

The Oldenburg Town Council met December 4, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building. After being called to order by Vice-President Greg Struewing, the minutes of the regular November meeting were read. Dave made a motion to accept minutes as read, Greg seconded.


1. Franklin County Sheriff Peter Cates addressed the council and the citizens of Oldenburg about the response to calls made to the County when Oldenburg Police are not available. The calls are prioritized by the nature of emergency. It takes the Sheriff Department to get here 30 to 45 minutes could be sooner if someone is in the area. He said if it is an emergency to call 911. Franklin Co Sheriff's helps Oldenburg out and Oldenburg helps them out when available. Same radio frequency. If radio is on and Franklin County Dispatch receives a call they will radio Oldenburg if they are on patrol. Debbie addressed him about the speed and running stop signs. He said we try to stop – give a warning – educate before issuing a ticket. On the issue of the solicitors if this wasn't called in as an emergency they would prioritize the call and would respond as soon as available. Deputy Henson did respond along with Oldenburg PD. Salesmen can be pushy but unless it's a forceful entry they can't do anything. He did say that his Deputies do patrol thru Oldenburg, and this is a very peaceful town. Batesville PD and Indiana State Police are also seen driving around Oldenburg. Tom Wodske asked about neighborhood watches. Everyone can keep their eyes open and report if they see something.
2. Greg reported that Oldenburg PD did have several stops. Most were first offenses so they issued warnings. Did issue 1 ticket. No problem with students. The Council thanked them for their service.
3. Debbie questioned about the stop sign on Washington & Water, she said it sits farther back maybe that could be some of the problem. Greg & Bill will check the state requirements and if incorrect they will change.
4. Garrett Knollman presented the Council with a paper with suggestions on how they could possibly amend the Skateboard Ordinance. Greg asked since Denny wasn't present if we could address this at our January 2, 2024 meeting. Tabled until January.
5. John read the first reading of the Utility Rate Increase, second reading will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Municipal Building.
6. Cindy read the first reading of the 2024 Salary Ordinance, second reading will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Municipal Building.
7. Cindy had a letter stating we received a grant from RCCF for \$700 from the Jack Kellerman Fund to goes toward the painting of the fire hydrants. Denny needs to sign paperwork. The Councilman thank John.
8. Bill reported Eric will have knee replacement surgery December 13<sup>th</sup>. He will be off for several weeks.

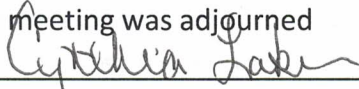
The wrap-up meeting will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM Municipal Building.

Additional appropriation from ARP \$75,410 Fund, meeting will be December 27 at Town Hall at 6:00PM

January meeting will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

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

  
Gregory Struewing, Vice President

  
Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer

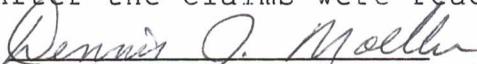
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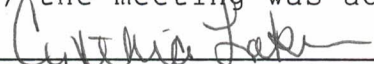
1. Denny said he checked with Franklin County surveyor looking to see if knew where the markers that pinged the property lines of the Municipal Building. We could have it surveyed for around \$700. Denny will check with Shawn Holtel to see if she would know where they might be. Greg said otherwise just to let it be and for us to clean the trees up and fix what's needs to be done.
2. Bill addressed the council about being able to use the police vehicle more than just patrolling. If he would be in the vehicle and would get a call, he would be able to respond faster. Greg said due to the complaint about not being seen enough, that maybe we should give it a shot. The council agreed to give it a try but not to be abused. He said he would like to keep the Explorer and be able to drive around in the unmarked vehicle at times and for future reserve officer's. The board said we can keep it for now, unless it starts dinging us for repairs.
3. The second reading of the Salary Ordinance 1- 2023 Revised and the 2024 Salary Ordinance 1-2024 and the Water Rate Ordinance 6-2023 Greg made a motion to pass Ordinance 1-2023 Revised, Ordinance 1-2024 and Ordinance 6-2023. Denny and Dave seconded.
4. Additional Appropriations meeting will be December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Town Hall.

December 27, 2023, 6:00PM, at the Town Hall

1. Additional Appropriation from ARP Fund for \$75,410.00 was published and passed. Aye Denny, Dave, Greg. Nays 0. Passed.
2. Jeff Paul, Gary Munchel and Roy Wilhelm were present with a small presentation for a Ready 2 Grant that may be available to go along with our Next Trail Grant to improve across the creek. Pavilion, Basketball-Pickleball Courts, refurbish walk bridge and landscaping. Jeff talked to Mary McCarty and John Palmer. Asked if the Town could have a match for this possible project. The council asked Cindy to look to see what funds could be available. Denny asked Jeff, Gary & Will if they could do a small presentation at the January meeting.

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Dennis Moeller, President

  
Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer