

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

NEW POINT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

ATTENDED BY: Jeff Shouse Council-President, Gary Wolford Council-Member, Kelly Blodgett Council-Member. Giltina Marshall Clerk-Treasurer, Stacy Shouse Clerk-Assistant, Andy Hadler Town Marshall, Mike Novac RCAP, Randy Gibbs Jr. Sewage-Supertindent, Carrie Ruble, Cindy Ruble, Gayla McClure, Vanessa Gay, Janice Ufferman, Emily Wolford, Dennis Spears.

CALL TO ORDER, MINUTES, MONTHLY DIRECTIVES, PATRON COMMENTS:

Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call-all present. Jeff asked Dennis Spears to speak first (he needed to attend another meeting). Dennis asked if the Community Building could be used for a Town Chili Supper, and possibly Whistleberry Bean Supper? He stated the Christian Church would sponsor everything for a chance to get the Community together. All council members voted yes to this and Dennis is to phone the office for a date.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes approved. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> budget approved Jeff-yes, Kelly-yes, Gary abstained (due to being a volunteer fireman). Salary ordinances one for Elected officials and the other for Town and Sewage Personnel approved, Payroll Resolution all approved. All council members voted yes.

SANITARY SEWER AND LIENS: Mike Novac spoke about doing a RISK Assessment plan, and an Asset Management Plan. Mike to call next week to set up a time to come to New Point. He also needs to give us directives on Amortization for tap on fees. Jeff discussed the sewage leak and repair by Adam Leising. If this would happen in the future we need to contact IDEM, fire, police and state highway. Mike suggested we use a camera for weak spots in sewer line. Need to contact Duke to move fiber optics that are in the were buried in the manhole. Adam Leising would like to meet with the Council, Mike Novac, Randy Gibbs Jr. and Larry Byrd about plans for the future of the line that has been repaired.

Randy Jr. all good as of the meeting with the Town pumps. Truck Stop panel is having some issues that Randy thinks something is sticking, he will be keeping an eye on the panel.

One lien was filed at the Decatur County Court House this month.

ALLEY, STREETS AND ROADS: Resurfacing is complete for this year. Box truck tried to go thru the viaduct and got stuck. G. M. phoned me after hearing the noise and I phoned the Sheriffs Dept. The truck needed to be pulled out. Mike Reece of the Railroad did come to look at the tunnel to make sure it is OK. Maybe the RR could put signage on the tunnel. Awaiting word for County Commissioner J. Pasel on the culvert situation with the county. Contact Duke for street light out behind Liquor store.

RAILROAD: Tracks should be fixed at the end of November per Mr. Reece.

WATERWAYS, WELLS AND VEGETATION: A. Leising cleaned out Tub Creek, Mr. Cutter had given our Council President permission to clean from his side. They took out 12 dump truck loads from the creek. They also cleaned out a drain that comes from the west side of town into Tub Creek. And they fixed sinking manhole by Mike Reynolds home.

OUTBUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: All good, sand and salt status to be ordered In November.

INSIDE BUILDING: Contact Wallpe for furnace check and change filters.

BUDGET AND INSURANCE: Completed form for Bliss McKnight

PERMITS AND ORDINANCES: Salary Ordinance for Elected officials approved. Salary Ordinances for Town and Sewage Personnel approved. Payroll Resolution Approved. All council members voted yes.

COURT HOUSE AND LAWYER: NA

COVID, READI, ARPA: NA

VEHICLES: Car good

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Continuing training of new firemen. Answering calls and smoke investigation. People should only be burning brush during daylight hours per IDEM.

EVENTS: Christian Church to contact our office to schedule chili supper/cook-off and possible bean soup supper. This will be free to the Community. Trick or treat will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

POLICE: Andy spoke to Todd Houk concerning Paser rating for our streets. No hope for 2026 of receiving Community crossing grants, possible for 2027 if information is collected and sent on. No idea when any of this will take place. Board continued discussion for OPO. Only one other Town in the County does OPO besides New Point. It was decided to do one more year and then review budget issues. Gary and Kelly voted yes. Jeff was a no vote, he would rather see the money used for the town. Andy was sent the wrong holster for his new gun, he is taking care of that issue and he still has the old gun. Traffic stops 12, Warnings 8, Citations 5, Arrests 0, Cases 0, Calls 24.

OTHER: Jeff attended a meeting at the Library to nominate a person to be Part of the Zoning Board to represent small towns in Decatur County. Cortland Robinson will be our representative for the County. Gary Hash will issue a report on the Emergency Preparedness Meetings when finished. It was suggested that all Towns backup their Ordinances on a computer. Jeff brought up that someone has been into the office after hours, he suggested they come in during normal business hours.

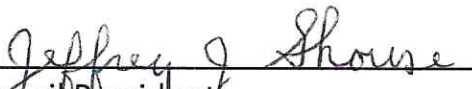
Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Gary and Kelly both seconded.

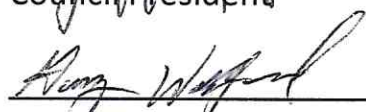
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Sewage Bond & Interest balance \$27,138.76

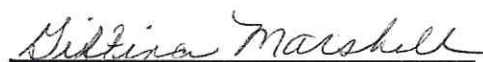
Community Center balance \$12,523.76

Sewage account balance \$131,904.45

  
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