

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, December 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. After being called to order by President Dennis Moeller, the minutes of the November meeting were brought forth and Councilman Greg Struewing made a motion to approve, Councilman Dave Wahman seconded the motion.

Steve Stahley plans to add an oven to have the ability to prepare food; and therefore become a family friendly establishment. 220 circuit must be ran into the room. The intent is to do the switch during Christmas break. All expenses incurred will be paid for by Creekbottom Brewery. All three board members approved.

Jeff Paul for the Utility board, requested a pay increase for Utility Clerk, Eron Kellerman. The pay increase amount will be discussed/decided at the wrap-up meeting, December 17th, 2024. Paul also discussed a customer with a water-leak, and a valve that needs to be replaced. There was discussion with John Kellerman regarding responsibility of payment; it was agreed Utility will pay for the valve replacement.

Franklin county Floodplain Hazard Ordinance was approved and passed. Councilman Struewing made a motion to accept, Councilman Wahman seconded the motion. All councilmembers were in favor.

A Resolution to Transfer funds within the EDIT fund to pay for the municipal building retaining wall was approved and signed.

The first reading for the Oldenburg PD Salary increase was completed, the second reading will be at the December 17th, 2024 wrap-up meeting which will take place at the Municipal Building meeting room at 5:45 after the monthly Utility board meeting.

President Moeller stated that the Kaisers (municipal building neighbors) have stated that they would donate the corner of their lot in order to complete the retaining wall to the street. Discussion with John Kellerman and council members regarding the right of way. Attorney John Kellerman will obtain further information from Franklin county.

New Horizons wants to extend their concrete driveway and ramp and are questioning permitting. President Moeller will inform them they will not need a permit from the Town of Oldenburg, but should follow-up with Franklin county.

Councilman Struewing brought up the stop sign at the corner of Sawmill Road and St Mary's Road; the stop sign is currently laying on the ground and has been hit multiple times. Discussion regarding options to prevent this from continuing to happen including poured curbs, brick landscape beds. President Moeller and Officer Dramann will ensure a temporary solution tomorrow.

Carrie Roessner contacted INDOT regarding speed violations on 229 and has stated that they will be changing the speed limit from 40 to 30mph. Questions about traffic citations. Bill Dramann stated that if they see it, they'll take action and issue citations.

Brian Clagg stated the tax abatement went through for Theresa Hall. President Moeller will follow-up.

Officer Dramann stated he will be de-commissioning the Ford Explorer due to starter issues. Discussion and approval to make it a utility vehicle for the town.

Old Business: DNR Walking Trail, no updates. Jeff Paul stated the project will be bid in April, so will be discussed again at the March meeting.

The wall at the municipal building is almost completed, an additional curve will be poured in the future when it warms up a bit. The handrail will be constructed by Chaz Kaiser in late January or February.

The stop sign by Water/Washington has been moved.

Tentative meeting notes will be posted within 5 business days of the meeting.

The Town Ordinances have been scanned, but not in the correct order yet.

Quotes still being received from insurance companies for a lower rate.

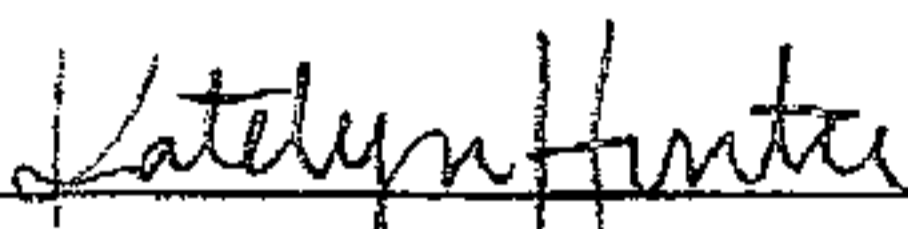
Duke follow-up was discussed regarding additional outlets that the town has not been paying for. Kate Hunter will follow-up with Duke to clarify.

Further discussion was had regarding the Boyce software system for check printing and accounting. The cost of the software installation fee is \$9,130.00, with an annual maintenance fee of \$2,540.00. Greg Struewing made a motion to move forward, tentative to obtaining additional pricing information, and all council members agreed.

President Moeller provided an update regarding the Water Street homeowner complaint: he made two attempts to reach out and has not yet heard back.

Councilman Struewing made a motion to adjourn, President Moeller seconded.


Gregory Struewing, Councilman


Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer

The Oldenburg Town Council met Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Municipal Building meeting room. President Dennis Moeller called the meeting to order.

President Moeller notified the council that Chaz Kaiser reached out regarding the hand rail bid. He advised he is not sure how soon he'll be able to construct/install the rail and stated he would be in favor of the council choosing another bid. President Moeller again reviewed the remaining bids and it Councilman Struewing made a motion to approve Red Forge, Inc. Dave Wahman seconded the motion. All council members were in favor.

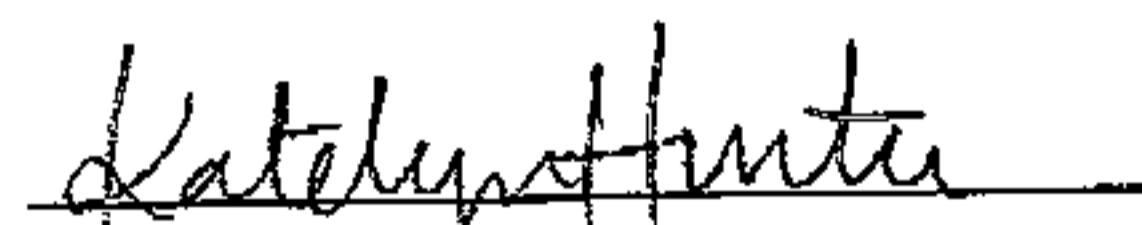
The item of approving an increased salary for the Utility Clerk was brought forth. Utility board member Jeff Paul advised that Eron Kellerman is currently clocking approximately 50 hours per month and recommended her salary be increased from \$9,300 to \$12,000.00. President Moeller stated he was unsure now is the right time for a raise. Councilman Struewing made a motion to increase her rate to \$4 an hour. The motion was not seconded. Councilman Wahman made a motion to increase her rate to \$2 an hour for 6 months, and review an additional \$2 hour annually in six months' time. President Moeller and Councilman Struewing seconded the motion.

Jason Walke from Oldenburg Academy and three students: M.V., E.S., and K.S. introduced their "Beautifying the 'Burg" proposal. The students are trying to obtain a matching grant of \$25,000.00 in order to resurface the basketball courts with accompanying pickleball lines. If enough funds are obtained, they'd also like to install a firepit and landscaping. Fundraising for their project is from January-March and they would hope to begin bidding and constructing the project by May. President Moeller requested the students provide the council with a monthly update on their fundraising. All members were in favor of the students proceeding with their project.

The matter of the Police Department salary was read a second time. Councilman Struewing made a motion to accept, Councilman Wahman seconded, and all councilmen were in favor.

Councilman Struewing made a motion to adjourn, and Councilman Wahman seconded.


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