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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

None

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Jay King, Jordan Sullivan, Oscar Alvarenga & Kathy Hansen

Absent: ALD: Kathleen Miller

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Jeannie Rollins

Kim Whitehorn

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended agenda; Storm Shelter was put under parks.

Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the May minutes as written. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

May 2020; Financial statement presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the May Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; May 2020; 41 Calls (EMS: 24 Fire: 11, Misc.: 2, MVA: 3, Roads: 1)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council Facebook and Website are all up to date
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) as of May 31, 2020
 - a. None
5. Building Permits – as of May 31, 2020
 - a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Tract Split; Landers Road – Craig Nelson: Passed
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Tim DePue*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the resident on Pearl Street was sent a letter concerning dumping in the ravine. The area has been cleaned some, but more needs to be done per Mr. DePue. It was discussed and agreed by council to place cameras up to find the person who is dumping debris on Tucks Chapel Road.
4. *Streets – Mayor Whitehorn*
 - a. Culverts & Ditches – End of Woods Lodge Road is complete per Mayor Whitehorn. Mayor Whitehorn informed council the ditches along Old Wire Road will be started on Monday.
5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Fences – Ald. Hansen updated council on the progress of the fences being replaced around the town parks.
 - b. Farmers Market – Rec/Tres Barnes updated the council; she has been in contact with Becky Heeden who has decided to cancel this year’s Farmers Market.
 - c. Grants – Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres. Barnes met with Patti Erwin, on Monday May 25th and walked around the parks to see how many and what trees we could use. Letters were sent to ARDOT, the Railroad and some business owners in regards to this project.
 - d. Storm Shelter – The council talked about building a community storm shelter. This was tabled at this time.

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6. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. Ald. King wanted to recognize all the hard work the town workers are doing.

Old Business

1. Trash Service – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council a bid packet to be published on June 12, 2020.
2. Train Bridge – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the train bridge has been paid until October 2021.

New Business

1. Resolution 05-20; In Support of Fair, Direct Federal Emergency Support to reopen and rebuild Local American Economies– Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 05-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 05-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: held concerning the reason the town needs this resolution. Roll call; Ald. King; yes, Ald. Sullivan: no, Ald. Alvarenga: yes, and Ald. Hansen: yes. Motion carried.
2. Ordinance No 123; Setting a Curfew – A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to place Ordinance No 123; Setting a Curfew on its first reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Roll call: Ald. Sullivan; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Hansen; yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried. Town Attorney McClure read the ordinance in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Ordinance 123 on its first reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: held concerning pros and cons. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan; no, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Hansen; no, and Ald. King; no. Motion failed.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

None

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for June 16, 2020
2. Special Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020

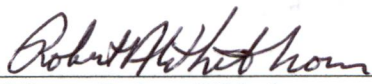
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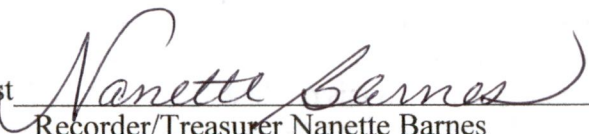
Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes

*****The June 9, 2020 Council meeting was not recorded do to a glitch with the recording device