



207 Main St. Leipsic, DE 19901

Leipsic Town Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Leipsic Town Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:05 pm at Leipsic Town Hall, 207 Main Street, Leipsic, Delaware. In attendance were Council members, Mayor Martha Wilkinson, Treasurer Josh Miller, Acting Secretary Donna Ortelli and Council Members Jim Fox and Mike Parenzan. Vice-Mayor Lois Poppett was absent.

Mayor Martha Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the previous Council meeting dated 7/17/223, were read silently, then a motion was made to accept and was approved with Donna Ortelli abstaining.

Guests: Mark Stallman- discussion regarding placement of shed on property owned by the Glockley's and rented by Mr. Stallman. The Mozick's are contesting the placement of the shed alleging that it is too close to their property line. Discussion ensued and it was determined that a letter of variance between the Mozick's and the Stallman's to allow the shed to remain at its current placement. A motion to grant the variance was made and passed.

Building/ Land use Applications & Permits: None

Council Members' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The reports were read by Treasurer Josh Miller and were approved as read. A discussion about the budget for 2023-2024, specifically about the possibility of expenses going up and the budget not enough to carry these additional expenses, which are estimated to be around \$1500.00. Discussion about raising taxes, and/or cutting out the "town" internet were brought up. No decisions or actions were made. Treasurer Miller did request a move of \$20,000.00 from the checking to a regular savings account.

Tax Collector Report: Read by Treasurer Josh Miller as Tax Collector Cathy Manley was not present; Approved unanimously as read. A discussion ensued regarding Tax Collector Manley not performing her job, due to her inability to operate a computer. It was determined that she should not be paid her stipend for this past 6 months. A motion was made and seconded to not pay Cathy Manley for reasons of non-performance of her job as tax collector. A discussion was brought up about the possibility of a volunteer tax collector. No decision was made.

Planning Commission Report: Report by Brian Geller was read and approved as read.

Other Reports:

Town Ordinance Committee, consisting of Mike Parenzan, Jim Fox and Josh Miller will meet on Saturday 9/16 @ 8:00am to review town ordinances.

Mayor's Report:

- Doris Young- December 26th or Jan 2nd meeting. Tabled until November meeting
- Ed Strout – Mayor of Little Creek – had a meeting in July and decided that it was too expensive to put in speed cameras.
- Two certified letters were sent to two property owners regarding grass too tall.



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- Ditch on Rt 42- West street to Rt 9 grass needs to be cut. Austin's Lawn care will now cut that piece of land. Motion for amendment to include into the July 2023 meeting minutes the cutting of ditch on state property by Austin's Lawn Care.
- Letters need to go to each household on the west side of Rt 9 informing them of no street parking. Debbie McKeever volunteered to create a map and send a friendly informative letter to each household.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of previous approval by the committee in purchasing tables, chairs and a large screen TV and cart from State of Delaware Surplus Store. The total amount spent was \$350.00. (\$200.00 for table and chairs + \$100.00 for the large screen TV and rolling Cart

The Leipsic Fire Company is asking for a \$28K refund from the Town of Leipsic. Funding was scheduled for the Fire Company truck to be purchased using funds from the Community Transportation Fund. A change was made and the purchase funding came from the Mini Bond bill sponsored by Rep. Bill Carson. Paperwork needs to be kept on file for an audit from DelDot.

Linda Mozick spoke about the pine trees around the town hall as having a disease. She will contact a tree expert to see if they can be treated or need to be cut down.

With no other business, the next town meeting was set for November 6, 2023, at 7pm, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna E. Ortelli, Acting Secretary