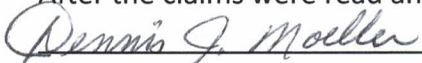


The Oldenburg Town Council met February 5, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the regular January meeting were read. Greg made a motion to accept minutes as read, Dave seconded.

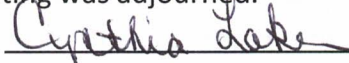
1. Steve Stahley asked the council if they would renew Creek Bottom Brew lease in August. He said they haven't had any luck finding another place to rent or land to buy, but they are still looking. The Council agreed they would renew lease for a year, but to be addressed closer to August.
2. Jeff had the Water Rate Ordinance that was approved in January but needed to be revised due to an error in the out of town gallon rates that was not change in the ordinance right but was posted on the utility website right. Denny asked for a motion to revise Ordinance 6-2023. Greg & Dave seconded.
3. Branch Trails. \$75,000.00 Brian Sheehan represent HWC, Jeff Paul, Gary Munchel and Dennis Moeller will represent the Town. Jeff also said SIRPC will be the grant administrator for a charge of 1%. Since its in a flood plain there will have to be an environment review done. If any easements are needed there will be a charge of 1,000. Jeff said the only property was with the Church but they have a 100 years contract.
- 4 Several town residents were present about the vandalism and door knocking that happened Friday night. One citizen called 911 reporting a breaking in. Someone was pounding and kicking the door excessively. Franklin County Sheriff responded in 20 minutes. Several residents had people knocking and running away. Three residents had their windshields broken. Citizens said there was knocking between 9PM and 3AM. Eric replied he was patrolling until around 10:30PM and didn't see anything. Citizens concerned about police present, response time, full time officers, communication gap between Oldenburg-Brookville-Batesville. Denny& Greg both replied that the council had looked into hiring Batesville Police Department back in 2010 and was quoted around \$100,000 which was not affordable in the town budget. In the December councils meeting Paul Cates, Franklin Sheriff explained how they responded to Oldenburg Calls. Bill said he didn't get called from Franklin County and that he only had one message on his police line. If more people would have reported it sooner maybe something would have been done before the vandalism. Someone suggested maybe cell phones that rang into their house when not on duty. Police force is not 24hours. Denny will again check with Batesville about some additional coverage and will talk to Sheriff's Cates about how we can solve the communication gap between departments. Citizens also were concerned about the coverage when the Low Income Housing is developed on the Sister's property. Town needs to consider how coverage will be done then. One residence said maybe we shouldn't jump to the conclusion that the low income housing is going to cause trouble. Denny will contact the Sister's to see where this property deal stands.

- 5 The OCRA Grant with the Utility project was extended again until May 2023. They saved money with Jeff overseeing the project so they decide to add a few other features. Site Monitor (High Levels – Flo Charts Run Time)
- 6 Denny questioned about the Ford Truck doing the snow. Greg was working, Dave tried to start truck but apparently battery was dead. Denny questioned if we should keep the truck since we don't use it often enough.
- 7 Denny informed the council Cindy received Rumpke recycle bill with an increase from \$125 to \$147.50. He called our Rumpke Representative Dean and he said he could get us a better rate if we went through him and had trash & recycle together. He said he could get the recycle down to \$136.25. Denny made a motion to go thru Dean for \$136.25, Greg and Dave seconded
- 8 Denny contacted Doug Graf regarding the Franklin County grant for a new bridge on Water Street. The commissioners are still engaged, they are waiting on the historic folks to determine if they can reclassify the bridge before they can move forward. They don't expect to get an answer until later summer, 2024, maybe later.
- 9 John had Economic Development Income Tax Fund Capital Improvement Plan – 3 year Plan 2024-2025-2026 for the Council to pass. In order for the town to receive EDIT money from Franklin County we needed to pass a three year plan. \$120,000 to be used to improve and expand streets in the Town of Oldenburg, to improve and expand existing water lines, and to improve and expand the existing parks and possible walking path. Greg made a motion to pass the Economic Development Plan, Dave and Denny seconded.

After the claims were read and approved, the meeting was adjourned.



Dennis Moeller, President



Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer