



Town Council Regular

Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2023

7:00pm

Homecroft Town Hall – 1400 Tulip Dr.

Present

Mr. Bryan Wolfe - Council President
Mrs. Melissa May - Council Vice-President
Mr. Kevin Kehlbeck - Clerk/Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Fleck – Council Member

Kyle Squillace – Council Member
Chief Jim Leonard – Town Marshal
Mr. Robert Lutz – Town Attorney

1. Town Board President Bryan Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - a.) Introduction of 2024 Town Budget (Separate Minutes) – A motion to introduce the 2024 town budget was made by Mrs. Fleck. The motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - (b.) Public Hearing on the 2024 town budget was opened at 7:05 p.m. No (0) members of the public were present at the public hearing. With no further questions or comments and no public in attendance at the Public Hearing for the budget the Public Hearing on the 2024 budget closed at 7:06 p.m.

The Clerk/Treasurer's report:

Kevin Kehlbeck

1. A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve the August 24, 2023 minutes for Regular Council Meeting; motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve the Claims for August 25, 2023 thru September 28, 2023. Mr. Squillace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Works Report - No Update this month

Melissa May

Special Projects Report - (Attached)

Susan Fleck

Chief Leonard – (Remarks)

**Upcoming events: Southport High School Homecoming Parade – September 29, 2023
5:30-7:00pm**

New Business –

1. Looking into “Speed Trailer” for analytics (Bryan)
2. Fleet Management –
 - a. A motion was made to purchase police vehicle from City of Greenwood for \$13,000 by Mrs. May. Mr. Squillace seconded the motion. The motion carried.
 - b. A motion was made to a commitment to purchase a second police vehicle from the City of Greenwood for \$13,000 by Mrs. Fleck. The motion was seconded by Mrs. May. The motion carried. (Could possibly occur in 2024)

Old Business–

1. **Credit Card Policy (Resolution)** – A motion was made by Mrs. May to approve resolution# 2023-09-01 Credit Card Policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried.
2. Recycle Grant – Apply to IDEM

Public Comments –None

Council President Remarks - None

Bryan Wolfe

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. May @ 8:12 pm; the motion was seconded by Mr. Squillace. The motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: –Thursday, October 26, 2023– 7:00 PM, Homecroft Town Hall.

Bryan Wolfe
Homecroft Town Council President

Kevin Kehlbeck
Homecroft Clerk/Treasurer

9.28.23 Report to Town Council - Susan Fleck - Special Projects

Pumpkin Painting October 21, 12 - 2 PM. - All supplies except apple cider and a couple miscellaneous things have been purchased. I will need help setting up supplies. **Who can be there at 11 AM to assist and who can stay and hand out drinks and treats?**



Chief Leonard will be bringing 100 pumpkins. Angi Hodge has ordered eight dozen Halloween cakecicles. (Angi cannot be there because of a sporting event for one of her kiddos.)

Breakfast with Santa -- Dec. 9 from 9 - 11 AM in the cafeteria. Spoke at length with Jody Matthews about how we can be involved. Chief Leonard could we have some Homecroft police officers at tables to play games with the kids? Games like Connect Four or Crazy 8s or something? If so, about how many officers could we get? Can we get other volunteers from the council? Homecroft will either provide presents from the police foundation or purchase educational card games for kids. Angi said we would know about whether we received the toy grant in November. If the foundation provides gifts we could use our money to have a hot chocolate stand and give away Santa cups or some such thing. The only problem I see is I will be in Austria with cousins making Christmas cookies from my great grandmother's recipe with cousins so I hate to volunteer us for much.

Recap of discussion with Perry Schools Superintendent Patrick Spray and Assistant Superintendent Chris Sampson on September 6, 2023:

- Ants - They will send the Orkin man out. If Kirby doesn't have a key he will contact the chief to set up a time to spray. (Update 9.28.23 - Chief reports no new aunt sightings.)
- Painting - Dr. Sampson will talk to Kirby about getting that on the painting list.

- Recycling bins - They said to proceed with a bin at the townhouse, and let's see how that goes before committing to ones elsewhere. They ask that we make sure it is on a solid surface. I told them we would probably have it located where the ice machine sat for sometime. They said, if neighbors complain, they could build a structure around it similar to ones around trash receptacles. We agreed that it probably wouldn't come to that.

- Streets - No one seems to know how the resurfacing of Loretta came to be. I told them Orinoco was on our list for the next street project. I told them it would be a costly project and something we could not afford for a few years unless we were able to find additional grant money beyond Community Crossings. Dr. Spray said there are grants to encourage students walking to schools that might provide some funds. They will look into that. It would probably be a good idea for Melissa to meet with them to try to get that ball rolling. I would be happy to set up such a meeting and join in the brainstorming.

9.28.23 Town Council Report – Kyle Squillace – Communications

1. Newsletter was just sent out to 341 recipients. Next one planned for Thanksgiving timeframe
2. Homecroft website
 - a. Traffic report – 300 unique visits past 30 days, just under 2 page clicks on avg.
 - b. Recruiting is the top clicked page (52 clicks past 30 days or 162% more than prior mo.)
3. IDEM Recycling Grant for Communicites and Non-Profits – submission by Fri 29th
 - a. Total ask will be \$1940 across 3 projects (\$490 cost to Town)
 1. Event trash/recycle dual bins with clear liners and folding stand



- a.
2. 4 yd mixed recycling dumpster with bi-weekly pickup from WM
3. No cost, hard to recycle program collection drives with giveaways for participants
 - a. Terracycle.com for more information on these programs