



# MINUTES

Town of New Palestine  
Town Council  
Wednesday, February 1, 2023  
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Secretary Bill Niemier, Council Vice President Brandee Bastin, Council Member Chris Lytle, and Council President Clint Bledsoe

Police Chief Robert Ehle and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

**ABSENT:** Council Member Angela Fahrnow, Street Commissioner Stephen Pool

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

## 2. CLAIMS

2.1. Approval of APVs # 24786 - 24822

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion carried with 4 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Lytle
<b>AYES:</b>	Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Chris Lytle, and Clint Bledsoe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Angela Fahrnow

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY)

A member of the audience did not understand the year-end closeout procedure, and a brief explanation of the process was provided to him by the Clerk-Treasurer.

## 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. Adoption of January 18, 2023 Minutes

**Brandee Bastin moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion carried with 4 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brandee Bastin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Lytle

<b>AYES:</b>	Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Chris Lytle, and Clint Bledsoe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Angela Fahrnow

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Resolution # 020123 - Transfer of Appropriations

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve the transfer of appropriations to close out the year 2022.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandee Bastin
<b>AYES:</b>	Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Chris Lytle, and Clint Bledsoe
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Angela Fahrnow

## 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 7.1. Police Chief Robert Ehle - Discussed fees for providing police reports. The attorney is working on this topic. Discussed new emergency vehicle and stated it will probably be mid-May before it is delivered.
- 7.2. Town Manager James Robinson - Yvonne Jonas spoke for him in regard to the Technical Committee for the MPO and whether Angie Fahrnow wants to remain on it. He offered to be on it, and it was decided that it will be discussed at a further date.
- 7.3. Street Commissioner Stephen Pool - Was not in attendance.
- 7.4. Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas - She is working on year-end and is halfway done with the closing of the books.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES - ANY TOPIC

An attendee discussed the town annexing Brooklawn neighborhood in the future since the statute has changed from 100% resident approval to 51%.

Another attendee discussed his property at 30 E Mill St, and the issues he is having with what he believes is encroachment by his neighbors, resulting in him not being able to move his truck in and out of his garage. The Town Manager has ordered a survey. The attendee stated that he will move his carport because it encroaches on the alley, and he is willing to extend his parking area to the north. Chief Ehle stated that he has spoken with Mike Gibson, and Maple Street is not listed as north of Mill St, south of CSX, so that will need to be added to our parking schedule.

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Brandee Bastin - Discussed having a town employee appreciation lunch at 11:30, on February 10.

Bill Niemier - Stated that Tony D's is open and the food is fantastic. He spoke about the varsity boys' basketball team being undefeated and fans packing the gym.

## 10. ADJOURN

10.1. Motion to adjourn.

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion carried with 4 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Lytle
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandee Bastin
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Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer