

**TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Teleconference via GoToMeeting**  
**Wednesday, December 27, 2023**  
**3:30pm**

Mayor Paulin and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Vice Mayor Sitoula was excused due to travel.

New Well – The Town received the revised proposal from AC Schultes. The Council approved moving forward and Mayor Paulin stated he signed the revised purchase order. Town Manager Hicks informed Council we will be proceeding with the work.

Boardwalk Benches – Town Manager asked Council how much they would like to charge people for the benches. The benches with plaques would be around \$1200. Council agreed to a 50/50 split with anyone who wants to have a memorial bench.

Firehouse – The Town has been having an issue with the fire department cashing the annual donation checks. The Town has reissued one of the out-of-date checks but they still have not picked it up in at least 2 to 3 weeks. Town Manager Hicks asked if the Council wants to reissue checks beyond the most recent year. While the Council wants to support the fire department, if they are not able to cash the checks before they expire they will not be reissuing them. Town Manager Hicks suggested looking into waiving utility charges for the firehouse as a way to support them as opposed to issuing additional checks. Council agreed.

Committee Application – Council asked Town Clerk Brady to see if Mr. James is open to serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals since a former Planning Commission member requested to be reappointed months prior to Mr. James application. Town Clerk Brady will reach out and let the Council know Mr. James response.

January Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin took a tour of the grocery store progress with Town Manager Hicks today. Currently the building is primarily framing and plumbing, but there has been considerable progress on the parking area. During a meeting with CMI the surrounding properties to the Henderson property were discussed. Mayor Paulin was wondering if he could put Town Manager Hicks in touch with a group he has been speaking with about the possibility of grant opportunities to purchase those properties. Town Manager Hicks agreed. Mayor Paulin will send an introductory email so Town Manager Hicks could start a dialogue to find out more. Mayor Paulin spoke about the possibility of making the land purchase part of next year's budget.

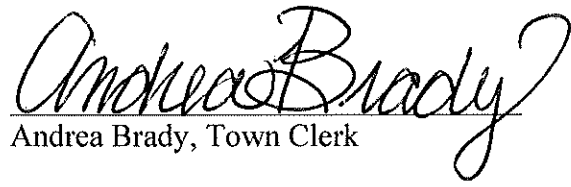
Vice Mayor – Excused

Councilwoman – None

Town Manager – None

Town Clerk – None

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm

  
Andrea Brady, Town Clerk