

MINUTES

Name of Meeting: Business Meeting

Location: Gosport Community Building

Date 12/23/2025

Roles Chair: Marian McGee

Minutes prepared by Donnie Hall

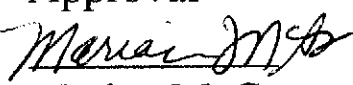
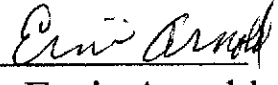
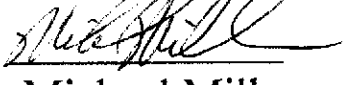
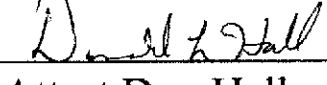
Attendes : Marian McGee, Michael Miller, *Ernie Arnold*

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TOPIC	KEY POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION	OPEN
1 Approval of November 25 th minutes	Marian made a motion to approve the November 25 th meeting minutes, Ernie 2 nd the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.	
2 Approval of the December 23rd bills to pay.	Marian made a motion to pay the December 23 rd bills to pay, Michael 2 nd the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0.	
3 Water	1Update; water is running good and the fence is up. 2 3	
4 Sewer	1 Update; The previous Thursday IDEM had 3 inspectors here and another one was here today. Should have a report around the first of the week. 2 Still waiting on an estimate to install the skimmer arm.	
5 Street	Update; 2	
6 Fire Dept.	1Update; 2	

7 Old Bus.	1 Salary ordinance; Salary ordinance includes a 3% increase for the employees and no increase for the clerk and council. Marian made a motion to approve the ordinance and Ernie 2nd the Motion carried 3 to 0. 2 2026 Holiday Schedule; Holiday schedule presented was the same as 2025. Marian made a motion to approve and Ernie 2nd the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. 3 Meeting schedule; Two schedules were presented. One had 2nd and 4th Tuesdays every month and the other had 2nd Tuesday of the month for Jan, Feb, March, Oct, Nov and Dec and two meetings for April, May, June, July, August and September. After a short discussion it was decided to go with one meeting a month and this would be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Ernie made a motion to meet once a month on the 3rd Tuesday and Marian 2nd the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.	
8 New Bus.	1 Resolution to retire outstanding checks more than two years old; Marian made a motion to approve the resolution and Michael 2nd the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. 2 Resolution for yearend transfers; Michael made a motion to approve the yearend transfers Resolution and Marian 2nd the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. 3 Letter of concern; (See attached letter to these minutes) After discussing the letter and confirming funds were available for reimbursement Marian made a motion to approve the proposal of 250.00 per month reimbursement and Michael 2nd the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.	
Citizens	1 Linda Studer Wayne Township Trustee was present and informed the council that the township has hired an attorney and has several issues with the contract and would like to meet with the council in a work session. A February 6th meeting was set at 4:00 PM at Terry English office. (Meeting may have to be relocated due to limited space)	
Adjourn	With no other business Marian made a motion to adjourn and Michael 2nd the motion, Motion carried 3 to 0,	

Approval

Marian McGee

Ernie Arnold

Michael Miller

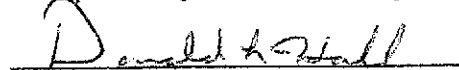
Attest Don Hall

To the Gosport Town Council;

I have an issue that I believe should be addressed by this council. I am sure that you all can remember back to 2023 when the previous council decided to hire a full-time utility clerk. Put aside all the hostilities during that time and think about my issue. I was trying to work on the 2024 budget and there were questions about the full-time utility clerk getting health insurance. When I approached the council at the time with the question, I was told that was my agenda. After explaining I needed to know so it could be figured in to the budget I was told yes, she is getting insurance. (She was present in the meeting as were other town citizens) I contacted Jay Henson the agent and after getting several questions it was clear to me that a work session was needed for the council to decide what type and how much or what percentage the town would pay verses employee. After advising the previous council about a work session they failed to ever schedule one or to see that the employee received health insurance after being promised.

It is my belief that the employee in question has obtained a disaster type health policy in the meantime. I would like to propose that the town reimburse up to \$250.00 per month for this expense or any health related expense. While this is very minimal it is a starting point and hopefully in next year's budget we can do considerably better. After being here a little over two years and three months she has become an asset to the community with her eagerness to learn and her knowledge of the computer and its programs. She has never complained about not getting any insurance but when an employer promises something they should deliver on that promise.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Donald L Hall Town Clerk