

Town Board Meeting September 12, 2022

Supv. Crossen called the monthly meeting of the Alabama Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken, Councilperson Fisher, LaGrou, Klotzbach, Veazey and Supv. Crossen were present. Also present were Supt. Covell, Mark Masse, Dave Bencic, Attorney Boylan.

Privilege of the Floor -- none

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

- Worked with several Towns, shared services.
- Completed oil & stoning Ham Road.
- Ditches mowed in Alabama Center
- 1,700 Ton of salt ready to go for Winter.
- Ledge Road pipe fixed.
- Second round of road mowing complete.

Plug Power Crushed Stone

MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to allow the Supervisor and the Highway Superintendent to accept excess stone from the Plug Power site at the Highway Garage. With the understanding that some portion of it will be returned back. Further that this must benefit the Town and be documented, prior to, in a Memorandum Of Understanding. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Alabama Cemetery

John & Mary Uncapher, Section C, Lot 20, Plots 5 & 6 are encroaching 30 inches into Marleen and Lee Weaver's lots. They need to be moved over . Disc. Held.

Clerk Borkholder contacted the Funeral Home, Wolfe Memorial in Pittsburgh, that made the arrangements for the Uncapher's in 1992. They had a cousin who was in charge of the burial, he has since passed away. The funeral director sent an email to the daughter of the cousin telling her of the issue and asked if they would give the Town permission to move the graves. The daughter, Janice, has not responded to her email (6/21/2022). The funeral director said that most likely the daughter doesn't want to get involved, but if she receives a response she will contact the Town. As of today, there has been no response.

The Town has made its best effort to get permission without success.

Resignation/Vacancy

Assessor – Irene Will passed away on August 23, 2022. Disc. held. Will advertise for position.

Town Justice – Pamela Thurber submitted a letter of resignation on Sept. 6, 2022, effective August 31, 2022.

MOTION By Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept the letter of resignation from Pamela Thurber with regret and gratitude. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Will advertise for position.

2023 Budget

Board members were given a copy of the preliminary 2023 budget, Supv. Crossen reviewed proposed budget. Disc. on having budget meeting.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Supv. Crossen to have a second meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2022 at the Town Hall. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

STAMP – Mark Masse gave update:

Received all permits from the DEC.

Tree clearing for substation will begin soon.

Force Main contractor want to get started.

Water/Sewer committees to meet on Sept. 20th.

The EDC still owes the Town payment for square footage of Plug Power. Waiting for completion of project to calculate payment.

Plug Power Update from Attorney Boylan:

AUGUST 2022

PLUG POWER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Town's engineer, Wendel completed 2 site visits in July and made the following observations;

- SWPPP inspections by the Plug Power engineer of record are taking place bi-weekly and the mailbox is in place that contains inspection reports.
- Fabrication of the interior stainless steel sphere is continuing by CB&I.
- Cerrone is wrapping up their scope of work on the site and will be replaced by a contractor to be named to continue the stormwater and site work.
- Installation of chainlink fence is underway along the North, West and South property lines.
- Plug Power will be working on the construction of building foundation packages once approved.
- Plug Power CM has additional support personnel at the field office, a Superintendent and Safety Officer are now on site. All visitors are required to sign in and complete a job site safety questionnaire.

Audit Update

The USDA responded to the audit of 2020. Supv. Crossen to respond to them with the corrections that were made. (Updating of Town Policies)

Executive Session

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to go into executive session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and/or Negotiations and updates subject to NDAs regarding the IZA; and/or Negotiations regarding the Teamsters Contract with Attorney Boylan and Supt. Covell. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Court – phones have been fixed.

Court Committee –

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to allow the Court Committee to contact surrounding communities to gauge their interest and to work towards consolidation.

Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Disc. held on Justice salary, possibly paying Justice Tauscher for taking on additional court dates/duties due to the resignation of Justice Thurber. Disc. held, no decision made.

Town Hall – nothing new

Solar – nothing new

Union – nothing new

Approval of Minutes

8/8/2022 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Supervisors Report

9/4/2022 -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey, to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept Abstract #009-2022 and pay bills in the amount of \$22,193.37 vouchers 198 to 211 General Fund; \$142,181.12 vouchers 111 to 129 Highway Fund; \$55,079.09 vouchers 14 to 15 Water District 2; \$1,371.41 vouchers 18 to 19 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Town Clerk's Report

August 2022 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Supv. Crossen to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Assessor's Report – no report submitted

CEO/ZEO Report – no report submitted

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to adjourn meeting at 8:34 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder, Town Clerk