

Meeting minutes of Town Council on 5-3-11  
As reviewed, approved, and accepted by the Town Council on June 7, 2011

Mayor Oland called the regular Town Council meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Council Members Jim Ruspi, Charles Bradsher, Dave Preusch and Dan Prats were present. The Clerk and Treasurer were present. There were four citizens present.

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting on April 3, 2011 were approved as submitted. The minutes of the Public Hearing to consider the Forest Conservation and Reforestation ordinance were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mayor Oland reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for the month of April, 2011. Real property tax in the amount of \$660 and public utility income of \$15,487 brought the total income to \$16,364. Major expenses for April, 2011 were \$2,578 for Legal Expenses with total expenses being \$4,406. Total General Fund net income for the month of April, 2011 was \$11,958. Looking at the Balance Sheet for the month of April, 2011 the fund balance for the general fund is \$577,259; for the CIP account, the balance is \$179,473. The total fund balance for the Town of Laytonville for the month of April, 2011 is \$1,262,229.

Council Member Dave Preusch made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2011 subject to audit. Council Member Dan Prats seconded.

**Unanimously approved.**

Discussion/Action Items:

Election Results: Mayor Oland shared the results of the May 2 election. Council Member Dan Prats was elected mayor with 28 votes. Council Member Dave Preusch was re-elected as a Council Member with 25 votes. Josh Pomeroy was elected to the Council with 26 votes.

Employee Compensation: Mayor Oland stated that an oversight had been made in the employee compensation figures that were presented in the April meeting. The figures for Chris Wilkinson and Mike Ryan did include the 6% increase. Mayor Oland proposed that the resolution be amended to reflect the increase for all employees.

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Parade: The annual parade will be held on May 21 at 11:30. Mayor Oland will be honored as Grand Marshal. The Town Council will also participate.

Work Session: There will not be a work session on 5/17/11.

Town Beautification: Mayor Oland commented about the efforts of Chris Wilkinson to get flowers planted in front of the gas station. He encouraged everyone to let the McNaughton's know that it looks nice.

Lawn Treatment: Mayor Oland noted that Complete Lawn had treated the grass at the Town Hall.

Town Flag: Mayor Oland thanked Jill Ruspi and Michele Shortley for their work on the town flag. Following the April meeting, they incorporated some green into the outline of the design. The flag will be used in the Parade of Flags at the MML convention in July.

MML Convention: Mayor Oland stated that Mayor Elect Dan Prats will attend the MML convention. This will be the first time the Town has had participation at the convention in a very long time. The Town will pay for gas, meals and a night's lodging.

Actions:

Council Member Dave Preusch made the motion to close the record on the amendments to the Forest Conservation and Reforestation ordinance. Mayor Oland seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

Council Member Dave Preusch made the motion to approve the amendments to the Forest Conservation and Reforestation ordinance. Council Member Jim Ruspi seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

Council Member Dan Prats made the motion to approve the revised Resolution for Employee Compensation to reflect the 6% increase for all employees. Council Member Jim Ruspi seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

Council Member Dan Prats made the motion to amend the budget to accommodate for an increase in snow removal costs up to \$20,000 and to adjust the wages resulting in a net profit of \$22,800. Council Member Charles Bradsher seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

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Council:

Comprehensive Plan: Council Member Dave Preusch noted that progress is being made on the Comprehensive Land Plan. Revisions should be presented in July.

Energy Grant: Council Member Dan Prats stated that the Energy Grant had been approved to insulate the basement and attic in the Town Hall.

Town Sign: Pete Stadler stated the town sign on the south end of Rt. 108 is placed on top of a Washington gas line, making it dangerous to work on. WSSC said that they would re-install the sign when they complete installation of the water line. If the sign falls over before that time, it will come to Town Hall until WSSC is ready to install it.

WSSC: The contract for the water line project is due to be awarded in mid May. WSSC is in the process of scheduling a community meeting.

Citizens:

Jill Ruspi commented about the amount of trash and debris that has accumulated in the lots across from her residence on Brink Road. The area is difficult to clean up due to poison ivy, fallen trees and ground hog holes. Mayor Oland noted that the 'Adopt a Road' program had been discontinued by the county.

Council Member Jim Ruspi asked about the speed camera. Council Member Dan Prats noted that he thought it had slowed down the traffic. Council Member Charles Bradsher commented that when the cameras are not present, the speed crept back up. Mayor Oland commented that the county rotates the cameras periodically. Additionally, the police officers do set up radar at Maple Knoll to help slow down traffic through town.

Council Member Jim Ruspi comment that Montgomery County had passed the .05 bag tax.

Council Member Charles Bradsher made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Dave Preusch seconded. **Unanimously approved.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Dillingham  
Clerk  
May 3, 2011