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Minutes

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The monthly meeting of the Lansing Board of Alderman was held Monday April 13, 2009 at the Lansing Town Hall. In attendance were Mayor Jason Ring, Alderman Bill Cline, Dennis Trainor Jr., Israel Church, and Brenda Reeves. Also in attendance were Bernice Prestwood, Town Clerk, Larry Blevins, Ron Williams, Mauvine Shepherd, George Rembert, Gerald Blackburn, and Alia Miller.

The meeting began at seven o'clock with Mayor Ring asking for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Cline made a motion to accept the minutes, and Israel Church second the motion, and everyone agreed.

First on the agenda were the signs that were made for the Walking Trail and the Playground. Black letters on a white background.

Next the bid for the well was given to Dewy Wright Well Drilling of Boone. He had the lowest bid of 19,240.00 for the #1 well. And for the #2 well or \$14,265.00. We are now waiting for information from the engineer. There were only two bids. Lousion Jordan had called the Town Hall and ask if his group could hold a road block in Lansing to raise money to go toward fixing the pool at the middle school. Brenda Reeves committed that it was a good ideal and made a motion to let them have it. Bill Cline second it and everyone agreed and the motion was carried. It was brought to the attention of the Board that Larry Blevins had been mowing the grass at the Park and the Walking Trail, and had not been reimbursed for the gas or for the use of his

mower. It was discuss, and agreed that he should be reimbursed for his expense. Israel Church said that \$300.00 a season should be given to Larry, to cover his expense. Church made the motion and Bill Cline second the motion, and everyone agreed. Motion was carried.

The Town had received a letter from NCDENR Division of Environmental Health. This letter states the site appears to meet the requirements set forth in Section .0203 of the Rules Governing Public Water Systems. The Town may proceed with the drilling and testing of the proposed well discussed in the letter. Testing required as part of the plan submission is itemized on the enclosed "check List for New Well Construction. The well site must continue to meet the site criteria as discussed at the time of my investigation and as stated in the enclosure (sectiojn.0203) said Wade McDonald.

Membership with the UNC School of Government is due. This foundation has lawyers on staff that if we had a question, we could call the and get an answer from lawyers. The membership is \$100.00 a year. Bill Cline thinks it would be worth the money if we were to need them. Cline made a motion to join, and Brenda Reeves second the motion, and all agreed. Motion carried. It was asked if the Town would buy a blower to blow leaves and dirt from the sidewalks. Israel Church said he had a gas powered blower he would give to the town. He would bring it to the Town Hall on Wednesday.

Larry Blevins talked to the Board about building a stage in the park. The Fire Department would provide the labor if the Town would agree to back them. Madeline Crawford agreed to draft a proposal to the Rural Center to find out if we could use the money from the STEP Grant to buy the materials we need. The amount need for a 12x20 stage with a roof would be about \$3000.00. Frenchy painted a picture showing what it would look like when completed. A letter from Paul Combs who agrees that it is a good

idea to let the STEP Grant pay for the materials. It would show good intension from the community. Brenda Reeves made a motion to back the Fire Department. Dennis seconds the motion. Bill and Israel agreed.

Gerald Blackburn addressed the Board to ask if he can hook sewer to a trailer he is putting in. He had his own water that he would use until we got the new well built. It was mentioned that he could use one of the meters that was not being used. George Rembert said that he could use on of his meter that he was not using. Blackburn is willing to go ahead and hook up to water and sewer, and get a meter from George. We have 85 Metter being used at this time. No one knows how many we have that are not being used. Also Blackburn contract with the Town for the use of his land for our well has expired as of March. He will no longer have a water allowance for his trailer park.

Mayor Ring asked Mr. Church for an update on the roof. Church was upset with Ring and asked why he is going around Town talking about him. He wanted Ring to come to him if he had any question. Church was asked when he could get the roof fixed. Church said it would be the end of June before he could get it done. He has the material at Lowe's, and they will deliver it when he needs it.

Bernice Prestwood asked the board for a raise in salary. She said she had not had an increase in salary in two years. The workload has increased to double and more. She tried to work every day she can. Bernice was asked how much of a raise she wanted. Bernice said at lease one dollar. Brenda Reeves said to give at lease a dollar or a dollar and a half. Dennis Trainor made a motion to give her a dollar raise. Bill second the motion. All agreed.

Nita Church wanted to talk about the stage in the park. She had not received a letter or e-mail from Misty at the Rural Center to give permission to use the money from the STEP Grant. Also,

the wall at her house was falling down and needs to be repaired. The wall is holding dirt back from the road. Trainor said that a state engineer would have to look at it to see how to fix it. The Board agreed to get a state engineer to look at it, and we would go from their. Also the fence at their house is falling down. The fence was attached to Vasquez's building, and we would have to have their permission to reattach the fence back to her house.

Dennis asks to get reading from the Fire Departments meter and the Town Halls meter to see if that is where the loss of water is at. He believes that the leak is not there. But the loss of water is coming from these two places.

Ron Williams requested permission to construct a walkway to the side entrance of the old Hart Store building. Motion was made and passed.

With everything covered Mayor Ring asked for a motion to adjourn. Israel Church made a motion, and everyone agreed.