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Present:	Mayor Councilmember	Lynn Payne Rachelle Ludwinski Donny Merrill Kyle Kingston Cortney Andrew Macall Smith
	Clerk	

Guests: Parker Haviland, Richard Allsop, Cleone Allsop, Ken Allsop, Melissa Merrill, Rob Smith, Pauline Udy, Krista Schvaneveldt, Diamonds.

MAYOR PAYNE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

**Approval of Agenda**

COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION, WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Payne asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2022, meeting minutes. COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN WITH COUNCILMEMBER KINGSTON SECONDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**Agenda items:**

**Drawing for water connections for 2022**

The Council reviewed the process for obtaining a water hook-up. Councilmember Ludwinski shared who had applied for a water hook-up and the correlating property. Mayor Payne drew 2 ping pong balls from the container. The applicants who received the water hook-ups were, Cuestes and the Woods. Mayor Payne drew 2 alternates the alternates were the Diamonds and Brad Butters. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that she had the paperwork available and would get it to the parties who got the hook-ups.

**Discussion regarding 2022 Property tax**

Clerk Smith explained that State law requires municipalities to determine if they are going to raise property taxes and notify the County by March 1<sup>st</sup>, she asked the Council if they felt property taxes needed to be increased this year. Mayor Payne asked all Councilmembers to comment on their thoughts. Councilmember Merrill liked the idea of increasing taxes in order to improve the roads and suggested more research be done so that the council could have an idea of how an increase would impact property owners. Councilmember Andrew stated that he is against raising taxes. Councilmember Kingston also liked doing more research with the idea that the issue would be readdressed in 2023. Councilmember Ludwinski wanted more information before she could decide. The Council determined to not increase taxes this year, but to obtain more information in preparation for next year and a possible tax increase.

**Discussion regarding Towns Water Ordinance- Parker Haviland**

Mr. Haviland spoke about Trenton's water hook-up process and stated that he didn't think that it was fair. He asked the Council to comment on the timeline for obtaining a water hook-up and having it installed. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that after the drawing you have four months to obtain a Zoning Clearance and then another two months to have the building permit issued by the County, she went on to say that once you have a building permit you have six months to have the home to substantial completion, or to the four way inspection stage, if you meet these timelines then the water meter will be

installed. Mr. Haviland discussed the process for obtaining a water hook-up and stated that he felt that something different could be done that would make the process fairer. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that the town has discussed many options for the process and that this seems to be the fairest way to give out the hook-ups. Mr. Haviland asked how the number of hook-ups was determined. Councilmember Ludwinski stated that there is enough water to allow 2 water hook-ups for the next 30 years. In response to Mr. Haviland's remark about conserving water Councilmember Ludwinski stated that the purpose of the current water hook-up distribution process was not to conserve water but to try to make it as fair to everyone as possible. Councilmember Ludwinski also explained the rationale behind the impact fees and how they are determined. She shared that the impact fee's that are collected must go towards loans that have been taken out to improve the water system and increase capacity on the water system. Councilmember Kingston expressed concerns with the current system of giving out water connections. The Council discussed the issue. Councilmember Andrew stated that he would like to revisit the issue as he feels there may be better options.

**Planning & Zoning update**

Councilmember Kingston stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission will review the General Plan over the next several month. Mayor Payne asked Councilmembers for names to fill the seats on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**Water**

There was no update from the water.

**Park/ Recreation/Cemetery update**

Councilmember Andrew has met with Paul Udy to check on the valves at the Cemetery. He stated that the next recreation event is Easter Egg Hunt in March/ April.

**Roads Update**

Councilmember Merrill stated that he has filled some potholes around town. Mayor Payne asked Councilmember Merrill to contact UDOT about getting more ground road base, from State Road projects.

**Adjournment**

COUNCILMEMBER LUDWINSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:45 P.M. WITH COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL SECONDDING THE MOTION AND ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE.