

NORTH SALEM  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

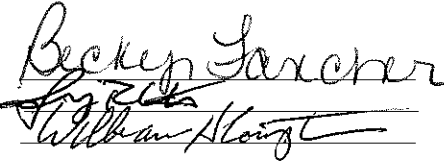
The March 7, 2024, Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Becky Fancher at 6:00 pm. She led with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer from Jimmy.

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 February minutes as written; Jimmy seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. OLD ITEMS:

a. Wind Farms – letter to Commissioners – a letter was sent to the County Commissioners letting them know that we oppose the proposed wind farm project. We will also set up an online petition so the residents of Eel River Township who oppose this project can sign.

5. NEW ITEMS:

a. Tim Andreanopolous – Water Leak/Busted Pipes – Tim was in attendance to discuss with the Council and explain his recent water leak/busted pipe. He explained that he thought he took the proper precautions (extra heat, someone checking on his house) while they were out of town. Unfortunately, a pipe did burst and by the time it was discovered, over 158,000 gallons of water had leaked. In addition, his insurance company will not cover this loss. We did bill him for the full gallons of water used but did not bill him for any sewer charges. After some discussion, it was decided to credit him 50,000 gallons (because this leak cost the town not only in chemicals used but emptied the water tower twice). The water is off and the account is inactive so there will not be accumulating late fees. We will set up a payment plan for the adjusted balance.

b. Rhonda Beck – Proclamation Vietnam Veterans Day – Rhonda was unable to attend the meeting. Becky summarized the proclamation. Becky made a motion to approve; Bill seconded; motion passed unanimously. We will have this proclamation in the Town Hall if anyone wishes to view it.

c. Old Fashion Days – Request for Sponsorship – Becky made a motion to be a Corporate Sponsor again for Old Fashion Days; Jimmy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS:

a. Kevin – let Council know that the new tornado siren is now fully functional; the bobcat is fully functional now after another repair; all street lights are working now. We did have a chlorine leak. We have fixed it temporarily until Spear Corp. can get here to replace the line.

b. NSPD – Corey's report was submitted to Council. He also reported that a sales rep for Xfinity was in town going door to door. Apparently a new state statute gives them the okay to go door to door without obtaining a permit because they are a utility within town limits. However, we have received some complaints about how pushy they have been. Corey also let Council know that we probably need to send a letter to INDOT about how their workers are speeding through town on a regular basis.

c. Council – Bill stated that the Dollar General has let us know that if we want produce in our Dollar General, we need to petition the residents (in town and out of town). We will add this petition online as well as the petition regarding the wind mills.

d. Harold – Reviewed the statute regarding Xfinity salesman being exempt from obtaining permits. It was decided that Council will hold a workshop to discuss revisions to the current ordinance with regards to soliciting such as restricting hours, etc.

e. Beth – None

7. PUBLIC

a. Bill Fleece was in attendance to petition the Council for a BZA hearing to build a garage on his property. The process was explained to him and we will have all of the information for him on what he needs to do that he can pick up in the Town Hall. We will schedule a BZA hearing for April 4<sup>th</sup> and advertise as required.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next Council Meeting will be April 4, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Attest:



Beth Russell

Clerk-Treasurer