

**Town Council Meeting
May 7, 2024**

Open Town Council Meeting: Council Chair Mark Ketch opened the Town Council meeting; all members were present except for Councilor Wade and Councilor Clemons who were excused.

Review of Minutes: Minutes for 4/23/24 were tabled as members present do not create a quorum for that meeting to vote.

Citizens Request: None

Managers' Report: Melissa stated that the May 21, 2024 meeting will also include the public hearing required regarding the annual referendum. She also reported that the new municipal attorney will be at the meeting to meet the Town Council.

The spring clean-up was held this past weekend without any issues. April and the contractor reported that it was busy but there were no complaints. It is estimated that 17 tons were disposed of with an additional 5 tons of metal. Councilor Ketch noted that the clean-up was very efficient.

Melissa will be presenting the Town Report to Cheryl Leonard on May 21, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the Viola Rand School if any Town Council member would like to join. Heidi Gifford is planning an assembly with the students and facility.

Lastly, Melissa would like to once again serve on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee once again for a two-year term. Councilor Lugdon made a motion to nominate Melissa to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee, seconded by Councilor Hatch, vote 3/0.

New Business: Councilor Ketch noted the information Melissa had provided in regard to the legislative changes to tax-acquired properties and how difficult the law is going to be for municipalities. Melissa agreed adding that she had worked on changing the Town's foreclosure policy late last year and received legal comment back, however decided to wait to make them final as she knew more law changes were being discussed. She wondered if a policy was needed at all, as the law basically makes the Town become a real estate broker. Councilor Lugdon stated that it was enlightening to read the changes that Melissa had been discussing as the document defines how different tax-acquired properties will be handled.

Councilor Ketch stated he had seen some work being done on culverts recently. Melissa informed the Council that the work is part of the regular maintenance of driveway culverts and ditching. More work will be completed during the summer.

Unfinished Business: Councilor Lugdon asked if there had been any update regarding the court order for 114 Cram Street's habitability. Melissa reported she had not received any updates; however, she expected something when Mr. Wagner comes to the meeting on the 21st.

Municipal Warrants: Councilor Ketch made a motion to accept the municipal warrants as presented, seconded by Councilor Lugdon vote 3/0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for May 21, 2023.

Adjourn: Councilor Ketch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Lugdon vote 3/0.