

# Wynnedale Town Council Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020, Fitness Farm

Present: All Town Council Members, Numerous Neighbors

Next meeting: October 13, 2020, 7:00 pm, Fitness Farm

1. **Call Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm by Mary Beth Schneider.**
2. **Town Council Members introduced themselves to the attending neighbors.**
3. **Previous Council Meeting Minutes approved.**
4. Jarnell Craig explained that the Town Council is exploring alternative banking service. Jarnell explained the problematic issues with current bank (Key Bank) that include inability to have online access at convenient times. She is looking at Huntington Bank as an alternative. Waiting to see if she can have access to (4) years of Town of Wynnedale checks (2016-2020) in order to comply with city ordinances.
5. **Budget Discussion:** Jarnell and Mary Beth explained the budget spreadsheet addressing each budget line item. Note: CMT outstanding bills?? The amount in the budget for “resurfacing” is a 2020 amount that will ultimately over the years accumulate toward the roughly \$125,000 (last resurfacing cost) amount needed to cover the cost of road resurfacing. In other words, we need to save money for next resurfacing.
6. **Discussion Issues and Topics:**
  - a. **Lighting and Security:** There was an expressed concern about darkness in “new” Wynnedale and Jarnell Craig recommended more street lights to be installed in this part of Wynnedale. There was a suggestion we get quotes on cost of installation of more light fixtures in “new” Wynnedale. 19 total street lights? John Kincaid explained the difference between cost for lights (need more information). Suggestion to use LED bulbs. Someone suggested the money we spend on security patrol could be used for improved lighting (street lights). Jarnell said money in the budget can be moved around to cover the cost of new lighting. Darwin Bostrom said we could consider solar lights.
  - b. **Neighborhood Security and Security Patrol:** The security patrol person is contracted to spend 10 hours per month in our neighborhood. Darwin Bostrom commented. Cheri Moore wondered what the reports from security detail we employ reveal. Sue Rice said the security contractor has not reported any incidents that they have witnessed when patrolling our neighborhood. One neighbor said he thought the amount spent on security is a waste of money. He thought the amount of retired neighbors in Wynnedale with eyes on the neighborhood is a sufficient deterrent to crime. Mel Harder suggested we should look into better lighting, be proactive and develop neighborhood resources including encouraging neighbors to keep their lights on, multiple modes of monitoring, install cameras in the future. David suggested we invite Simply Safe to discuss ways to maintain safety. Don Livers said he has lived here 15 years and has never seen the security patrol. Suggestions

made about neighborhood crime watch. Sue Rice stated that there was a neighborhood crime watch committee in the past, but the program was never really implemented and suggested if you see something of concern, call 911. Josh Smith suggested we keep the neighborhood abreast of incidents that occur (email, Next Door or other app?)

- c. *Speeding on Cold Spring Road:*** David Vass expressed concern about speeding and numerous accidents that have occurred on Cold Spring Road. Jack Clarke noted one recent incident involved someone driving hitting the fire hydrant in his front yard. Out of concern for the number of property damage and accident incidents on Cold Spring Road, Darwin and David Vass would like someone to investigate the possibility of having speed bumps installed. Ann Hildner volunteered to follow up on this issue (contact city, DPW, Monroe Gray, etc.) making a plea to the city for traffic calming or more enforcement to reduce speeds on Cold Spring Road.
- d. *Vacant Properties on Wilshire:*** Concern for vacant properties and incompletely constructed property on Wilshire continues. The property sold but the deal fell through. Mel Harder offered to hire a lawyer. There was concern about this strategy. Town Council does not have the funds to employ legal counsel for this issue. There was discussion about having the properties considered a public nuisance. There was a recommendation to informally consult with a lawyer who could guide the strategy going forward. No decisions were made concerning this ongoing issue but numerous individuals will be pursuing solutions.
- e.** Ann Hildner stated that she was pursuing information on the Verizon “markers” on Cold Spring Road that is of concern to neighbors that have homes on that corridor. Jarnell is trying to get a representative from Verizon to come to a Town Council meeting to address/explain this issue.

## **7. Meeting Adjourned**