Lynnville Town Council July 6, 2021 Agenda

MOMENTE OF SILENCE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 1, 2021

APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS: June 15, 2021 – July 6, 2021

DELINQUENT NOTICES: Shut off date July 10, 2021**List for Park Lessees sent to park for violation of lease**

-Melissa Hargrave request for hearing concerning her utility bill - Tables last meeting due to medical issue

ADJUSTMENTS:

Pool Fill

-251 W 3 rd St	\$43.12
-628 Old Petersburg Rd	\$230.01
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Bad Met

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\$76.58 - Hose leak for about 5 hours before discovered 101 Terry Ln.

435 W Hwy 68 \$44.06 - Water leak under building - Repaired

TREASURY REPORT:

Community Center	\$ 35,903.30
Fire Department	\$246,407.57
General	\$580,378.97
Park	\$124,967.78
Utilities	\$898,595.98

^{**}Amount saved for Digital Meters \$205,127.33

NEW BUSINESS:

-Approval of Commonwealth Bills

Project	Invoice	Description	\$
Spurgeon WWTP	49801	Soils Borings & Permit Assistance	\$21,670.50
Spurgeon WWTP	49800	Final Design	\$6,840.00
Meter Replacement	49799	Meter Replacement Quote Package	\$2,355.63

- -"Continued Involvement" with Tecumseh Trail Committee Chrissy Ash & Sharon Sexson-Lyle
- -Estimate for repairs/additions to electric in Lynnville Park Intent for additional appropriation
- -Estimate for finishing-work around playground in Lynnville Park Intent for additional appropriation
- -Estimate for clearing bank of Lynnville Lake Intent for additional appropriation
- -Estimates for culvert work on 4th St and 3rd/ Main St
- -Swim Beach update
- -New Lynnville Park employees
 - 1. Keegan Walters
- 2. Joella Merkel
- 3. Erin Tooley

Brian Cook, Town Superintendent

- "To-Do List" updated
- Work Report

J. William Bruner, Attorney

Lauri Stockus, Clerk-Treasurer

-Continuing Education Webinars for Lauri and Miranda

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Budgeting and Planning for the Future	Budget Bulleting
Spring Data Compliance Process 101	New SDF Upload Site & Sales Overview

Tim Reibold, Fire Department

-Reporting

Doris Horn, Town Council Member Rachel Titzer, Town Council Member Stacy Tevault, Town Council President

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2021, 6:00pm @ Park

ANY AND ALL BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE LYNNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

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Town of Lynnville

July 6, 2021

Present: Stacy Tevault, Rachel Titzer, Doris Horn, Lauri Stockus, J. William Bruner, R. Miranda Mullins, Scott Whitfield,
Brian Cook

Absent: Tim Reibold, Bill Putt, Marcus Jolly

Call to Order

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Doris makes a motion to approve the June 1, 2020 minutes as presented. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of Current Bills: Doris makes the motion to approve the June 15, 2021 – July 6, 2021 bills as presented. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Delinquent Bills: Shut off date July 10, 2021. The lessee delinquents have been given to Park to send violation of lease. Rachel makes a motion to shut off water for all delinquent accounts not paid by shut off date. Doris seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Adjustments:

229 E 1st St - \$523.31 - Pipe burst in kitchen - Repaired

Melissa Hargrave request for hearing concerning her utility bill – Tables last meeting due to medical issue Melissa is not in attendance again so the Town Council proceeded to discuss the issue in her absence. Rachel makes a motion to approve adjustments. Doris seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries. However, this still leaves an outstanding balance of \$651.52 as of 7/6/2021. The meter will not be turned back on until the bill has been paid in full.

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Doris makes a motion to approve pool fill adjustments. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

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Doris makes a motion to approve adjustments. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

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Doris makes a motion to approve this adjustment. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

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Treasury Report: Lauri Stockus Clerk-Treasurer

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On the record, the Town of Spurgeon will be reimbursing the funds for Spurgeon WWTP Project.

Rachel makes a motion to approve invoice #49801 for \$21,670.50; invoice #49800 for \$6,840.00; invoice \$2,355.63. Doris seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

<u>"Continued Involvement" with Tecumseh Trail Committee – Chrissy Ash & Sharon Sexson-Lyle on behalf of Tecumseh Trail Committee</u>

Sharon Sexson-Lyle: Per the contract with the State, September 1, 2021, is the to have construction completed. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony. There is discussion of another committee, Friends of Tecumseh Trail, to monitor, plan events and continues to promote the trail along with Lynnville Park. The Town Council all agree this is a great idea.

Stacy: The Town has agreed to clean, maintain, and perform the upkeep of the trail with the Town superintendent and the Park superintendent working together. Sharon: Could ask one or both superintendents to be a part of this board to work together on the trail. The Town Council liked this idea since council members are voted in/out, the employees would be able to make sure the trail doesn't fall through the cracks. Sharon then asked how to process donations that come in for the trail. Lauri said she has a fund specifically for donations already set up. This would keep all the donation money separated. After some discussion, the town is not a 503c (non for profit) so for anyone making donations to the town would not be able to use for tax right off. Sharon discussed funding from Tourism Department. Stacy said she has talked with them several and made appointments to meet but they have not shown up. Sharon said she would try to call them again to get something set up to get some of the tourism funding for the Town of Lynnville.

Chrissy Ash: There are 5 benches that have been sponsored. Currently there are 4-18ft concrete slabs and the benches are 6ft, they would like a decision on placement of the benches. After some discussion the options are to reach out to some of the local residence who have done work for the town and park, to pour another concrete pad or have 2 benches on 1 pad. The Town Council all agreed will table the decision until they are able to contact someone regarding the cost of having another concrete pad poured. Mr. Brunner: Has the issue concerning the trail using State's ROW (right-of-way) been resolved. As of my last correspondence, if any part of the trail not owned by the park went in the State's ROW the town would be responsible for aspects of design and construction funds and liability if it was not done properly. The agreement the town made with the Trail committee is the town would take responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the trail after it has been completed but not any part of design or construction. Town

council agrees. If they were to sign the document taking responsibility of design/construction it makes the town and citizens responsible for something they are not. To prevent any liability the wording needs to be correct to protect the town and the residents. The company doing the actual construction should sign off on the State's documents. Mr. Brunner is going to reach out to Jeremy from Morely and let him know our stance. Mr. Brunner offers to reach out and ask if grant money can be used if something were to go wrong if the town signed to be responsible for the construction.

Estimate for Repairs/Additions to Electric in Lynnville Park - Intent for Additional Appropriation

Doris makes a motion to table until the next Park Board meeting. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Estimate for finishing-work around playground in Lynnville Park – Intent for Additional Appropriation

Council member questions Lauri concerning the need for another Additional Appropriation. Lauri explained the repair/update on the electric lines and water lines done at the beginning of the year cost over \$10,000 more than expected and budgeted and while doing work ran into some unexpected problems. The old waterlines were shredded, huge slabs of concrete and various other trash were buried which was removed then back-filled and they also found disconnected wiring that was removed. Doris makes a motion to allow estimate #157 in the amount of \$2,447.00. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Estimate for Clearing Bank of Lynnville Lake - Intent for Additional Appropriation

Clearing the lake of excess trees and brush inside the camping area near the road, campsite and towards primitive will make it more visible of the lake and a cleaner area. The estimate number is 154 in the amount of \$4,112.00 and estimate #154 in the amount of \$4,112.00. Doris makes a motion. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Notice to Taxpayers of intent to file for Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$6,559.00 for Lynnville Park to have finishing-work around playground and clearing bank of Lynnville Lake. The Public Hearing will be July 20, 2021 at Park Board meeting at 6:00pm. Rachel makes a motion. Doris seconds. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

Approve Estimates for Culvert Work on 4th St and 3rd St/Main St

Wilcox Earthworks estimate #156 in the amount of \$3,140.00 for the 4Th street project and estimate #155 in the amount of \$5,882.00 for 3rd St/Main St. Doris makes a motion. Rachel seconds. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Motion carries.

401 W Hwy 68 Park Property (Old Swim Beach)

The property and building have been released back to the Town at the end of June 2021. It has been added to the town's insurance policy but to have the building usable to the public the building requires some work to be done which includes have a new roof. It is insured only for employee use at this time None of the Town Council members have been inside the building yet to see what repairs/updates should be done. Bill, park superintendent, entered the building right before tonight's meeting. He said there is some garbage and various items left inside but it doesn't look too bad. He did make note of the leak in the roof. He did not feel it would take much to clean up the inside of the building. The water, wastewater and electricity has been switched over to the Town. The Town Council would like Brian and Bill, the town and park superintendents, to look at the building to get their opinions on the building to see what other repairs are needed before getting estimates on having the roof done. It is the intent of the Town Council to make this property a usable trail head and other purposes for the community. The council is considering three restrooms, men's, woman's and family, inside the building.

New Lynnville Park Employees

- 1. Keegan Walters (part time)
- 2. Joella Merkel (quit)
- 3. Erin Tooley (part time)

Steven is working on getting new leases and annual payments up-to-date. He has gotten all the paperwork from 2020-present put into correct folders. He is still sifting through older paperwork trying to get it organized and properly placed. There are quite a few leases and folders that have not been located but are still looking. There are 2-3 file drawers with stacks of lease information stacked into piles and mixed up that have not been able to go through yet. There have been lessees who have been sent bills for annual leases with incorrect amounts due. Some received bills that were too much and some were billed not enough. The ones who were not billed enough cannot be rebilled for more but the ones who were over billed will be issued refunds. Steven is working hard to get all the leases corrected and straightened out so this problem will not happen in the future. Another issue they have been coming across with people not getting bills. We will reprint all invoices. If the received it and paid it then they can disregard. Stacy: The late fee day will be July 31st.

Brian Cook - Town Superintendent

"To-Do List"

The street light report has been completed and turned in to Town Hall. This report will help figure out which street lights were placed on residential properties instead of Town property where they were supposed to be placed. According to information received from Town Hall there are about 15 lights not replaced. Some have already been located where Duke Energy contractors put in wrong place.

There are three streets that should be one-way; circle on Terry Ln, W. 4th St and dead-end curve of E 2nd St. Each of these streets are only around 10 feet wide which is too narrow for traffic to go both ways and should not be a 2-lane road for the safety reasons. To make the roads 1-way an ordinance will need to be written. Mr. Brunner said he would need to know the name of streets, distance of the one-way and the "here-to-there" of the one-way areas to write the ordinance.

There was some discussion concerning weight limits set for Deer Ln. Mr. Bruner was going to check his records to see what had been decided in the past so an ordinance can be written for weight limits on Deer Ln and some of the other roads in town which should have limits set and signage added.

The ground around the hydrants that were repaired/replaced and ground has settled are filled with sand until topsoil can be delivered. Topsoil is very hard to come get right now. Once the topsoil is delivered, couple inches of sand will be removed, replaced with topsoil, seeded and straw placed over the areas. Brian would like to contact the company building Tecumseh Trail to see if the town could get some of the topsoil being removed during the construction of the trail. There is a house in town Brian added 2 risers and raised the meter pit because the residence had 2 loads of soil put in the front yard to build up and level the yard the company building the trail gave the resident. The Town Council agreed, any topsoil from the construction of Tecumseh Trail is not to be given to residents. It belongs to Lynnville Park and/or the Town of Lynnville. If the company is getting rid of topsoil, rock or anything else during construction it is to be put at town garage or park for the use of the departments. Stacy said she would contact Chrissy Ash to let the company know the town wants any soil/rock. The town is to get first use and it should be the town's decision to give it away to residence.

The tractor was used to clean out the Terry Ln ditch and under the fence near the lift station that had been filled in and not repaired during the installation of the pump station last year. This area has caused a problem with water drainage for over a year. The Town Council said it has been an issue much longer than that. Brian said the drain box is higher than the ditch so the water couldn't drain out. He will wait until the next rain to see if the issue has been fixed or if the area will need more work to drain properly.

Repainted trees at the water tower with the purple (No Trespassing) paint.

Contacted a couple business for pricing on commercial mosquito sprayers. Due to the chemicals involved there are certifications required to be able to buy the chemicals and other certifications to use the spray. All certifications require schooling which he heard was not easy. Due to the difficulty and hours of training many people/companies/towns who only are going to spray a couple of times per year, end up hiring contractors already certified to spray instead of spending all that time getting certified themselves. The Town Council would like to get pricing from a certified company to have the park sprayed. Brian said he already has a request in to get pricing on having someone spray a couple times per year.

Work Report

The weeds have been pulled, weed barrier laid and new mulch laid in flower beds at Town Hall and Community Center. The bushes have also been trimmed. The sidewalks and road along Main St have been weed-eated.

The pot hole on Fawn Ln has been filled, grated and leveled.

The storm drain on Church/E 1st St has been raised and re-graveled. Go back to cold-patch it after it has had time to settle.

The dusk to dawn light sensor has been repaired at the Community Center. The reason the one put on end of last year was not working correctly and lights have been staying on all the time is they put on one meant for small equipment such as a pool or residential lighting. It did not have enough power to turn all the big outdoor lighting it was hooked up to at the Community Center. The small timer has been taken to the town garage to be used on a smaller area with only 1-2 lights hooked to it or a pump.

Performed an inspection of water/wastewater tap on new construction on Deer Ln Court. Got the plug for the tap. Flushed and set new hydrant and meter for the construction crew inside the garage to use during construction.

Doris: Had asked Brian to look at the ditch and side of road coming off Old Petersburg Rd coming onto Main St. She would like a guardrail or some sort of barrier installed. Brian: Looked at the area but does not think it is possible to have anything installed in this area. There is not enough space to drive piling to set the barriers because the bank is too close to the road. It would either collapse the bank or damage the road. There are also utilities through there which would need to be moved. The whole area would have to be reconstructed which would cost a huge amount of money. I can contact someone from the state to see if they will come look to see if it is feasible or not.

Doris: Asked if he had any need for equipment or supplies. Brian: Had a rental account set up with United Rentals. They have every type of equipment and machinery you could think. When a piece of equipment is need to do any type of job in town or at the park, we can rent buying equipment. There is another vendor Brian worked with for many years who is talking about opening a business with sewer cleaning equipment. Depending what the budget allows each year Brian could use the equipment to clean the sewers himself instead of continuing to pay Hydromax or Beards to come in to clean the pipes. This is what Brian did for 40 years before coming to work for the Town of Lynnville. Lauri: The town pays these companies thousands of dollars per year to come clean the pipes but they only get called in when there is already a problem. If this preventative work could happen the after-hours and emergency calls could be lessened and save the utility department money.

Tim Reibold – Fire Department: Scott Whitfield for Tim Reibold Grand total of 63 runs through the weekend.

The Fire Department has been working on completing the ISO inspection. The inspector will want to see maps of the water system. He also sent a list of hydrants he wants tested. One of the hydrants he wants tested is out of service but there is a work order on it. We have already spoke with Lauri about getting a copy of the work order and having her fill out a form for the inspector. The inspector wants the next hydrant in the line tested and submit the paperwork for the workorder. Brian is going to retest a couple of the hydrants because he didn't know the valves in the water tower were being worked on and replaced the same day. This inspection is 30% Dispatch Center; 30% Water Department and the rest Fire Department. We are less than 40% of the rating already. The rating received from this inspection affects the home owner's insurance of the residence. There are a couple of issues to be addressed and until those issues can be taken care of the goal is to maintain the current rating. These inspections are usually done about every 5 years and are a huge affair. It is very time consuming to find all the paperwork, maps, work orders the inspector has requested. Brian has been helping out with some of the testing. The inspection is July 22, 2021, and would appreciate if Brian could be a part of it to answer the questions concerning the water system. Stacy and Dorls: Both said original maps of water system are kept in the vault at LNB Community Bank. The maps are not to leave the premises but can be viewed there or copies/pictures could be taken of them.

The boat has been used for a couple of rescues. The boat should have a stainless-steel prop with a cage added to protect it from debris to save it from damage.

The company making the trailer that was signed for and partial payment made March 17, 2021, has tried to increase the price to about double of the original estimate. The signature on the estimate and partial payment was made to lock in the price because they knew there was going to be a price increase with Covid preventing materials being shipped. The company was told once the estimate was signed and money was accepted the contract/price was locked in and will not be paying the increase.

The keypads and automatic locks quit working at the station so new ones were installed. After a couple days they stopped work and the company came back out to fix them. Waiting a week or so to turn bill in for payment to make sure they are working properly and there are no more problems with them.

Mr. Bruner - Town Attorney

<u>Lien Release Agreement – Stacia Pace</u>

A lien release agreement has been prepared for Stacia Pace and needs a signature from the Town Council. For the record Stacia Pace is now Stacia Osborne but legal documents are in the name of Stacia Pace. The home owner has met all requirements for lien to be released. Once document is signed tonight Mr. Bruner will file with Warrick County Recorder. Rachel makes a motion to sign to have the lien released for Stacia Pace. Doris seconds. Rachel in favor. Doris

Easement for Spurgeon Project

Contacted David Mathews to get the appraisal for the Orth property. It is Mr. Bruner's opinion based on the case he read; they can go under the roadway. This will solve a lot of problems with this project.

Letter Received Concerning Lot #38 at Lynnville Lease Park

Stacy: A letter was received from the resident at Lot #38 whose lease has been terminated. For full disclosure, Stacy's husband put an offer for the personal property on the leased lot. It was lower than the resident was asking and she decided not to accept the offer. This was many months ago. In the letter she accused Stacy of terminating the lease because Stacy was upset the offer was not accepted. Stacy would like to make it clear it was her husband who made the offer and it does not have anything to do with the termination of the lease. Doris: The lease was terminated for non-payment of annual lease. She has had 2 years to contact the Town Council or Park Board. She has been sent letters in the last year and half concerning the non-payment of lease and termination of lease and she made no contact with the

board. Doris' opinion the lease has been terminated. Rachel: I agree with all of Doris' statements especially that she has never contacted the board. She has been given over a year and half-almost 2 years- and this is the first time she has corresponded with the board. The lease is terminated and done. Stacy: The town/park employees will have the property cleared in 30 days and a letter will be sent to her. Due to the fact her husband made an offer on the personal property Stacy is going to abstain from voting on any motions concerning this lease to avoid even the appearance of impropriety. No matter what the outcome of the decision, nobody in her family will be making offers, buying the personal property or leasing this property. Mr. Bruner was asked what happens to all the back taxes she owes on the property and hasn't paid either. Mr. Bruner said taxes are specific to the person so the town should not be responsible to pay them but he will reach out to the County attorney to make sure this is the case.

Lot #75 at Lynnville Lease Park

The insurance has been for Lot #75 has been cancelled after 1 month. A letter is to be sent to inform her the lease is terminated and she has 30 days to remove the personal property.

Vacation

Mr. Bruner will be in Germany September 5-26, 2021, and not present at the September meetings. Stacy and Doris will both be on vacation the week of August 3, 2021. The August 3, 2021 meeting will be moved to August 10, 2021.

Lauri Tevault – Clerk-Treasurer Continuing Education Webinars

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Doris: Asks if these training sessions are to be done every year. Stacy: Asks if there are charges for these webinars. Lauri: Explains these training webinars are free and are monthly. They are different than the training required annually. The easiest way to explain the difference is the monthly training webinars train on procedures, changes, on topics the SBOA/DLGF/FocusOne see a need due to mistakes being made when completing forms or just refreshers on topics. Clerk-Treasurers do not get continuing education for these webinars. They help Clerk-Treasurer stay updated on all the changes to do their job correctly. I would not be penalized for not completing these webinars but if I did not do the procedure of certain topic correctly, I would be penalized and, on some things, even fined. Not knowing the proper way or "this is how we use to do it" is not an acceptable excuse to not get fined. There are 4 annual training sessions which are how Continuing Education points are earned for certifications. The "points" are accumulated for learning things that in the past towns/cities have "hired out". Some of these things would include; utilities auditing, grants, capital asset, Ltap reporting. The reason for doing these instead of hiring out the work is to save town/cities money. Clerk-Treasurers are not required to do these extra functions but we are required to know enough to be able to read and know what we are looking at and some of them are still required to be done. Lauri said if she has the staff to give her enough time and understands how to do, she has/will do the extra to save the town money from hiring the work out.

Stacy and Doris: Questions Lauri on the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's hours working. She states the deputy is at Town Hall very early in the morning and on weekends. Questions the number of hours received and overtime pay. Also, why the work cannot be completed in regular Town Hall hours. Lauri: Lauri explains she uses "Flex-Time" scheduling. The hours her Deputy Clerk-Treasurer works depends on what is happening during the week. Weekends are usually worked during billing due to how billing falls during the month. There has never been any overtime paid. If weekend work is necessary

then there will be a day off during the week. If you come in early, you go home early. Same with meeting nights, Dr. appointments or any other things need to be scheduled, you make up the hours or take off the hours to work the correct amount during the week. Coming in early and leaving early is what she and Brian both prefer and the work gets done. It works out great for me since I do not like to come in early but am always here late.

Lauri will be on vacation for the rest of this week. Miranda will be handling Town Hall.

Wilcox was called into look at a culvert on Church St by the Methodist Church drive. This Culvert is not just bent it is denigrated and the concrete is collapsing. Doris said she knew about this last year and has pictures. Not sure why this was not included in the information given to Town Hall to get work put on the list to have completed. Stacy said Lauri has the information now and it will be discussed and put on the list once all the information has been received.

Doris Horn - Nothing to add

Rachel Titzer - Nothing to add

Stacy Tevault

DNR met with the Town Council concerning some proposals they have for the high wall and "Falls". This project will be a big transformation to Lynnville Park which has need to happen for some time for the safety of residents and visitors but Stacy she doesn't know how to feel or she is ready for such a big transformation to something that has been a part of the community for so many years. Change is hard but this can only benefit the community. No Town funds will be used in this project. It will be paid with Reclamation funds through DNR. The project will take quite a while to complete and will change the look of parts of Lynnville Park. Stacy said she doesn't know how to feel about this project but she does understand for safety there does need to be some change. She is still waiting for answers from DNR on ideas. Rachel: Stated she has concerns about the project and does not feel comfortable with three people making a decision for the town on a project that encompass such a huge part of our community. She also agrees there needs to be something done with the dangerous areas but also prefers to have public input on DNR project. She would also like DNR to explain to the public why this is important. Stacy: We will reach out to DNR to set up a public hearing in the Recreational Building at the park to give anybody who wants an opportunity to give their input on this project. The council members agree, they would like to stay transparent on this project so residents do not feel like the council is hiding anything or making decision on their behalf that are not in the best interest of the residents. They also want to make sure everybody has an opportunity to have input on this matter. Doris: This is something that has to be done. The way things are right now is putting the town and park at liability risk and that risk needs to be removed. If this change doesn't happen the town is continuing to risk liability if something bad. Stacy: stated she believes everyone agrees there does need to be something done for safety but was not prepared for the magnitude of the DNR proposal. They thought DNR was going to take care of one issue that has been going on at the "Falls" but DNR explained the high-risk factors of the high walls going into the area leading back to the "Falls". They were not expecting or prepared for the whole area DNR plans to change and says should have never been left the way they are for so long. The area is not being used or accessed by many people anyway but it still is a shock. Doris: Nobody had used the area for 50-60 years for anything but a dump site. The people who do use the area only use it to throw refrigerators, washers, dryers and other garbage or use it for things they shouldn't be using it to do. The area is all grown up with weeds and has been for a long time. Doris explains to Rachel this area is unusable the way it is but most people don't know how bad it is because it is so overgrown it hides the garbage. It is not like the rest of the park where there are trails to walk on and pretty to look at. Doris said there are pictures where people have tried t walk the trails in this area and there are freezers, refrigerators, washers, dryers blocking the paths. It is a dirty mess and DNR should do what they want in this area. Rachel said she does understand and has walked the area but she also understands when you clear that large of an area it is noticeable. Rachel

understands the why of the project but she wants public to be able to have input and to know why it is happening instead of driving by one day and it is all different with no explanation. Doris: States her vision for this area is to have a bike trail in this area, some cabins or maybe even another walking trail. There is so much potential for this area but right now nothing can be done with it. Rachel: Agrees there is potential for the area and these are good ideas and would love to see any or all of these happen but the point she is trying to make is she is not comfortable making a decision for such a big change without at least trying to involve the public before it happens or at least explaining why it is happening. She just feels like the public should be given some notice before they start. Doris: When you have been on the board as long as other people and have seen/heard about someone being Life-Flighted AT LEAST once a year because people jump off the highwalls and "Falls" you know you have to make this happen and let DNR do what they do. Rachel: DNR gave 2 plans and doesn't want to hide or not discuss the other plan just because DNR want to do the big project. Not saying the big project isn't better than the smaller one or even one is preferred over the other. I just want to be transparent to the public. Stacy: The tree line along Peach St will not be cleared. There are too many trees in the area and the roots are growing out of the ground because there is no where else for them to go right now. This has caused a lot of the trees to be unhealthy and not grow strong like they should. The unhealthy trees and roots will be cleared and new trees will be planted with enough room for the roots to grow and the trees can be healthy and strong like they should. Before anything else could be said Stacy said she was going to stop this for now and reach out to DNR to see about a public hearing. How they would be able to explain the plans to the public. Mr. Brunner asked why there would be a problem with sharing the plans. Stacy answered they bid out the work and have to keep it private so one contractor does not get an advantage over another. Mr. Brunner said they could probably share the plan without sharing any of the specs. Stacy said she would contact them to see what could be worked out. This will give her time to find out if DNR is on board with having a public meeting, providing different looks of plans or any information they would be willing to allow shared publicly. If DNR is willing to hold a public meeting, the town can only offer and invite the public. It will be up to the public to attend and/or give input. Rachel said that is all she is asking. Rachel and Doris agree.

Next Meeting will be July 20, 2021, 6:00pm @ Lynnville Park

Stacy entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doris makes the motion to adjourn. Rachel seconded. Rachel in favor. Doris in favor. Stacy in favor. Meeting is adjourned.

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Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer