

**COLTON TOWN HALL MINUTES**  
**April 1st, 2024**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Mayor Jerry Weber, Sam Keller, Cory Cucchiara, Ken Darby, Scott Miller, Jenni Straughan and Steve Bremer. Dot Sharp was absent.

**Minutes:** Scott Miller motioned to approve the minutes and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**Checks:** Checks, as follows, were approved, with a motion by Scott Miller and a second by Ken Darby. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

Payroll Checks: 9905054-9905058 for:	\$12,604.87
Vendor Checks: 9911376-91111381 for:	\$33,549.60
Grand Total:	\$46,154.47

## **New Business:**

### **Steve:**

#### **Kimberling Water Line Leak:**

Steve told the council that there was water leak at Kimberling's on the town side of the meter. He told the council that this was a costly leak for the town. He had to cut the line and then a new line had to be bored under the street. They have a new meter now. Steve estimated that it will cost around \$10K to fix it.

#### **Spence's New Water Line for New House:**

Steve told the council that he spoke with Curry about boring a water line for the new home. Steve said that the town split the cost with Heitstuman's for putting in their new water line and he figured that the council would also do the same for Spence. All council agreed to splitting the cost.

#### **Steve's Salary:**

Steve told the council that he has been talking to many other small towns, Genesee, Oakesdale, Garfield, etc. For his credentials and what he does for the town he is significantly underpaid. He asked the council for a \$1,000 a month raise. After some discussion, the council agreed that he should get a \$1,000 a month rate increase. Sam Keller motioned to approve the rate increase, Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

#### **Longevity Salary Increase:**

Sam Keller told the council that Whitman County has a 2% salary increase for every five years that an employee continues employment. He would like to see this for the town employees, as well. Jenni will look into this and it will be discussed next month.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Gun Club Deed:**

Jenni has not heard back from the town's attorney, she will try and call him again tomorrow.

**Trail Between Uniontown and Colton:**

Mayor Weber said that Cindy, from Uniontown applied for a grant for this trail.

**Resolution #830, Deferred Compensation:**

Mayor Weber reviewed Resolution #830, allowing employees to be involved in the DRS Deferred Compensation program. This does not cost the town anything. Cory Cucchiara motioned to approve Resolution #830 and Ken Darby seconded the motion. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all.

**Washington State Auditor Data Sharing Agreement:**

Jenni explained that the mayor needed to sign this agreement for data sharing with the Washington State Auditors. Mayor Weber signed the agreement. Jenni will forward this to the auditors.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scott Miller and seconded by Cory Cucchiara. The vote was carried by voice and passed by all. The meeting closed at 8:39 p.m.

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Approved By Mayor

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Attested By Clerk