

The Oldenburg Town Council met November 6, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building. After being called to order by Pres. Dennis Moeller the minutes of the regular October meeting were read. Greg made a motion to accept minutes as read, Dave seconded.

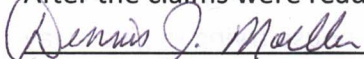
1. Tim Hunt updated the council on the Federal Grant Water Street Project. Culvert being reviewed for Historic Nature.
2. Garrett Knollman addressed the council on the Skateboard Ordinance. He rides a 1 wheeler (Electric Powered, Lights) he was stopped and said he couldn't ride it on the street per the skateboard ordinance. He questioned the wording in the ordinance pertaining riding on sidewalk when no sidewalks are available and descriptions of skateboards. He is asking the council to possibly rewording the ordinance. Council asked John and Garrett to do further research and come back to next month's meeting.
3. Greg Ronnebaum had a renewal lease for Eagle Fire Company for 2024. \$1 Lease for 2024. Council agreed to renew lease for 2024.
4. Debbie Enneking had concerns again about people running thru the Stop Sign on Washington & Water and speeding. She reported a letter was sent to ICA from a parent complaining about the speeding and student running passed stopped school buses. One person asked her if it was only students? She responded probably not. Bill reported Eric and himself has been sitting and watching the stop signs and speed around Oldenburg before & after school. Eric has issued some warnings on Pearl & Main. She asked if they had issued any tickets. He responded no. Debbie, responded maybe you should, that way they know your serious. The council responded we don't want to be known as the town that tickets everyone. The 20mp speed signs will be taken down. Bill & Eric will patrol and ticket when necessary. Further discussion next month with police report available.
There were several Oldenburg Residents present over an incident on Friday night. Debbie reported there was a purple van with solicitor's going house to house trying to give away free candles (selling vacuums) They were overly aggressive. Several senior citizens were scared. Several residents called Oldenburg Police and Franklin County Sheriff and checked in on some of the senior citizens and also questioned the solicitors if they had a permit to be in town. Bill received and call from a resident and drove around town looking for the van but couldn't find it at first, due to the driver dropping off 2 Males and a female off and then leaving Oldenburg for a short period of time. When they spotted the van Franklin County Sheriff & Oldenburg Police had them pulled over. Resident's are concerned about the response time. Franklin County responded 45minutes later. Bill said they did not receive a call from Franklin County Sheriff. Greg responded that he sees in the future a need for full time patrol but right now there is a lack of funding. Denny will call and talk to Franklin County Sheriff's office to see if we get better communication between departments. No soliciting signs will be put up.
5. Jeff Paul & Doug Pulskamp were present proposing raising the tap in fee and water rates.

Water Base cost \$25.00 plus \$7.93 per 1,000 gallons used and the tap in fee to \$1,100.00. The council approved the rate increase. New Ordinance will be read at next months meeting and wrap up meeting and take effect January 1, 2024.

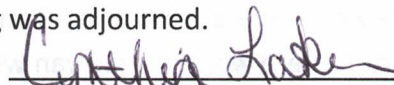
They also reported that Eric Heppner was going to replace Ruth Cooper who is resigning. They will be paying him an hourly wage of \$25 until January. Cindy will need to amend the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Eric will also have to take Internal Control Training. Read the manual and webinar on Internal Controls for certification.

6. Dave had a bid from Ralph Stephson for painting the inside of the town hall for \$1,700.00. Greg made a motion to accept bid. Dave & Denny seconded. Greg will pick out paint colors.
7. Jeff reported that they had to ask for another extension for the OCRA Grant.
8. Nina Giesting said she received a letter from Green Acres stating they would be replacing the fence on their property that backs up to her house. She said part of the land is the towns where Douglas Street would continue on. She informed them and also wanted to let the town know.
9. Tom Gehring asked if the council could put up a NO OUTLET sign up on Water & Washington. Cars are always coming to the dead end and turning around in his drive or farm lot. Council agreed to put sign up. Greg will order signs.
10. Cindy had a paper to appoint someone to the SIRPC. Cindy asked Denny if he would still be willing to represent the town. He said he would if the council wanted him to. Greg made a motion to appoint Denny. Dave seconded.
11. Cindy had Resolution 3-2023 Transfer of Funds. That certain appropriations in certain funds will be over drawn due to unexpected expenditures during the current year. Denny made a motion to pass resolution 3 – 2023. Greg and Dave seconded.

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



Dennis Moeller, President



Cynthia Laker, Clerk Treasurer