

Town of Sullivan
Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2020 at 6:30pm
Town Hall-N3866 West Street, Sullivan

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman Scott Buth.
- II. **Roll Call:** Chairman Scott Buth, Supervisor Gary Jackson, Supervisor Barry Boos, Clerk Dawn Lynn, and Treasurer Shirley Boos were all present.
- III. **Verification of Proper Notice:** The meeting notice/agenda was published on the Town website, on the board at the Town Hall by Clerk, Dawn Lynn.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** A Motion was made by Supervisor Boos and 2nd by Supervisor Jackson to approve minutes from the Regular November meeting. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- V. **Reports & Correspondence:**
 - A. **Treasurer's Report:** Shirley Boos read the Treasurer report. Monthly revenues and invoices were reviewed by the Board Members and a motion was made by Supervisor Jackson and 2nd by supervisor Boos to approve the report and the payment of the bills. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**

Account Balances

General Acct	85,137.49
Money Market Acct	252,184.93
Capital Expenditure	57,822.90
Summer Hill Park Fund	7097.08
Tax Acct – Checking	868.57
Cemetery Perpetual Care Savings	6,604.67
Cemetery Savings	6,719.36
Cemetery Perpetual Care CD	9,779.78
Cemetery Savings Premier	9,033.08
Cemetery Savings CD Associated	15,859.15
Cemetery Saving CD Plot Sales	15,242.37

- B. **Fire District Report:** No one was present to give the Fire District report.
- C. **Road Report:** Denny reported that brushing roads are still going on. Froelich Road is done, and they are working on Staude and Hardscrabble Road will be next. They want to get the site ready for the new lean-to building by grading some of the ground. One of the plow trucks needed to be fixed so that was done and they are ready to go for snow. Mud Tech will be coming out tomorrow to look at the tree project at the Mill and give us a quote.
- D. **Clerk Correspondence**

- 1. An email was received from a Town resident regarding the proposed junk vehicle ordinance. The email was read aloud:
I am reaching out to express my concern about the proposed 'junk vehicle' ordinance that will be voted on during the December 1, 2020 town meeting. I live in the Summer Hill subdivision and have two teenage sons that have been working on project vehicles. The vehicles and parts are stored outside of an outbuilding in our backyard and are actively being used. The strict ordinance being proposed will prevent them from continuing this work, as there is not room in our shop for the parts and the vehicles that they are working on. As a parent, I am frustrated by the ordinance because this is exactly the kind of thing that I want my kids doing in their free time. As a taxpaying homeowner, I am frustrated because my husband and I would prefer to be the ones to decide what belongs in our backyard, not the town board. I am not suggesting that there should be no limitations, as I understand that there are properties that have been neglected or contain trailers, vehicles, tractors, etc. that should be better maintained. However, setting such severe restrictions on only vehicles and vehicle parts does little to address true property issues in our town. For example,

the boarded-up house across from Pickets does more to impact the health, safety and welfare of our town than the trucks in my backyard.

My husband and I are not available to attend the meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, however I am asking that you consider voting no to the proposed 'junk vehicle' ordinance as it is written. Please contact me if you have any questions.

E. Chairman Correspondence

1. Chairman received correspondence from Matt Zengl from Zoning regarding a resident in Prairie Ridge Subdivision whose property is adjacent to the wetland and original rough grading and the subdivision has a ridge that cuts his land in ½. He is asking if the ridge can be removed if he blends the yard creates a buffer zone to the wetland. Denny will be meeting with the resident and take a look at what he wants to do and the Board can decide in a few months.

F. EMS Report: Chief Brad Bowen was not in attendance to give a report.

G. Planning Committee Report: John Kannard said they had a meeting and their agenda items will be discussed in new business.

H. Cemetery: Sexton Kent Hoffman said that Dan The Tree Man looked at a few cemeteries to start removing some brush and trees. 48 grave sites have been laid out at Riverview. Clerk Lynn stated that she received a request from a resident to look into the rodent problem and the digging they have been doing near some headstones. Denny said that Andy had put some live traps up there in hopes to trap whatever animal is digging.

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible approval of multiple requests from Roger & Betty Strike Trust at W1882 and W1701 County Road CI:** After discussion, Chairman Buth made a motion and Supervisor Jackson 2nd to approve the requests. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- B. Discussion and possible approval of request to rezone from Achim and Hope Tauch for A-1 to A-3 at W863 Froelich Road:** There was discussion by the Board and Supervisor Jackson made a motion with Supervisor Boos 2nd to approve the rezone request. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0**
- C. Discussion and possible approval of Contractual Services Agreement with Village of Sullivan:** This is a yearly contract with the Village to cover sections 1, 2, and 12 for Fire Services at a cost of \$4,723.07. Supervisor Boos made a motion and Supervisor Jackson 2nd to approve the contract. **MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

VII. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible approval of Junk Vehicle Ordinance:** There were several residents present that discussed the fact that they believe the ordinance as written is too strict, and wondered why we can't simply use the County's Ordinance. Supervisors Jackson and Boos said they have been contacted by several residents that feel it's too strict as well. Chairman Buth explained that his intent is not to go after any teenagers that have "work in progress" vehicles, however to go after vehicles that haven't been moved in years and has grass growing around it. John Kannard questioned whether the Town has zoning powers since the County took that over. Chairman Buth explained 2 years ago we passed an ordinance giving us Village Powers, so we do have that authority. He also said that the County has been asked before to take care of issues like this and has not resolved anything. He feels that the Town Operations Manager maybe should be in charge of policing this. After discussion, it was decided by the Board to put this on hold for now, and the Town Operations Manager will focus on some of the very old, non-running vehicles and turning them into the County Zoning Department to see if they will take care of it.

VIII. Hearing from Citizens: NONE

IX. Other Non-Action Items: NONE

X. Set next Town meeting: The January 2021 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30pm.

XI. Adjourn: Supervisor Boos made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Supervisor Jackson 2nd at 7:13pm ***MOTION CARRIED 3-0***

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Lynn, Clerk