

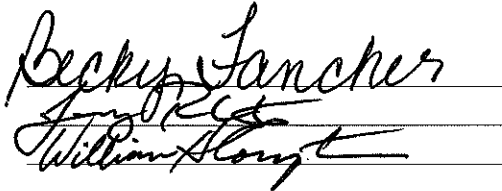
**NORTH SALEM  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
JULY 6, 2023**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The July 6, 2023, Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:00 pm. She led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Becky Fancher, President – Present  
Jimmy Roberts, Vice President – Present  
Bill Compton, Member – Present



Becky Fancher  
Jimmy Roberts  
William Slough

**3. MINUTES:**

Bill made a motion to approve the May minutes as written; Becky seconded.

**4. OLD ITEMS:**

a. Ordinance 2023-1 – Amendment to Idling Trucks – Second Read. Becky made a motion to approve as written; Bill seconded. Third and final read will take place next month.

**5. NEW ITEMS:**

- a. Retainer Agreement – PFAS litigation. Harold stated that this is a standard retainer document. Becky made a motion to approve and sign this retainer; Jimmy seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b. Farmers Market – There was no one in attendance representing the Farmers Market. There have been numerous issues regarding the market including safety issues with it being set up on both sides of the road. Also, the Post Office is not happy with the mail truck not being able to access the mail because the road is blocked. These are just a few things. After much discussion, it was decided that a letter would be sent to the Market Master with guidelines going forward for the remainder of 2023.
- c. ROW Permit Application (Comcast Xfinity) – As soon as we received the updated application with the verbiage changes we asked for, we will sign and they can begin their work.

**6. REPORTS:**

- a. Mark/Kevin – Kevin reported that they reached out for bids on the sidewalk by Perillo's. One bid came in at \$8,000 and the other was \$7,500. After some discussion, Becky made a motion to accept the lowest bid and get started on the work; Bill seconded. Mark then reported that they had a company run cameras in the sewer manholes. Other than one small crack at California and Vine, they all looked great. We do have a section on Main Street that has a lot of grease. It will need to be jetted and vacuumed. Also, it was decided that we would purchase four generators – one for the fire station, waste water plant and two for the water plant. Becky instructed Mark to get three bids and get the ball rolling. Mark wants a representative to actually do an on site visit and help us with what we need. Becky wants to use the ARP monies so Beth will contact our Grant Administrator. Mark also asked about the trees on state roads. After some discussion, Harold suggested we contact INDOT and give them a list of the trees that need taken care of and see what they say. We could always take care of them and send them a bill and see what happens.
- b. NSPD – Chief Shaffer presented the Council with a detailed report. (See attached). He also gave them a copy of his Policies and Procedures Manual he has been working on. A new police vehicle was discussed. Also discussed was repealing Ordinance 32.24 in its entirety. After much discussion, it was decided that Harold would work on this and have something to Beth before the August meeting.
- c. Council – None.

- d. Harold Blake – discussed a few key points from the last legislative session that will affect North Salem. Live streaming meetings will be mandatory beginning in July, 2025; recordings must be archived for 90 days. Continuing education for the Clerk-Treasurer is mandatory each year. Service animals now can only be dogs or miniature horses. A bill was passed that allows Municipalities to offer outdoor refreshment areas and can serve alcohol. It's too late for the festival this year, but he suggested passing an ordinance that sets out rules and that if someone wants to do this they have to apply through the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for a license and it must be approved by the Town Council.
- e. Beth – We will be working on a Community Crossing Grant for 2024 for possible paving of Melrose Lane.

7. **PUBLIC**

- a. Jack Bruner asked what the progress was on getting a new siren. Kevin stated that it should be installed by the end of this month. It will go on a pole right next to the Town Hall.
- b. Kevin (in his capacity as Fire Chief) brought up the fact that we will eventually need to have paid staff for the fire department. We are now the only totally volunteer fire department in the County. They are looking at 2025 to begin and would like to discuss the Town possibly paying for one employee to be at the fire house 8 hours a day. Further discussion to come.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm. The next Council Meeting will be August 3, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Attest:

  
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Beth Russell  
Clerk-Treasurer