

Tennyson Town Board

Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town of Tennyson was called to order at 5:30 pm on March 12, 2025, in Tennyson Town Hall by Cathy Oser.

Present: Cathy Oser, Steve Bruce and Auburn Patmore. Sarah Adams, Clerk Treasurer, was also in attendance.

Auburn Patmore made a motion to approve February 26, 2025 meeting minutes, second by Steve Bruce, motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers:

Steve Bruce made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers. Second by, Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

Patron's Concerns: Sarah Adams read an email sent to her from Sarah Horn as follows:

Good evening,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today regarding my recent water bill, and I sincerely hope for your understanding and assistance.

I have been a responsible and reliable customer for over 25 years, consistently making on-time payments. I take great pride in honoring my obligations, but my latest bill—totaling \$2,600 for 350,000 gallons of usage—reflects circumstances beyond my control.

This property, which has been vacant, experienced an unknown underground leak outside. Because the meter was not manually read in January, I received an estimated bill, meaning the excessive usage was not detected until February, leading to this astronomical charge. Had the issue been identified sooner, I would have addressed it immediately.

Beyond my role as a homeowner and landlord, I have also served this community as Lane Township trustee for seven years until 2023. I have always worked to support and uplift those in need, and now I find myself in a difficult position. In 2022, my husband passed away unexpectedly, leaving me a single mother to three daughters, all while managing on a Warrick County school teacher's salary.

I am not asking for special treatment—only for fairness and consideration. Given my history of timely payments, my dedication to this community, and the unforeseen nature of this leak, I kindly ask that you grant an adjustment to this bill. I believe this request aligns with the principles of fairness and good faith that I have always upheld in my dealings with the township.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I truly appreciate any assistance you can provide. Sincerely, Sarah Horn

Steve Bruce made a motion not to adjust the bill, but set up on a payment plan as the water ran through the meter. Second by Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

New Business: None

Old Business: Robert Woods (not present) asked Sarah to let the board know his radiator is leaking on his work truck. Auburn Patmore made a motion to take it to a shop and get it repaired, second by Steve Bruce, motion carried.

Gary Higgs sent a message before the meeting to Cathy Oser and stated that while they are at a conference, the price of hymaxx's for water repairs will be increased as they are subject to tariffs. Gary stated that a 2" hymaxx was \$145.48 through Wallers, and a 3" hymaxx was \$189.56. He was informed that if we purchased what Wallers has in stock before the following Monday, they would not be subject to a tariff, but going forward there would be a 25% tariff. No other contractors had them in stock. Steve Bruce made a motion for Gary to get whatever we need that is in stock. Cathy Oser second, motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer's Report: Sarah Adams presented the 2024 Annual Report. Cathy Oser made a motion to approve the annual report, second by Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

Sarah Adams requested approval to pay claims that come in after the meeting if they could potentially be late. Steve Bruce made a motion to pay claims if they could possibly be late, second by Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

Sarah Adams stated she will be at the conference next week and may need the town to pay for a car rental for her to drive, as she is having vehicle issues. Auburn Patmore made a motion for the town to pay for a rental car if needed, second by Steve Bruce, motion carried.

Victoria Peters and Matthew Walkers pay was discussed. Sarah stated they are doing a great job, and requested they have an increase in pay. Steve Bruce made a motion to give Victoria Peters and Matthew Walker a \$1.00 raise starting the next pay period (March 15-March 31). Second by Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

Sarah stated IT informed her that when Microsoft updates the version she is using will no longer work, and he cannot remote her computer. She presented quotes for two new desktop computers. Steve Bruce made a motion to purchase two desktop computers from IT, second by Auburn Patmore, motion carried.

Utility Report: None

Adjournment: 5:42 P.M. Auburn Patmore made a motion to adjourn, second by Steve Bruce, motion carried.

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