Town of North Hills

Council meeting minutes

March 14th, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat McDonnell at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna. Present: Pat McDonnell, Don Stemple, Regina Smith, Kathrine Pittman, Cheney English (call in), Fred Newberry. Absent: Rachel Hensley.

Also, in attendance (sewer board member Joe Lambert) and lawyer David Hanna representing our town on the Northridge sewer project. Town residents in attendance:

Prudence Crouser 14 Brentwood Drive

Jane Queen 14 Brentwood Drive

Becky Stemple 127 North Hills Drive

Tom Zawatsky 105 Crestwood Drive

Paul Burke 107 Oakwood Place

Barb Spencer 118 Crestwood Drive

Dave Cook 104 Linwood place.

Jason Henthorn 144 North Hills Drive

Peggy Burton-Ols 36 Brentwood Drive

**Minutes**

Don Stemple made a motion to approve the February 22nd minutes as amended, seconded by Kathrine Pittman, approved by council.

**Safety**

Cheney English gave a presentation on eye safety.

[**Eye Safety Month**](http://vtools.honeycomb.net/Public/vMail/ViewArticle.aspx?id=804&newsletterId=1096&subscriberId=104691&randomId=n8JQs6f2FS)

More than 2,000 eye injuries occur on the job site every day and about one in 10 of them require missed work days to recover. Of the total amount of work-related eye injuries, 10 to 20 percent will cause temporary or permanent vision loss in the affected employees.

And, while many people think that eye injuries primarily occur in manufacturing, construction or trade jobs, nearly 40 percent of work-related eye injuries occur in offices, healthcare facilities, laboratories and similar environments.

Flying objects, tools, particles, chemicals and harmful radiation, are the causes of most eye injuries. And in many cases, implementing safe work practices and utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment could prevent them entirely.

March is Workplace Eye Safety Awareness Month and that is why we are taking this opportunity to remind you of a few tips to help protect your eyes while on the job.

* **Always wear the appropriate safety eyewear for your job site or role, even if you are just passing through a hazardous area.**
* **If working in an area with particles or dust, be sure to wear safety glasses with side shields to protect against flying objects.**
* **When working with chemicals, always wear safety goggles or face shields to protect against splashing.**
* **When working around hazardous radiation like welding, lasers or fiber optics, be sure to use special-purpose safety goggles and helmets designed specifically for the task.**

So remember - something as simple as putting on a pair of safety glasses can prevent serious eye injuries. These injuries are painful, cause many lost workdays and sometimes lead to permanent vision loss. So during the month of March, and year round, remember to wear your safety glasses!

**Recorder’s report**

The town paid CEC $63,000 to cover half of the cost of the sewer study conducted over the last 2 years. We will be making monthly payments as agreed until paid in full.

Paid the 142 residence $501.28 to cover expenses incurred from the sewer excursion.

Paid the surveyor $2,500 for the Northridge housing survey.

The town has eighteen residents who have not paid their street user fees. Late notices were sent out reminding them that a lien will be placed on their property if not paid by April 15th.

The town received a $28,176.99 check from the county (taxes).

Shared account balances:

Parks and recreation - $37,988.60

Coal severance - $4,457.80

Fiscal recovery funds - $20,702.75

Sewer - $53,009.10

Street user fee - $ 106,205.56

General - $ 113,674.51

**Building permits**

N/A

**Committee updates**

 **Recent Sewer repair**

1 – February 19th: 142 NH Drive – found filler foam in line

2 – March 9th, 11th 114 and 118 Crestwood Drive – filler foam in line

3 – Found two buried manholes on Crestwood – Union Williams to place risers to protrude above ground. There was a lot of discussion around what we as residents can do to support the sewer board. Council is very much in favor and will support those stepping up to offer their ideas and services.

**North Ridge housing road access**

**David Hannah (lawyer representing the town on North Ridge Project) gave an update on the North Ridge sewer system case.**

1. History – The town signed a contract in 2003 to manage the North Ridge housing sewer system which requires a road at a projected cost of $45,000 to access their sewer system for maintenance and any repairs. The town contracted a surveyor to perform a survey to determine the boundaries. The survey was conducted at a cost of $2,500. A right of way needs to be given for the town to build the road. The town feels it is the responsibility of the North Ridge housing association to provide the right of way. A hearing was held, and the judge will render a decision on April 11th, 2024.

**CEC Engineering**

1. A sewer study was conducted by CEC engineering which cost the town $126,000.
2. Joe Lambert (sewer board member) gave a brief presentation on the state of our sewer infrastructure derived from the CEC study. There was a discussion as to getting the town involved and Joe is using Facebook to solicit more involvement from the town.
3. The town paid $63,000 to CEC for the study with the balance to be paid monthly at the recommendation of our town legal.
4. Pat presented the study agreement for review.

**Parking on North Hills drive**

The mayor stated that North Hills drive is not an extension of our driveway. We will continue to monitor parking practices.

**Speeding**

There was a discussion about how to manage speeders in our town. In the past the sheriff mentioned that most speeders were from the town. Ideas to control speeders were entertained from using electronic speed signs to using the sheriff's patrol. The sheriff reported in the past that they do not have the resources to patrol our town. The mayor mentioned that it would cost $200 per month per family to hire a patrol service. There was mentioned that we purchase a traffic cam and issue tickets.

**Roads**

A question was asked when the maintenance of our roads was to be done. The mayor mentioned that it would be after August when the second round of street user fees kicked in. It was mentioned that the road canopy needed to be trimmed on North Hills drive.

Kathrine Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45, seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council. The next regular meeting will be at the 36th street Church of Christ building in Vienna, March 28th at 7PM.