

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday January 5, 2013

8:00 a.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Saturday January 5, 2013 at 8:00a.m. at the New Palestine Town Hall. Clint Bledsoe called the meeting to order with Jan Jarson and Larry Jonas in attendance.

Minutes- Jan Jarson made the motion to accept the minutes of Dec. 19, 2012. Larry Jonas seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

STONE CROSSING SUBDIVISION- Council discussed the Stone Crossing subdivision with the fact there was one new building permit done on 12-31-12 and the street lights will be on and working next week.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES-There are four new Email addresses for the Town through the WEB site and we are no longer using Yahoo as it had been compromised several times in the past weeks.

UNSAFE BUILDINGS- The Town Council stated to the news reporter Kristy Deer that the Main St. Edon building and the unsafe barn on Gem Rd. is being pursued by Planning Commissioner Ed Tenholder and that the temporary tarps on the building are in question and need to be removed. This is all being pursued through the Town Unsafe building ordinance.

POLICE COMPLAINT-Brian Schoppel discussed with the Town Council police vehicle stops that are profiling for reasons not all racial. He had written to the council about this before. This problem is on going and no one does anything. How can it be stopped. At a recent stop the car was towed and the gas siphoned out. The probable cause used is a lie.

Clint Bledsoe stated he did not know the whole story of the recent stop.

Mr. Schoppel states that the officer lies and also stated the council denies what is going on.

Mr. Schoppel stated he did not think the probable causes for a New Palestine policeman to stop vehicles were valid. Improper use of turn signals are wrong reasons to stop vehicles. Vehicles were being towed after stops were made by a New Palestine policeman and people had to walk with their equipment.

Larry Jonas asked the date of the recent incident.

Clint Bledsoe asked who is the officer you refer to.

Mr. Schoppel stated Steve Fisher is the officer he is making the complaint against. Mr. S stated that after the State Police investigation the stops slowed down but has started again. Mr.S stated that there are kickbacks for the wrecker service. Every time a policeman stopped a car a wrecker was called to tow it way.

Clint Bledsoe stated that he has no personal information on these stops at this time.

The Council told Mr. Schoppel that they will talk with Marshal Bob Ehle on the complaint and find the information and reports on the traffic stops. The Council will check into the complaint of kickbacks from the wrecker service used by the New Palestine Police Dept. Discussion was

made on the fact that traffic stops are not reported in the newspaper for New Palestine and is was discussed that no other town had them reported in the newspapers.

Are police reports public record. Becky Hilligoss stated she would get reports after checking the Open Door policy.

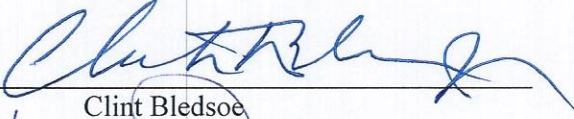
Mr. Schoppel stated he did not want the reports.

Larry Jonas stated that the State Police report showed no falsify of records or improper conduct.

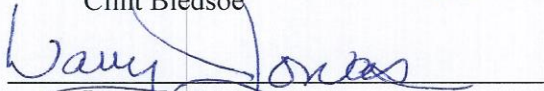
Clint Bledsoe stated there was no collaboration of the complaints.

CLAIMS – The Council signed claims 12757 through 12801

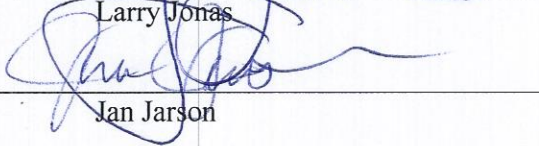
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Larry Jonas and seconded by Jan Jarson. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.



Clint Bledsoe

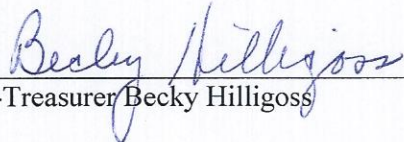


Larry Jonas



Jan Jarson

ATTEST:


Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss