

Town of Hillsboro

Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2009

Members Present: John Hill, Lois Wilfong, Janice Goode, Jim Johnson, Richard Workman, Sandy Simmons, Anne Walker

Mayor Workman called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

The first item of business was the swearing in of the Town Recorder. Anne Walker verbally resigned as council member. Jim Johnson moved to accept the resignation of Anne Walker as council member. John Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Anne then repeated the oath of office read by the Mayor and signed the oath.

The reading of December 2008 meeting minutes was next on the agenda. Lois Wilfong moved to accept the minutes as written. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The reading on January 2009 meeting minutes was next on the agenda. Janice Goode moved to accept the minutes as written. John Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson asked about the sewer and water operator jobs being advertized and approved through the council. Mayor Workman replied that all licensed operators in the area were contacted and no one was willing to take the job.

The Treasurer's report from December 2008 was reviewed by council. John Hill moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Lois Wilfong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The January 2009 Treasurer's report was reviewed by council. Jim Johnson moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Lois Wilfong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman asked if there were any nominations for the council seat left vacant by Anne Walker. Janice Goode nominated Sandy Gladwell. John Hill seconded the motion. Lois Wilfong, Janice Goode, and John Hill voted yes to appoint Sandy Gladwell to council. Jim Johnson opposed. Jim asked if the council was willing to run the nominations to council in the paper. No motion resulted.

Ruth Taylor was asked to update the council on the information regarding the Town of Hillsboro Welcome signs on either end of town. She stated that the cost could be split for a sheet of 3.4" corrugated plastic that cost \$255 per sheet. It comes in any color but Ruth requested the signs be green with white letters. The plastic would be layered with white in the middle and the letters would be routed out. She proposed that stone or brick be constructed to set the signs into along 219. John Hill inquired about the location of the signs to be constructed; if they were going to be on the state road right of way or an easement. Ruth stated we would need to seek permission from the state to construct the signs on the right of way. Ruth estimated the total cost of the project to be around \$500.

The town has about \$1200 in savings for signs and maintenance for signs. It was determined that the exact size of the sheet of plastic would be needed, as well as the exact cost for the total project. Anne Walker is to email Samuel Cowell concerning the size of the plastic sheet. LaVern McCoy would also be contact concerning the state road sign requirement and right of way permission.

Ruth also stated that Pearl Buck will be asking to be added to the town's sewer and water system in the future long term plan of 4 to 5 years. Mayor Workman stated that another lift station would be necessary for the town to offer service to Pearl Buck Birthplace. Ruth also asked the council to support grants for the restoration of the Pearl Buck Birthplace.

Next on the agenda was an update on the website. Anne passed around the monthly visit from the website. She also proposed to compile a list of businesses in the area to send out the form for advertizing on the town's website. Mayor Workman asked if she has spoken with Nancy Martin concerning her class doing the town's website updates. Anne said she had not had time but would have a definite answer by the March meeting.

Mayor Workman moved on the Dick Burns request to purchase 16 used pipes from the town that were located at the wells for \$450. John Hill moved to sell the pipes to RH Burns and Son. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Workman stated the money would be applied to the water account.

Next on the agenda was the signing of Region 4 papers for the grant money to paint the inside of the water tank. Mayor Workman stated that the estimate from Eastern Tank was \$61,000. We would be receiving \$46,000 from the state in grants, \$5000 from the county commission and the town would pay the remainder \$10,000. Jim Johnson moved to give the Mayor permission to sign the grant papers. John Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman requested the council approve and pay for 1S sewer training class for himself and Larry Simmons that would be held March 31 through April 3, 2009. The cost of the class would be \$40/ person. He also requested the cost of the hotel for two people be covered by the town. They have already taken the ID class and Sent out OIT's. Jim Johnson asked why these positions had not been opened to the public or if they could before the sewer class. Mayor Workman opened the floor to the council to discuss opening the operators' positions to the public. The town sewer and water is currently being supervised by Robbie Pyles until Class I water certification is obtained. The Mayor and Larry Simmons are being supervised by Robbie in maintaining both systems. Jim Johnson stated he had no problems with the Mayor performing the duties if procedure is followed. He would have preferred the Mayor call an emergency meeting and sought approval before hiring himself for the operator's job. John Hill asked about contacting the Rules and Ethics Committee or the Attorney General's Office. He stated that he would call Charleston to determine if the Mayor acted within ethical boundaries. An emergency meeting would be called to determine the validity of the Mayor taking on the operator's job. Sandy Simmons suggested advertizing the positions on February 19th and February 26th and have respondents interviewed and hired by March 15, 2009, the deadline to submit the registration for the 1S sewer class. During the course of the discussion, Mayor Workman swore in newly appointed council member Sandy Gladwell. John moved to accept Mayor Workman and Larry Simmons as the operators in training unless an

