

The Minutes of the Council of the
Village of Luckey

The Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Luckey held on November 1st, at 7:00 p.m. was in the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Councilperson: Mike McNulty, Lisa Skriba, Richard Heilman, Don Brickner, Mayor Cory Panning, Village Administrator Randy Bielinski, Village Solicitor Corey Speweik, and Fiscal Officer Barb Rizzo. Absent from the meeting were Mike Franklin and Pat Covarrubias.

The mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor began with reading the entire public water statement which is also located on the website and available through public records request. The mayor stated that there are also copies made for anyone that would like one at the meeting. The mayor stated that anyone that would like to speak to please raise their hand and that they would be allowed the five minutes each person and they can address the councilpersons.

Present at the meeting are the following: Andrew Predmore, Deb Reid, Marnie Hartman, John Newmister, Douglas Predmore, Audrey Neill, Jacki Bennett, Robert Herrick, Marlene Long, Kendra Slevent, Rachel Geiser, Cindy Hayward, Sara Brockschmidt, Karina Hahn, Mark Mohre, Dawn Stacy, Lee Welch, Kevin Leady, Kathy Herrick, Beth Snyder, Ted Bowlis, Gracie Fields, Matthew Fields, Joe Schumski, Steph Schumski, Belinda Brooks, Kerri Wohltman, Steve Fuzinski, Amy Fuzinski, Nolan Nachtraib, Corey Weiland, Rob Stone, Chacie Stone, Barney Spradling, Tim Snyder, Marie Thomas-Basill, Randy Kern, Allison Okenka, Sue Okenka, Paula McNay, Lisa McDaniel, Stacey Griggs, Steven Griggs, Douglas Devore, Amigdahlia Andrich, Vanezze Myerholtz, Alexa York, Emmalyn York, Debby Rate, James Krin. Apologies ahead of time for any misspellings on names. Also below is each person that spoke in the meeting and a shortened version of what was said.

Andrew Predmore thanked the council for putting the download of the water updates on the website as it was a more digestible format.

Beth Snyder said that her family owns the land and she attended both days of meetings at court for to eminent domain. Beth said that her family originally received a notice of intent from Corey Speweik which was an emergency that was made for a water supply/park. Beth said that Steve Snyder negotiated a purchase price prior to the eminent domain. Beth said that the letter was received and the auctioneer said no one contacted her to negotiate a price. Beth said the Village of Luckey representatives are not representing accurately.

Keri Wholtman said the eminent domain is not an emergency and she does not understand why we cannot have more information on a time-line on the lawsuit. Keri thinks that we should perform a household poll and the council should see that no one wants this water. Keri said there is not a need for water, the wells are fine. Keri said the public should have been presented the information in an up-front manner and the quarry water being tested and said that it is safe does not matter, she will not drink from water that comes from the quarry. Keri said the Village should not force the water on this town and it will never be the same, she wants the Village to stay out of the lives and the pockets of the residents.

Belinda Brooks said that Ed Kinston gave the Village of Luckey in 2021 an estimated amount and also testified at the court as an expert, the EPA would not agree. The Village of Luckey has made all of the residents angry. Belinda stated that no one wants water and would rather have Northwest Water instead. Belinda wanted to know why there is not questions being answered. Belinda asked Corey Speweik who the consultant for the water was.

Stephanie Schumski said she has lived for 20 years in Luckey, Stephanie said that the council should be proactive in what they are doing with the water and that she served on council herself and appreciates everything that they are doing. Stephanie said that everyone should have realized that water could be coming at some point and that since the council is proactive, it will give the Village of Luckey options.

Mary Welch said the council works for the residents and since they do not want to answer questions, she wants the council to be recalled.

Karina Hahn said that she is a Troy Township resident and her number one concern is the Brush-Wellman problems. Karina said that pumping the water will stir up the beryllium and get into the water. Karina brought up the background of beryllium from 1945 through 1958 and said it was a toxic material and radio-active material was reported in 1958 through the dyke sludge material, this is according to the site she read. Karina is concerned about the ground water wells, the years it will take to clean to make it safe, and the water having beryllium problems when pumped from the quarry and into the flow of the wells.

Grace Fields said that she is a registered nurse and took biology classes in health care. The 2021 Brookside testing shows trace amounts of beryllium in the soil. Grace said that the Army Corp. of Engineers showed the sediment 70 feet down has a higher level of beryllium, arsenic, lead, isotope, uranium and other hazards being present. Grace is concerned that the carcinogens inhaled or ingested causes cancers and kidney problems. Grace said how will we know that this water is safe, in her opinion it is not fit for consumption. Grace said being silenced on social media is a problem so what else can you do but look up the material yourself.

Stacey Griggs wanted to assign her time to Belinda Brooks, but Corey Speweik said Section 43, page 388 of the rules states you cannot assign your time, they are not transferrable.

Steven Griggs said nuclear waste water cost millions of dollars in taxes and the Village will quadruple the taxes on the residents. Steven said find a different source, leave our town alone.

Dawn Stacey has lived in the Village since 2017. Dawn said that the previous mayor said public water was coming. Dawn said we must remember what God and Jesus says about loving our neighbor. Dawn pleaded with the fellow residents to be patient with the councilpersons and the mayor, she said please remember to love God first and then your neighbor, please be compassionate.

Corey Weiland said he has concerns about the water and he is on the same page as Stephanie Schumski. Corey said we have to trust the people in the seats of council. He then thanked the council for the trees and flowers that have been planted. Corey said try not to portray the Village council as bad people, they have tough decisions to make. Corey thanked the Police Department.

Ashley Harley said she has worked with the council people and they are all here to help even though she was unsure about the water.

Joe Schumski said that the public sewers were forced by the government, next is water. The council is looking into options rather than just going with Northwest. Joe said the water would be treated. Joe additionally said that he appreciated the council and he likes his well but happy that the council is researching options.

Alexa York said that she had 2 internships performing environmental reporting and knows about quality of water. The orange colors on the map show concerns to humans. Alexa said you can do your own research and find the Army of Engineering shows radium 226 and uranium, remedial investigation reports are at the library if you research. Alexa said that it is a shameful performance and absolutely unbelievable by the councilperson's and she did not understand why the EPA was not the first step in the matter. Alexa said that the quarry does not make sense.

Howard Welch wants to know why can't the matter go to a vote for the residents, yes for water and no for no water because the people that do not want to tap in should not be forced to do so. The sewer and water pipes could have been laid at the same time.

Tim Snyder said that in July of 2021, the test was completed on the water. On 8-17 council had a meeting for eminent domain on 8-18 the Snyders were exploring for public uses. Tim said the Village of Luckey was invited to the auction but declined. Tim said the Solicitor had to disclose the eminent domain.

Matt Fields said he is not trying to make villains of anyone but he supports the police one hundred percent and thinks it is bizarre to think that the quarry water is clean. Matt stated that people are scared and worried.

Robert Herrick asked if there was anywhere to answer questions on the water. The mayor stated that there will be a monthly update on the website and also available by public records request.

Douglas Predmore thanked the council and mayor and said he just wants all of the concerns to be taking into consideration.

The mayor thanked all of the visitors for coming to the meeting and sharing their opinions and thoughts with everyone. The mayor went on to express how we all have the best interest for the Village of Luckey to be a safe area and environment to live and raise our children in. The mayor said that he moved to Luckey in 2013 when there was not much business. The mayor said he decided to attend a council meeting. The mayor said he wanted to make a difference in the community and took action to become a council member. The mayor said the previous mayor, Belinda Brooks resigned two years into her term. The mayor said he then became the mayor at that time. The mayor stated that he loves living in the Village of Luckey and is passionate about the community. The mayor reminded everyone present that we do not always agree on everything and that we are here to listen and support our residents. Additionally, the mayor said that all of the comments are not going unheard, we all are working together as we should to make the Village the best place it can be.

Don Brickner made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on October 18th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mike McNulty seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Don Brickner made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Mike McNulty seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Police Chief passed out the end of the month report, thanked everyone for their support.

Maintenance- Randy Bielinski stated that all is good.

Village Administrator- nothing new

Streets/Lighting/Sewer/Sidewalk—The mirrors are in, ready for install. The street project is done. Mike McNulty said there was an overlay with the new pavement, Randy Bielinski said he would check with engineers.

A December meeting will be held for Streets/Lighting/Sewer/Sidewalk

Park/Tree- Rick Heilman said, in error, he planted a tree in the wrong area. It would cost \$365.00 to order a new one.

Mike McNulty made a motion to accept the ordering of a new tree, Richard Heilman seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Richard Heilman said that Tom Oberhouse from Northbranch gave us some free trees as well.

Lisa Skriba said the park grants were turned in.

Lands/Buildings/Maintenance- nothing new, a couple of shingles were down, mentioned by Mike McNulty.

Refuse/Insurance/Finance – Don Brickner said the audit committee meeting was good.

Police-All good.

Ordinance review-nothing new

New Business:

Lisa Skriba spoke about the Christmas Event will be held on December 9th from 2 – 5. More to come in the future. Salem Grace live nativity station at 6:00 p.m.

Richard Heilman made a motion to bring up the 3rd reading of the Resolution 2023-406, The Resolution Authorizing the construction of baseball facilities upon a public park grounds. Mike McNulty seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Richard Heilman made a motion to pass a Resolution 2023-406, The Resolution Authorizing the construction of baseball facilities upon a public park grounds. Mike McNulty seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Mike McNulty made a motion to go into executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss pending litigation matters. Richard Heilman seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Richard Heilman made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. Mike McNulty seconds the motion. Vote: Roll call- Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, Don Brickner-yes, motion carried.

Richard Heilman made a motion at 9:22 p.m. for the meeting to be adjourned, Mike McNulty seconds the motion, Vote: Roll call- Don Brickner-yes, Richard Heilman-yes, Mike McNulty-yes, Lisa Skriba-yes, motion carried.



Fiscal Officer



Mayor