

Town of Dresden  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 9, 2024  
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Town Clerk Wilbur

Absent: Coun. Brown, Highway Super. Hobus

Attendance: Warren Gordon, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times

Sup. Tall called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by COun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

Continuing Business: Sewer The test holes still need to be dug and Labella's is handling the contract with DT Enterprises to dig them. At this time if there no update. The pump station located near the Carter household is shut down and currently the Eliseo's are still staying at their home so the pump station will need to be watched to make sure it doesn't overflow. There is no update from Patrick Keenan with reports from the DEC. Sup. Tall would like to meet with the Schultze's to discuss the garage project and will reach out to them soon. The town will accept whatever Labella's determines in regard to the garage project.

New Business: Resolution #43-2024 titled **Authorization and Adoption of Sewer Lateral Permit**

**Requirement** to allow the Sewer Superintendent to sign off on sewer projects in the sewer districts and for them to manage connections to the district infrastructure. The resolution was introduced by Sup. Tall and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

There is no Highway Superintendent's Report as Mr. Hobus is absent.

A list of action items for the board to consider:

- Remove DSL services on Judges Line. A savings over \$600/year. The town should look into voice over internet.
- Auto Pay and ACH payments to as many vendors as possible to save on postage and eliminate frequent late fees we have incurred in the past.
- SLIC- to consider getting rid of the highway account and providing a jumper or extender from the town hall.
- Eliminating Phoenix Lab Testing for the landfill. Coun. Wilbur will contact Phoenix and DEC to see what needs to be done.

The monthly bills for November are as follows:

Gen-\$19,867.63      HWY-\$22,357.06      SD#1-\$21,485.32      SD#2-\$628.94

The meeting is recessed and adjourned until the end of the month.

**December 30, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Town Clerk Wilbur, HWY Sup. Hobus

All of the year end bills were signed by the board and prepared to be paid.

A grievance was filed with the Town by Teamsters Local #294 in regard to the Insurance Buyout Payment and the Clothing/ Boot Allowance. The concern is whether clothing/ boot allowance is subject to taxation as income for the employees. It aligns with federal, state and local taxes for withholdings going forward. The gross amounts for both remain unchanged. The clothing allowance is a fringe benefit paid to the employees of the highway department and is considered as income. The town does not require receipts for purchases. As to the insurance buy out, it will begin to be paid quarterly to an employee that is entitled to the buy out. An agreement between the employee and the town may be necessary to qualify of rht ebuy out. A response letter was created and sent to the Union Steward and Union.

During the meeting, an appointment of Water Foster was made to the Board of Assessment Review by a motion made by Coun. Borden and seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor.

There was no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made unanimously. Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.