

Town of Platteville Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday May 13th,2024

(APPROVED)

Town Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Tom Weigel at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Dan Smith, Tom Weigel, Chad Droessler, Dave Klar, and Nathan Niehaus.

The clerk verified that the open meeting law was met. Notice was posted in 3 locations, and the website. WWW.TOWNOFPLATTEVILLE.COM

The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Smith to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Droessler. Motion carried.

The minutes from the April meetings were reviewed. Motion by Droessler to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Klar presented the treasurer's report. Total account balances as of May 1st were \$654,965.34. Motion by Droessler to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The bills for the month were reviewed, totaling \$9,427.25. Motion by Smith to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Droessler. Motion carried.

Niehaus presented 2 liquor license renewal applications to the board for approval from Platteville Golf and Country Club and from T&L BARn LLC. Motion by Droessler to approve the liquor license and server licenses for T&L BARn LLC, seconded by Smith. Motion carried. Motion by Smith to approve the liquor license and server licenses for Platteville Golf and Country Club, seconded by Droessler. Motion carried.

A June plan commission meeting was discussed with possible topics for discussion including a possible Health and Safety Ordinance and updating the New Road Development Ordinance. Weigel asked Vince and Kelly Graney if they had heard any updates on possible routes or placement of turbines and they stated they hadn't heard much.

After the March monthly meeting Niehaus received an email from Klar with the following statement (If you have a meeting on this moratorium, make sure you don't let the people bitch about it all night. Under the open meeting law, the public has no right to speak unless it is specifically listed on the agenda as with public comment on any item on the agenda. No free for all's. I am tired of getting blamed for telling the board they fucked up. After 33 years I am not going to be their fucking babysitter anymore. Since the treasurer is not required to attend meetings, I will no longer be attending any town

board meetings. I will send you reports. You send me your reports and checks to sign, and I will do my job as required.

Dave)

This raised concern with the board regarding the process of keeping the board involved in signing the checks and assisting in placing them in the envelopes to be mailed out to keep them informed as to what the checks were for. Niehaus stated that at times the clerk must fill out paperwork or information following board approval of payments and sometimes he will also hand deliver large checks to school districts or others if he will be stopping for other town or election matters saving postage and multiple envelopes being sent as well as the uncertainty of if the check will arrive with the uncertainty of the postal system. Klar stated that the clerk is to write the checks, sign them, have the chairman sign them and then the treasurer is to send them in the mail according to the DOR. He further stated that he is not required to attend meetings. Smith raised the question about changing how the process has been done for years with the board being involved. Klar further stated that the reason the town has a new building is because of him. Weigel stated that that several people were involved in writing agreements between the Town and City and working on the project for the new town hall. Klar proceeded to discuss that the board shouldn't be listening to residents' concerns for an extended period without the concern being an agenda item. Weigel stated that he is the chairman and has the right to call on residents attending the meetings to listen to the concerns that they bring to the board under residents' input, that he was told this by the Town's Attorney provided the board takes no action. Weigel further stated that he is the elected chairman, and he isn't interested in Klar opinion of how the meetings should be ran. Klar feels that this is a violation of the open meeting law. Klar further stated that he has never been wrong in the 33 years that he has been on the board, that he is always right. Different options of signing the checks were discussed. Klar stated several times that he no longer cares about the town. Weigel concluded that if residents come into a town meeting that they have a right to be heard and that he is going to give them time to bring up what they have concerns about.

Kurt stated that people are burning brush on Nealmar cul-de-sac, there is a driveway on Walnut Dell Road that was put in that should have been placed in a different place.

Jolene Beebe asked about where things are with the Health and Safety Ordinance, she was advised that it will be on the June plan commission meeting agenda. Gary Klein asked about how close you can plant trees to the road, the best is to keep them off the right of way which is 33 feet from the center of the road.

Motion by Droessler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.

Nathan Niehaus-Clerk