

Official — Town of Montezuma
Reorganizational Board Meeting
Minutes for January 4th, 2024

At 6pm

Supervisor David Corey opened the meeting, led by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor: David Corey
Councilman: Tom Fitzsimmons
Councilman: Tom Hitchcock Jr.
Councilman: Chris Howard
Councilman: Marvin King

Others Present: Town Clerk: Marie L. Cronin
Highway Superintendent: Ken Cook
Deputy Highway Superintendent: David Ware
Highway Staff Member: Tom Young
Historian / Website manager: Cheryl Longyear
Water Operator: Stan Longyear

Residents

Present: Ben Ware

Swearing in (Oath of Office) of all Elected Officials: Chris Howard, Marvin King & Tom Fitzsimmons.

Executive Session: Motion made by David Corey at 6:02pm second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to go into Executive Session for a personnel problem. Motion carried 5/0.

Stan Longyear (Water Operator) brought into Executive Session at 6:05pm to speak with the Town Board on the new water meters (readings, billings, if any issues, leaks, damaged). At 6:08pm Stan Longyear went out of Executive Session and Ken Cook (Highway Superintendent) was brought in to speak with the Town Board on the new water meters. At 6:23pm Tom Young (Highway Staff) was brought in to speak with the Town Board also on the new water meters. At 6:50pm Ken Cook and Tom Young went out of Executive Session.

Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons at 6:54pm second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to end the Executive Session with no decision made. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion made by Chris Howard at 6:55pm second by Tom Fitzsimmons to re-open the Board Meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of Appointments: David Corey stated we need a Zoning Board of Appeals as we have none. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Chris Howard to approve all the appointments as listed on the attached form stapled to the end of the Board Minutes. Motion carried 5/0.

Decision on Town Board Meeting Dates: Keep the Board Meetings as normal, the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

Approval of the Federal reimbursement rate for mileage: Motion made by Tom Hitchcock Jr. second by David Corey to accept the new rate of .67 cent per mile. Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion on pay for new Judge Patricia Verdi: \$5,200.00 per year salary. Motion made by Tom Fitzsimmons second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to approve the salary for Patricia Verdi. Motion carried 5/0.

David Corey has a meeting Monday January 8th, 2024 at 10am with Bill Street to make sure all the trucks at the highway and all their other inventory is listed on the insurance policy, also the playground mulch and the rt. 31 park area equipment.

The Amish gentleman (Daniel Miller) that will be cutting the trees on Town Property will be dropping off a note that states the Town is not responsible if he is injured while cutting on Town property. If he makes out better than he thinks then he will owe the Town more for the trees.

Carl Collier (Dog Warden) to call David Corey and speak to him on the new dog contract.

Cheryl Longyear gave a progress report (see attached sheet) on the Heritage Park shed. Also she had a painting (done by L. F. Tantillo) for the Town to hang at the Town Hall.

Adjournment: Motion made by David Corey second by Tom Hitchcock Jr. to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

Minutes submitted by Town of Montezuma Clerk:

Marie L. Cronin