

Town of Clarks Hill

June 5, 2023

Town Board meeting

Community Building

6:30 pm

Present: Bob Davis, Carla J. Stearns, Clark D. Whitley

Other's: Diana L Luper clerk/treasurer, Andy Doke Wastewater Supervisor, Scott Fisher Clarks Hill Police, Bruce Luper Community Building Manager

Others: Kevin Martin, Bev Holladay, Carolyn Houchens, David Houchens, Don Reams, Carol Wright, Mary Mathew, Sandra Sheets, Lois Simpson, Michael Enlgert, Sue Chitty, Mr. Chitty, J. Graves, Dean Greenup, Sherry Sumners.

Bob called a meeting to order.

Bob moved to approve the May Minutes as written, Carla 2nd it.

Bob asked for patient there was a misunderstanding when the computer programs were set up we were our billing process was on gallons program was on units so Diana has gone back through and changed all the gallons got you turn it backwards and has actual gallons if you've already paid your water bill this month you'll get a credit next month if not she has correct gallons of charge for anybody else that needs to pay so it was nobody was doubling everybody's bill nobody was trying to you know run about and run about it funny but the program itself was wrong so now from here on out and we squared up. It should be so, and I know there's a lot of faces in there tonight that was the only reason they're here wait a minute OK told them they you know they're going Oh my double I said my you think I wouldn't like myself you know I mean OK.

Diana has training coming up, yes OK in the month the 26th to 28th they will be in Fort Wayne something else I cannot remember.

Scott, you got anything to report yes, we got and they by accident the house yes, this situation is in, so we need to make determination on people being pulled from my guys out here You would.

Is there any old business we need to take care of I don't have water bills yeah it's free to scout says what it should read so that actually weren't we didn't start going off the meter readings themselves until this month so yeah well yeah yes February then they were estimated in March and in April we had to estimate

Oh yeah well it's eliminates the sewage part of water or something the units are nothing that we know anything about yeah I well that's the key thing that's yeah it's not they're not comparable they're two separate skills some towns are set up on units and were set up on gallons computer program when I figure out the bill was on something yeah so she spent all afternoon software company Kampstrup that sold us some meters got everything straightened out so there's no more issues with major readings so from here on out what do you mean well and what's the problem with the programming and the software that could be a possibility that what was sent out on the bills is no longer valid you're going to

come in and I'm going to tell you what your bill is hi I have no idea about you can like I can make adjustments on too or I cannot make it anything else it's wrong OK. The adjustment that she is talking about in the sewer. We can adjust the rate if you are on your flower bed because you do not create any sewage. That is the only adjustment or swimming pool that is the only adjustment that is in the program There are no other adjustments. huh that was before they found out you talked about what was on Facebook. yeah well that was because we didn't know there was a problem with the units versus gallons so you just don't think you're doing adjustment but adjustment is a broad term yeah so adjustment doesn't necessarily mean I'm giving you an A credit adjustment could be that we need to reevaluate what the charge per gallon is you know and that is still going to be looked at thank basically this afternoon everything that had happened until noon today is out the window. It's gone there's no restart here we now have the programming all set up the way it should be and there will be more problems so you know all of the bills changed if you've already paid your bill and you overpaid you'll get a credit next month and then we'll be back squared.

No, we have not adjusted anything with the rates. The only way to change the rates is for the three board members to change them. We have no plans now to change them. We would vote on it in an open meeting so that is the only way that the rates can be changed. I hear you and it is messed up as this has been which we knew from the beginning it was there is going to be growing pains with it going from the old junk mechanical meters to the new computerized ones. The nice thing is now they'll never be a month we have to estimate them because if that matters there's snow over the lid if the tree falls across it whatever and it go around with laptop and it'll pick up the reading on it and it'll always be read accurate every so I know what he does I got it well there is a couple left on residential that need changed out and I've got screw fittings on them we have to decide whether we're going to dig them up and completely redo them or what we need to do and there's a couple of the big meters that we had to order after the initial meters come in that hasn't been put in yet everybody else has got a new meter. I guess I what we have no 100%. No we've got new meters in the ground other than five residences up the list there's five residential meters have been changed there's one at the nursing home I had to order a bigger one because it was a one inch instead of a three quarter and we've got a big four inch for the apartment the apartments the trailer park and OK from the trailer park and the one out of the books we got to get those put out and then every meter in this town we the electronic meters So what I think we all want to try it I probably the same they've been paid you know letting people just standing up and we're trying to get the work done Dave that's the problem. We've got no idea what I do know is we spent all day Friday at the water plant working on it and there's been several other projects and he's got sewer plant torn apart out there part of it has to be put back together it's not that we're putting them off there's only so many of us in so many hours so. We will get them we will get the meters put in as quickly as we can. Still have yes how is that feel and for the time being it is probably not exactly fair right you know unless we want to go out tonight and put them all in, I don't know what to do about it should have been real until you have all of them in.

Sherry, if you have a shut off yes most likely that is where you will find what kind of pipes you have coming in. They wouldn't use two different types of pipe meter in your house if it was if it was led by was led by it was copper they used copper PVC all the way in yeah it's whatever they fix it with oh this is something from the state so yeah they might so inside there would be an option so yeah most likely yeah hands thank you outside of the house recently so they're coming out of your house you know yeah asbestos we're OK yeah OK it's a day-to-day yeah and that's just it yeah there's no hurry on the timing

and they don't know what they're going to do with it and it just got yeah representatives Commonwealth couldn't be here tonight and they sent me an e-mail on their update the sewer portion of their study is pretty well done we they've got a master plans and stormwater master plan thing on the storms are to those two that are still in draft form but and everything from the okra the grand companies were working with is all make current so right along with what we need to do yeah talk about you hey they say they don't like that stop Martin Township is one of the largest townships

But has the fewest the lowest population because a lot of table Township is far away partial I can tell you we do not set the rate and I don't know how the state does it I know that that's how they do it for the county so I don't know if each town has done that same way but I can tell you that even though all of the assessments went off yeah that doesn't necessarily mean your taxes are on the sky chances are what's I don't know if there's a break but when you're incorporated you have extra expenses yeah the town of Clarks Hill takes care of the Town of Clarks Hill, Stockwell, The County takes care of that's the difference yeah where but I don't always but if it makes you feel better just be thankful you don't live But everybody's just gone people no considerations in this town and how many more are there they you know if the total bill is 100,000 this year they divide their by 900 people we invite ours by 600 two to get to the same point they also get high yeah we need Clarks Hill and drag it N a little ways getting close enough to SR 28.

OK yeah thank you 1 one other we needed to discuss this evening normally in the past we've had a full time employee and then we've had a part time to help with the day-to-day operations the situation we're in right now and these are full time but he doesn't have his water license yet so we're still paying Josh from Colfax But that's that is kind of taking part of our part timer budget that we normally would use for somebody else to help Andy we're trying for the summer months we're considering we'd like to get somebody part time to help Andy you know whether it be remove yards or whatever to free him up to where he's got more time to work on the utilities. So we're kind of in in the process of looking for somebody to fill that position everybody's interested in town hall talk to us about it how old Oh yeah they have to be at least 18 they have to be at least 18 you get insurance yeah sure there are else has anything for the on Josh well drawing stop actually when Andy got his sewer license Josh gave up half of what he was because he's just now the water that's all he does is water and we basically just cut his salary in half and then we had Andy hired and we've given him a raise since he's got his license yeah you know it all went back to sewer now and it just happened one Friday so there hasn't been a whole lot of motion done on it since Friday and so you know what it's in sewer so Yep because all the other expenses that come out sewer accounts Jesse check went back into the sewer to square everything up and the problem we've had out sewer plant that Jason parks for it for five months and finally got him and they're out right oh wow I didn't know that part yeah there's no other options available how long Mr. plant never will run 100% and best this one out here right now it's 50% that's the end of the story that until we built a new plant that's all we can do yeah the gearbox runs that one RBC is no longer available the only option we would have was to have somebody custom design and cut the entire gearbox which would be so many hundreds of thousands of dollars it would be pointless this time so basically once we get we were working on out there right now the planned around 50% which pretty much keeps us covered unless we get a monster rain and you know there's no way we could ever fill the final big enough to handle on four or five inch training so basically right now the down and down for two years or better yeah so that should all around it clear part that chain is plastic nobody even knows me so there is a company that makes measurements and all that OK it's not right it's close but it's not right so happy take

a couple of weeks it is working yeah so it's running yeah and we're staying within state specs so yeah all the steps probably not come up with the specs nobody thinks the parts anymore manufacturers have made that change yeah play that's the other thing this thing is a tool no custom made parts couple \$100,000 good enough play so stupid her I know talking about two years brother

Old Business: nothing

New Business:

Bob, is there anything else? No

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Robert V. Davis
Town Council President

X

Clark D. Whitley
Town Council

X

Carla J. Stearns
Town Council

ATTESTED:

X

DIANA L. LUPER
CLERK/TREASURER