

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday  
April 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Palestine Town Hall. Clint Bledsoe called the meeting to order. Jan Jarson and Brandee Bastin in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes-** Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the March 21, 2018 executive session minutes. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes and 0 nays. Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve the April 7, 2018 executive session minutes. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes and 0 nays.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** –Town Manager Dave Book stated there were a vacancy and replacement needed for the Redevelopment Commission. Both are executive appointments.

**TRAIL GEM ROAD to DEPOT ST.-** Town Manager Dave Book reported that the trails contractor Crim & Sons Paving started on the Gem Rd. to Depot St section and has to come back after some drying out occurs possibly next week.

**SEWER PLANT EXPANSION-** Sewer Manager Dave Book reported that the hole is almost excavated and ready to pour the slab depending on the weather and forms being set. Construction pictures are being put on the website every day.

**STELLAR COMMUNITIES GRANT-** Town Manager Dave Book stated that the McCordsville, Cumberland and New Palestine Stellar Communities plan had been submitted and we are waiting on the announcement of the 6 finalists.

**RICKERS STATION** – Plan Commissioner Jim Robinson stated that he did not know a completion date for Rickers gas station. They seem to be working very slow.

**GEM RD & US 52 RENOVATION-** Town Manager Dave Book will meet with INDOT on 4-19 at 9:30 am to see about the bridge construction and total or partial closing of the road.

**VACATE 50 N DEPOT STREET N of North St. –** David and Teri Reed petitioned the council to vacate 50 N Depot as it is totally bordered by their property. Attorney Morelock is to start the paperwork.

**HSA 125 PLAN AGREEMENT** –. Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the annual HSA 125 Plan agreement for pay deduct to HSA for eligible employees for \$195.00. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**PRESERVES AGREEMENT-** Town Manager Dave Book met with the Preserves on the issue of the Tree Planting Plan. The Preserves will be contacting the adjacent property owners on what and how to plant more trees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PART TIME HIRE CLERK-TREASURER ASSISTANT-** Clerk-Treasurer reported she had hired as part-time assistant clerk Tonii Pyle in March.

**FULL TIME HIRE SEWER FINANCE CLERK** Sewer Manage Dave Book reported he was hiring the part-time clerk Brenda McNamara full time effective 6-1-18.

**TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION #041818-** Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve Transfer Resolution #041818. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.


**NEW PALESTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2018 LEASE** – Clint Bledsoe does not agree that the New Palestine Chamber which is not a town business be in the town hall. Jan Jarson made the motion to extend the New Palestine Chamber of Commerce office space lease from 5-1 to 4-30-2019. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 2 ayes and ~~0 nays.~~ 1 NAYS.

**SEWER RATE ORDINANCE #041818-** Jan Jarson made the motion to read Ord. #401818 by title only. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. Attorney Gregg Morelock made the first reading of the Sewer Rate Ordinance #041818. Discussion on the rate levels to be corrected. Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve Ord 041818 on first reading. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. Jan Jarson made the motion to hold the public hearing for the Sewer Rate Ord. 041818 on May 16, 2018 at 7 pm. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

**WATER DRAINAGE ISSUE-** Crystal Heights HOA board member and town resident asked for relief in the drainage issues in the Crystal Heights subdivision. Town Manager Dave Book to look into it at next rain. He also explained the problem of all the encroachments in the swale. She also questioned the sewer flat rate billing. Town Manager Dave Book and Attorney Morelock explained the structure of flat rate billing versus meter use billing. Brandee Bastin questioned trash or unkempt properties in town and how those properties were addressed by town officials. Discussion followed.

**CLAIMS** – Jan Jarson made the motion to approve claims 18465 through 18512 and Brandee Bastin seconded. The motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

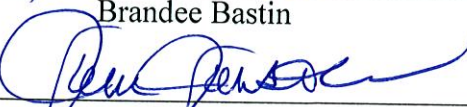
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Jan Jarson and seconded by Brandee Bastin.

  
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Brandee Bastin

  
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Jan Jarson

ATTEST:   
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Becky Hilligoss

Clerk-Treasurer