

**Felsenthal City Council
Meeting
July 14, 2015
Town Hall**

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Clawson, Mr. Holland, Ms. Neal and Mr. Newbury. Mrs. Harris was not present.

Mr. Newbury moved, seconded by Mr. Holland, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting, (June 9, 2015). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

As mandated we are continuing to send progress reports to ADEQ. State senator, Bobby Pierce has assured us that when the money he has found to help with the Energy right of way to the sewage lagoons that we will be first on the list for help. Renee Dycus, director of SWAPDD. has also offered some help in funding for this sewer system project. Meanwhile, the clearing of the Energy right of way has been completed.

Mayor Newbury reported on several old business items:

- 1) There has been no reply from Mr. Waterston about the balance left in the Sewer Improvement District account. The remaining balance should have been turned over to the Town of Felsenthal when the loan was paid off in 2012. The mayor has talked to our Lawyer, Mr. Matt Thomas, about this problem, and he is checking into The Charter Bi-Laws for a way to go forward on this matter.
- 2) Before we can continue with the repaving of our side streets we will have to replace several culverts. This should be started in the very near future. Mr. Richard Thurkill will be doing this work for us. When the culverts the contractors will start resurfacing the streets.
- 3) Mr. Arthur Clark has been appointed as coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch, according to the guidelines we have been given by the Sheriff's office. Recommendations from the Sheriff's office to "harden targets" by keeping valuables locked up and/or out of sight, the installation of night watchers or motion sensor lights around workshops or the back yards here in Felsenthal is strongly encouraged.
- 4) Drilling for oil just on the edge of town has begun. They will drill about 6,000 feet. This should be completed by Friday, July 17th. They are buying their water supply from the town while they are drilling.

New Business

We have talked with a lawyer from the Municipal League department concerning our Maintenance of Real Property. Their recommendations were to revise our Ordinance #02-2011. We have received several complaints from neighbors on M Avenue concerning terrible state of several properties in the area. The revision of the Ordinance was essential to enforcement.

Mr. Clawson moved to accept the revision of Ordinance #02-2011, Maintenance of real Property, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury,. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Newbury told the council members about the Friends of Felsenthal meeting at 6:00 PM today at the refuge visitors' center. She told them they should go and support them if they could.

Financial Reports (June, 2015) were presented and discussed. Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the financial reports as presented. At roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mr. Newbury moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer