



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room

February 9, 2017

February 16, 2017

Town Council Meeting

7:00 PM

MINUTES

The Council Meeting scheduled for February 9 was rescheduled due to a blizzard. The meeting was held the following Thursday, February 16, 2017.

*** Televised live on Cable Channel 121.111 ***

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

Councilor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Anne Freeman, Steve Thomas, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyder and Steve Watson

Members Absent: **

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson, Sgt. Pelletier, Jim Keiser, Scott Perkins, Randy Gardner, Byron Ogden and Andy Witham

IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:



MINUTES. -APPROVE November 17, 2016, January 12, 2017 and January 26, 2017

WARRANTS. -SIGN February 10, 2017

Councilor Freeman moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 5 Yeas. Councilors Sinclair and Ellis absent.
The motion carries.

** Councilor Ellis arrived to the Council Meeting at 7:02pm.

** Councilor Sinclair arrived to the Council Meeting at 7:04pm.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1. **Hear and Consider Public Comment regarding proposed zone change for Annis Road, Map 33 Lot 6.**

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:03pm. He requested comments from those in attendance for or against the proposed zone change. Jim Keiser who represents Gary Pomeroy Logging informed the Council and those in attendance that the surrounding acreage is all Residential A & B. This request is being made because there are plans for a future subdivision on this land and it makes sense to convert the land to Residential A. The public hearing closed at 7:05pm.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

#2. **Consider approving Zone Change for Map 33 Lot 6 – Annis Road.**

The Town Manager explained that Gary Pomeroy Logging, Inc. is seeking a Contract Zone to change the zoning of their property known as Map 33 Lot 6 on the Annis Road from Agricultural to Residential A for the entire 95 acres. He told how there is a 60 foot right of way off the Annis Road. If approved the property would be subdivided into lots. How many lots are unknown at this time.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve R16-17-57. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-57 is attached for review.)**



#3. Consider approving 3 road names for proposed subdivision on Annis Road.

Manager Kroll informed the Council that if the subdivision is approved it will have three streets. Stone Farm Drive starts at the Annis Road intersection, Orchard Drive will be a left turn off Stone Farm Drive and Harvest Lane will be a right turn off Stone Farm Drive. These roads names have been approved by the USPS.

Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-58. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-58 is attached for review.)**

B. NEW BUSINESS

#4. Consider approving Police Department equipment purchase.

Sgt. Pelletier requested authorization from the Council for the purchase of three Stalker Dual Radars. The radars will be paid for from the Police Equipment Reserve as previously approved and appropriated at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR16-17-51. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-51 is attached for review.)**

C. WORKSHOPS

#5. Review of 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Plan

Manager Kroll reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2017-2018 with the Council. Three increases that were discussed include Police Equipment, Fire Equipment and Jackson Beach.

The Police Equipment Reserve will be reimbursed for the totaled cruiser.

The Fire Equipment Reserve increase will allow for a more appropriate level of funding with regard to the life span of our equipment and future demands; including a new Cascade System.

The Jackson Beach Reserve increase will cover the costs of the two projects planned for this summer. Those projects include vegetation control and the installation of a guardrail.

Discussion took place regard the funding and use of various accounts, including: Sewer Maintenance Reserve, Snows Corner Reserve and the Fire Department Equipment Reserve. The discussion included a significant amount of conversation regarding the purchase of a new cruiser and the Fire Department's need for a more suitable Chief car.

#6. Discuss Business Loan Subsidy Program

Scott Perkins told how a lot of work has gone in to the Economic Development Plan. Part of that plan includes the opportunity to help our businesses be as independent as possible. He explained



the Business Loan Subsidy Program will pay part of the interest on development loans for participating businesses in Hermon. Mr. Perkins has worked this plan out with Camden Nation Bank who is also a Hermon business. He told how we would be the first community to offer such a program. One annual payment to the bank from our TIF account will pay for the subsidies. Councilor Thomas assisted in explaining the details of how this program could work.

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

None

X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

MONDAY was the worst storm we have seen in a while. Thank you to the Public Works Department, the Fire Department and Gardner Construction for your service on Monday.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Snyder asked about the high banks in the island at the intersection of Route #2 and Billings Road. Manager Kroll stated that Randy Gardner plans to move the snow on Saturday morning at 5am.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Snyder moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. **Councilor Sinclair** seconded the motion. With no objection the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM
Town Clerk