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**Name of Meeting: Business Meeting**

**Date 05/28/2024 Called to Order: 7:00PM**

**Location: Gosport Community Building**

**ROLES**

Chair: Marian McGee

Minutes prepared by: Donnie Hall

**Attendees:**

Marian McGee, Ernie Arnold, Michael Miller, Terry English

Absent

TOPIC	KEY POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION	OPEN ACTION LOG REFERENCE #
<p><b>1. Approval of May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes</b></p>	<p>Marian made a motion to approve the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	
<p><b>2 Approval of May 28th bills to pay.</b></p>	<p>Marian made a motion to pay the May 28th bills to pay. Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	
<p><b>3 Water</b></p>	<p>1 Update; 2 Consumer Confidence Report; Marian made a motion to proceed with Wendy's recommendation and Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Will be posted on the town web site and posted at the bank, post office and town hall. Copies can be picked up if wanted.</p>	
<p><b>4 Sewer</b></p>	<p>1 Update; .</p>	
<p><b>5 Street</b></p>	<p>1 Update; Scott had a list of signs he needed and ask if it was ok to order them in his report. Marian made a motion to order the signs and Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. 2</p>	
<p><b>6 Fire Dept.</b></p>	<p>1 Update; Brian gave an update; Marian made a motion to recess from the regular meeting and have an A D A meeting. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and motion carried 3 to 0. Larry told the council that they would need to run an ad once a year listing improvements made. The town will have to have at least</p>	

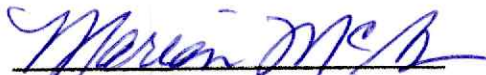
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	<p>one meeting per year. Also if anyone feel's discriminated against they should fill out complaint forms available at the town hall. Larry asked if the council wanted him to continue being the A D A administrator. After a short discussion Marian told him that they had someone else interested in the position. With noting else to discuss Marian made a motion to return to the regular meeting and Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.</p>	
<p><b>7 Old Business</b></p>	<p>1.Vehicles surplus; After a short discussion Marian made a motion to have Terry English auction the three vehicles off on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P M at the fire dept located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main. Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.                  2 Burnt house on west North St.; Terry needs a street address for the property.                  3 Town Wide Clean-up; Put feelers out and report at the next council meeting.</p>	
<p><b>8 New Business</b></p>	<p>1 Work orders; Troy will start turning them in.                  2 Raises; Council discussed the superintendent position. Questions were asked about what was not getting done that needed to be done by the two part time workers? Other concerns were talked about and in the end the council decided to give raises to the part time workers. There pay would increase from 17.16 per hour to 18.90. After considering the additional work in the clerks office relating to the rehab projects the council decided to raise the deputy clerk from 15.60 per hour to 17.84 per hour. Michael made a motion for the 3 raises. Ernie asked if the town could come up with the money to support the raises? Clerk told the council that if they didn't fill the superintendents position they would have money available for the raises. Ernie then 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. Mike Burke told the council he felt like if the council had an opportunity to save money it should and not spend it on raises just because there was some budgeted money not being spent. Jan Torgerson asked how two months ago the council was going to cut the deputy clerk to three days a week because they didn't have money to pay her but now they were looking at approximately 6.00 dollars an hour increase in pay for the 3 employees. The clerk told Jan that was a good question and that the town was paying 22.40 per hour for a forty hour full time employee that was not going to be replaced at the present time. With the raises the town will be saving 16.00 plus per hour. Plus there is other savings happening with just having the two part time employees. If at a later time they reconsider and decide to hire a full time employee they will have to make considerations to make the numbers work that is budgeted. Mr. English asked if the town was paying taxes on the two part time employees? Clerk replied yes. Mr. English waned to be sure we were treating them as employees and not contractors and doing 1099s at the end of the year.                  3 Larry Norman has concerns about the house south of the shelter house. It has not been mowed this year and he thinks rodents are an issue. He was told that there are several properties in the town limits that are being looked at for violation letters.                  4 It was brought to the council's attention about a dangerous tree located at 14 South 4<sup>th</sup> street. Mr. Patton has offered to drop the tree for three hundred dollars with the town being responsible for cleaning up the brush and wood. All three council members had looked at the tree prior to the meeting. Ernie made a motion to have the tree taken down with the town cleaning it up. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	


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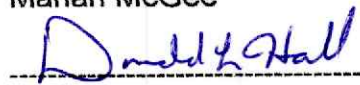
<p><b>9 Citizens</b></p>	<p>1 Craig Brighton asked the council who had insurance for the lazy days festival. No one in attendance knew for sure but the clerk said the town does not have a rider for the event. Marian made a motion to make sure the Lazy Days has coverage before allowing the festival. I am not sure if Ernie or Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion but the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed by the council.</p> <p>2 Jan Torgersen thanked those responsible for putting the flags around town on the light poles. ( Lions Club see's that they are put up)</p> <p>3 Sheri Payne was present and told the council that she recently had to replace her 4 year old hot water heater, washer and water softener. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> water heater since 2005. While the issue was discussed the council took no action on the matter.</p> <p>4 Ron Neibel requested a work order be created to replace bulbs or repair the new street lights in the downtown area. Marian made a motion to get them fixed and Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.</p> <p>5 Clerk requested a work order to put a flag at the town hall. Marian made a motion to install a new flag and Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3to 0.</p>	
	<p>With no other business Marian made a motion to adjourn and Ernie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	

**Approval:**

  
Marian McGee

  
Ernie Arnold

  
Michael Miller

  
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Attest Don Hall Clerk