

Lynn Town Council

June 18, 2024

Minutes

Arthur Kirtley called the Meeting to order at 5:00pm

This was followed by the Pledge to the flag and the Lord's Prayer.

Arthur then stated that first on the agenda was the appeal at 605 W Church St. Arthur then asked Mark Marquis about the appeal. Mark stated that he was here and what needed to be discussed. Arthur stated that Mark needed to mow his area. Mark stated this was not his area that this was owned by the Town. He stated he would not be mowing and tearing up his equipment when the area didn't belong to him. Brad stated that he had discussed the intersection and then Mark decided not to mow any of it. Mark said he would not be tearing up his equipment unless the Town provided equipment for him to use. Suzan Myers states she had been down there and did not see any ruts. Mark said he would take her down there and show her. Brad stated he has mowed it 3 times and had no problems. Mark said that he would feel different if he was using his own equipment, but he was using the towns. Mark stated again that this was the town's property. Suzan stated that under 2017-4 section 6 Paragraph K it stated that the property under the possession would have to do the upkeep. Brad stated that Mark admitted to this being taken care of for 70 years by the family. Arthur stated that we would not be arguing over this matter. Mark had to mow it and we would be moving on to Steve Brock and the rate study.

Steve stated that the last rate increase was in 2016 and that he recommended that rates increase be done every 3-5 years. He discussed how the process worked. That this would be the first meeting to just go over findings and his recommendation. He then stated that the board would decide and then he would work up the ordinance with Suzan and it would be heard at a public meeting. Then the board would make final decision at a later meeting. He then went over the findings in the rate study.

Brock stated that this town would fall more into a 3k gallon study. Right now, the rate is 41.84 for sewage. The increase would be for 1 year 55.10, for 3 year 57.00 and for 5 year 58.90. we could also do any variation of this. Suzan asked him to prepare a 4 year for us to look at. He said he would get to Michael before the July meeting. Brock then stated if we had any questions to please reach out to him.

Brad stated we need to go back to section 3 on the agenda as there needed to be a vote for the appeal.

Arthur called for a motion to deny the appeal. Robert made the motion to deny the appeal. The motion was seconded by Barbara. The motion was carried all in favor.

Arthur then called for citizens' comments.

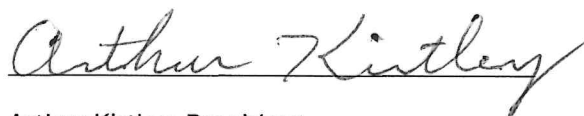
Several citizens discussed their opinions on if the rate should increase. They felt like an increase would further damage the town and more people would leave. Arthur stated that the only other option would be for a group like American water to come in and buy the department and then they

could charge whatever they wanted. Brad asked what the citizens had heard on social media. They stated that they had heard it could double. Michael stated that he encourages the citizens to come to the meeting every month. He stated these items are discussed at the meetings, and they could hear it for themselves instead of listening to the rumor mill.

One citizen asked if there were any ordinances against having bees. Brad stated that we did have an ordinance that does not allow bees inside town limits. He thanked Brad and said that's why he wanted to ask before getting some.

Another citizen asked where to get the ordinances. Michael stated the she could stop by the clerk's office and they would be able to get her whatever ordinance she was looking for.

Barbara made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert second the motion. Motion was carried all in favor.

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Arthur Kirtley, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael L. Straley III", written over a horizontal line.

Michael L Straley III, Clerk Treasurer