

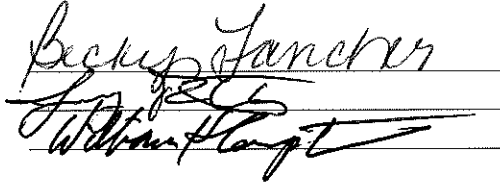
NORTH SALEM  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2024

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The February 1, 2024, 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



3. **MINUTES:**

Bill made a motion to approve the January minutes as written; Jimmy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Before we moved to old items, Becky turned the meeting over to Marshal Shaffer. He presented a plaque to Maggie Lawyer, North Salem State Bank, for helping a customer with scam that could have been very detrimental for the customer. Thanks to her knowledge, it was stopped before any damage could be done.

4. **OLD ITEMS:**

a. Alley between Broadway and Nebraska Streets – Bill made a motion to vacate the alley; Becky seconded. We will contact the Comer Law Offices to start the legal process.

5. **NEW ITEMS:**

a. Proposed Wind Farms – After some discussion, it was decided that we will send a letter opposing this project to the County Commissioners. Beth will put something together and send to Harold to review.

6. **REPORTS:**

- a. Kevin – let Council know that the new tornado siren should be installed in the next few days. He also reported that the Dollar General building is for sale, however, because the building is actually “owned” by Dollar General Corporate, whoever purchases it must keep it a Dollar General for at least 12 years. Work is being done on the building now and they hope to reopen soon. Kevin also reported that we are still having trouble getting the parts we need for repairs, etc. The bobcat was repaired this week. Doug Clodfelter has given us a name for a contact for generators. We had two leaks in the last few weeks and one was MAJOR – around 150,000 gallons. We will be speaking with the home owner about what sort of insurance coverage they have. Bill mentioned that the globe on the light pole by the post office needs fixed.
- b. NSPD – Corey’s report was submitted to Council. He also reported that this new radar gun is in and works really well.
- c. Council – Bill stated that the Methodist Church would like permission to install a generator in the alley next to the Church. It is not a drivable alley. Becky made a motion to approve; Bill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Harold – None
- e. Beth – None

7. **PUBLIC**

a. John Lynch was in attendance and suggested that the town start a petition against the windmills and include this in our letter to the Commissioners. Tammy Lasley spoke on how the property values in Tippecanoe County have decreased 10-50% since windmills were placed there. Even though our Commissioners have stated they are against this project, the State can override any decision they make. She also stated that we need to be diligent and pay attention to who we are voting for both at the local and state levels. Cordelio Power (a Canadian Company) is proceeding with this windmill project and say they are in it for the long haul.

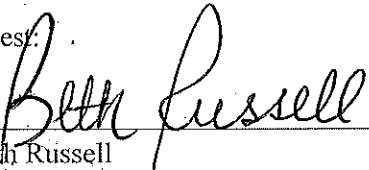
Also, Jeff Fleece was in attendance and stated that it is possible that they will add a county wide referendum to the ballot this year. This would be detrimental and the referendum should only be on the ballot for those who live in Eel River Township and Marion Township.

Gary Harris was also in attendance to discuss his water usage and sidewalk. He thinks the leak caused his sidewalk to sink. Kevin stated that the leak was very small and would not have caused his sidewalk to sink. If he chooses to fix it, the town will pay up to \$600 for the concrete. He also doesn't understand how his usage has gone down since the last leak was repaired. Kevin stated that the leak did not go through his meter therefore it was never charged to him. The Council reviewed a five year history of his account and it shows that his usage has been up and down.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm. The next Council Meeting will be March 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Attest:

  
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Beth Russell  
Clerk-Treasurer