.
- Approval of conflict of interest. Dave Messer moved to approve, Robin Rinehart second, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Unsafe Buildings – person to oversee, Ordinance states that council may appoint a person. Jason Faucet and Eric Allen were recommended. Dave Messer will talk to Jason Faucet.
- Wilkinson/Shirley Trail update. Some property owners are not willing to cooperate in the trail running along the old railroad property. This option is now being dropped. In talking with Greenfield and the Stellar Grant we are working toward a trail that connects the Octagon House with the Shirley Park. The grant is called the “Health and Heritage”.
- Park – Shelter House; – Mold Retention quotes. Roof needing fixed. Looking at options to do in early Spring. We currently have one quote. Looking for a company to give another quote. Brian Vaughn maintenance stated there is a lot of work to do on the ceiling and lighting on the inside of the Shelter House. Need new faucets in the restrooms.

**New Business:**

- Nepotism – Dave moved to accept Resolution 0113-2020, Robin Rinehart second, motion carried 3-0
- Appoint Vice President – Dave Messer nominated Becky Perkins, Robin Rinehart second, motion carried 3-0
- DJ Davis requesting to have a “meet and greet” in February or March (either a Sat. morning w/donuts or Sat evening w/desserts.) Hancock County Democrats have inquired about a meeting room to rent. Council agreed the Town Hall could be used for a meet and greet.

**Claims:**

- Approve Payroll Allowance Dockets. Dave Messer moved to approve, Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0

- Approve Claims to be paid. Dave Messer moved to approve, Becky Perkins second, motion carried 3-0.

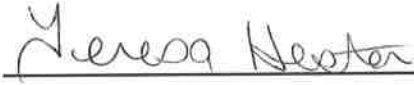
**Adjourn:**

Dave Messer closed the council meeting.



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**David Messer (Council President)**



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**Teresa Hester (Clerk/Treasurer)**