

TOWN OF MALDEN
MARCH 22, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Dan Harwood opened the regular meeting at 7:02pm. Councilmembers in attendance were Bob Law, Lori Dickinson and Ben Hale. Councilmembers Janell Turner and Scott Shauf attended by phone. Maintenance staff, Ernie Brown and Clerk/Treasurer Micki Harnois were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ben H. moved to approve the amended agenda, Lori D. seconded, motion carried.

Ben H. moved to approve the March 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Bob L. seconded, motion carried.

Announcements: Clerk Micki announced that the Malden Community Church will be holding their Easter service on April 10th followed by a coffee hour.

Committe Reports:

LTRO Committee update. John Lenz mentioned that the containers that were brought in the for WAM home rebuild project have to be emptied so they can be removed. He said that the LTRO is drafting a newsletter for the website as well as the meeting minutes. The newsletter will include Town news. He also announced the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on April 16th. A lunch will also be served.

Old Business-

Municipal Buildings- Temporary Fire Station- Mayor Dan reported that the station is nearly complete excluding the installation of the two overhead doors which still have not been received. The insulation is still being installed.

Community Building. Mayor Dan reported that he received news from the contract architect that the cost of the project has nearly doubled. Paul Kimmel with Avista forwarded sketches of the new community building in Genessee, Idaho which has the community center, municipal office and fire station in one building. A Building Committee has been established. Members are Ben Hale, Bob Law, Alyssa Hale, Tami Van Dyke, Tonya Nelson, Ernie Brown and Chandelle Frick. They will be exploring the different building options with the contract architect.

FEMA road repair program- The grant of \$654,000 will repair the gravel roads. The project won't start until spring 2023 after the completion of the water main extension project.

EWU Recovery Planning Project-Mayor Dan explained that the draft plan should be received at the end of next week.

Code Enforcement Committee-The committee consists of Ben Hale, Scott Shauf, Tami Van Dyke and Chandelle Frick. The code enforcement complaint form is now on the town website and facebook page.

Public Comments-It was asked if the State Parks Department are repairing the bridges on the trail? Mayor Dan said that they are doing so.

New Business

Environmental Review for Municipal Building TD&H Engineers will be doing the review. The Town will have to pay for this but he reminded everyone that we will be receiving CBDG funds of \$900,000 to pay for the replacement of the fire station.

Ordinance 2022-02 Development Regulations-Ben H. moved to approve the adoption of his ordinance, Lori D. seconded, motion carried.

Temporary Use Permit Expiration- This applies to RVs. It was decided that each permit should be reviewed on a case by case basis. Some occupants are waiting for funding while others have no intention on building a home on their property. Bob moved to review each case and not set a specific deadline, Ben seconded, motion carried.

Outdoor Water Sales-The topic arose as a farmer would like to bring his farm truck to town and fill it up with town water. The concern is that it would jeopardize the water capacity. It was stated that they can not get water from a fire hydrant but possibly a standpipe with a meter on it can be installed. There would have to be an honor system possibly with a key lock system and code as staff does not have the ability to be available to assist the customer. The flow of the town well is currently 175 gallons per minute. It was decided that more discussion must occur before the council can make a decision on this subject. Janelle T. moved to table this discussion at the April 12, 2022 council meeting, Bob L. seconded the motion, motion carried.

Warrant Register-Checks# 8193 through 8197 – Claims-\$45,014.55. Janelle T. moved to approve the warrants, Ben H. seconded. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Clerk: Micki H. gave a review of the Town's Nuisance Ordinance. She announced that the state approved the Town's Critical Areas Ordinance. This brings the town in compliance with the state Growth Management Act. She also said that there are upcoming remote meetings that she will be attending. Chandelle Frick will be in the office when Micki is absent.

Water: Steve Marsh from TD&H gave a report about the water project. 9,000 feet of water mains will be installed and currently the plans are being reviewed by the State Health Department. Public comments are now being taken for the consolidation of the town water rights.

Streets: No report

Park: Ernie Brown got the lawn owner ready to go.

Fire Department: No report.


Public Comment-Someone asked why there are holes in the middle of the park. These are for the percolation test holes for the future community building.

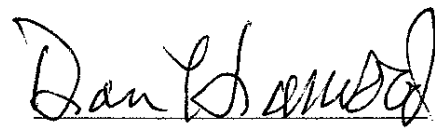
Council Report- Ben H. asked what the salary was for staff. Thanks were expressed to Scott Shauf for his administration of the Town Facebook page. Bob L. received quotes on street signs. A stop sign 4' x6' in size and posted at 14 ft high is \$66.00

Mayor Comments-Mayor Dan reminded residents that the Town dumpster located in the northwest corner of the park is free for use.

Bob L. moved to adjourn, Ben H. seconded, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.


Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor