



Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

Attendees: Larry Randolph, Addie Miller, Avery Ferguson, Corey Oberlin, Mike Dull, Dean Smith, Keith Hathaway, Ray Rodriguez, Robert Roa, John Veenstra, Vernon Miller

Dean made a motion to approve minutes from November 13, 2024. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved.

**Water:** It is going decent. I have had to do three separate repairs on the chlorine pump, I would try to fix one part and then something else would go wrong so Stouter will be coming out tomorrow to see what we can do to fix it. I might have been threading it too far, I do not know but another leak popped up when I fixed the one and I tried adjusting pressures but nothing is doing it. So, I am not sure how long the system has been down but it needs fixed and checked out. While were out we will see if it is a pump or pipe issue.

**Wastewater:** Getting ready for cooler temps. There was maybe an illegal dump that took place because we had spike over the weekend so were trying to figure that out but other than that it is running well. About twice the number of solids were present for one or two days but even since then numbers are still running high. I will get ahold of Dean for land application hopefully soon maybe 80 acres. I will be doing a final for my class for semester two then shifted to another instructor for test prep. Larry said it will be interesting to see where the extra dump is coming from Avery said it will be hard to prove but we will see. Could be just that it was a busy weekend and someone opened a man hole and dumped into it wanting to get home for the holiday.

**Community Development:** Addie said as a reminder Breakfast with Santa will be next Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. The fire department will drive him through town. Addie said donations are still open to being taken and if anyone would like to donate juice, doughnuts, or candy canes to let her or MacKenzie know. Then asked if we did not get donations to cover everything if the council would approve the additional expenditures, both Dean and Larry approved to do so. They asked estimation of the items but Addie said she wasn't sure but knows goodie bag wise 60 are being made.



**Maintenance:** Got all trucks ready for snow and the plows are good too. Leaf vac is put away as of yesterday Corey said but people are still putting them out so what should we do? Dean said same story different year. Larry said who picked up on Larimer? Corey said he did but since then everyone has decided to put more out. Larry said how hard would it be to hook everything back up one last time like Monday when it is warm? He said should not be bad we can just base it off snow because that would mean we would plow leaves back in their yards. Got all trucks serviced and the one alignment done. One of the shafts is still bad because when you reverse, it still makes a cracking noise and is rough and Tim said there were metal shavings found and low fluid. Corey said I'm pretty sure they finished the survey up with the fencing so it can start anytime. Larry said where those bushes sit that are Harold Yoder's what do you think about coming out and around to keep those bushes on his side of the yard? Dean said yeah, we can talk to the fence guy and see what he thinks. Avery said we may have to trim those back to be able to fence around if not take them out, we will leave that to Corey. Corey said we can go around them then to the concrete. Larry asked have not talked to Matt? No, have not heard a thing Corey said and Avery said he hasn't either and that he just found out he had another surgery yesterday from Addie. Robert said he texted Matt yesterday and he said he's had a rough couple of years and can barely walk.

**Marshall:** Ray says we had a theft at a local business that will take about two months to process which Kyle has been working on for about two weeks. Den asked how are all the vehicles? Ray said good, Durango is getting stripped right now. Robert said December 18 we are doing shop with a cop for a couple Millersburg students and it is a good program to get into. Around 30 kids will go and shop and they really like it and have a good time. Last year it was a good turnout and the chaplain participated. We take them to shop and then get pizza but the schools select who gets to go do it based on need, so we will not be picking the students.

**Park:** It is going great I have not really had to work in two weeks. I stop to make sure the restrooms are fine but that is about it. Vernon said every time I come up, I see kids playing which is still nice. Larry asked about grass growing in, he said no not till spring time which should be fine.

**Clerk Treasurer:** Addie told the council MacKenzie waned her to ask for approval of additional appropriations for ARPA fund and handed them the papers. They both took a look at the paperwork and approved the additional appropriations. Dean made a motion to approve additional appropriations for the ARPA Fund. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved the additional appropriations for the ARPA Fund.

**New Business:** Addie said next council meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dean asks if anyone else has anything? Keith Hathaway says he has counted about 20 kids that get on the bus in Timber Valley and it is totally dark, you cannot see them. He explained he gets that people know they are there but with people going to work and kids being kids playing, maybe there should be a light right there? Our company uses a solar light and you would need one right at the stop sign up about 10 foot it should be fine which isn't too bright but bright enough for where the kids are he said. Larry looked at the information he showed him and Dean and said that is not a bad price. Keith said he will ask his work about the lumens to know which ones to look into that will work. The lights shown do not come with a pole, Avery says we might have one at the maintenance building that used to be somewhere else then just never put in anywhere. Dean asks off Keith's phone which one they have his work and Keith points it out Larry says maybe hang both up and angle them and that will cover even more area. The bus driver says they can't go down and get turned around in the col-de-sac so this makes for a one stop shop getting them all. Dean says yes definitely for safety we will get a light put up. Keith where should the light go up in comparison to the stop sign Dean says? He said I'm not sure probably close because they won't congregate elsewhere since that is right where the bus stops. Ray had a good point some solar equipment goes out and don't last too long so maybe look into this first and Avery said yeah, we may need to get ahold of NIPSCO and get something put in. Dean said what about putting a second light back in your col-de-sac? Keith said, drop off it is light outside so it should not be bad I just don't like the driver driving while kids are back behind and it is just an accident waiting to happen. Dean said work out who is going to call between Avery and Corey. Avery said he will figure it out.

John asks to speak, he said he trained for 27 hours, rode along for 160 and spoke with two families during different times of need. He just said thank you to the town for having him and said the officers cannot take work home with them and it gets lonely driving around alone so much so he likes being with them and he hopes they enjoy having him. He says he likes helping them out and serving the community and he hopes he can do it again next year. Dean says yes, thank you.

Larry says this laptop is junk and points to the one Addie is typing on. They need a new computer; he said it did not turn on well and turns off without being plugged in. He said talk to MacKenzie about this and go ahead and get a new one to use, Dean agrees and Addie said she would talk to MacKenzie about it.

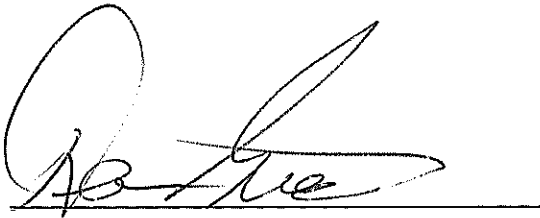
Larry said Amber Gingerich did not show up but she was concerned about drainage not being in and new pavement being put in, that it would lead to a mess and Larry said he talked to Larry Yoder and he said it was all approved by county the way it is so there is no problem to worry about.

Corey said Monday I am going to take a vacation day. He said he was not sure who all to let know this, but he wanted to say it ahead of time. Keith compliments Corey and Mike about what they have done and for being visible and Dean said thank you we always get compliments about these guys.

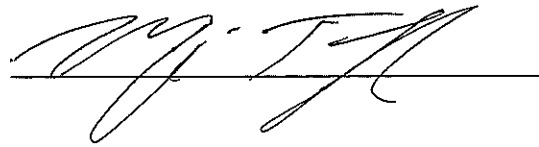
**Old Business:** Larry said Collete is not here to talk about speed limit in Timber Valley.

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to pay bills.

Dean made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.



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