



**TOWN OF St. JOHN**  
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**MEETING OF MAY 28, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Webb. Councilmembers Bezdicek, Hinds, and Smick, Public Works (PW) Steven Engles and Steve Gibson, and the Town clerk attended the meeting.

The May 8, 2024 meeting minutes were read and approved as read.

The payables were presented to the Council for their review and discussion. The payables were moved by Smick and seconded by Hinds—a motion carried by a vote of the Council.

CL# 15415-15425 & EFT's	\$ 39,775.89
PR 15411-15414 & EFT's	\$ 12,518.61

Public Works discussed the need for a new generator as Avista is planning on rolling black/brownouts during red flag warnings, which could result in power outages for 2 to 10 days while Avista inspects each line before restoring power. When the power is out the town needs a generator to run both the sewer plant and at least one well. With the rules and regulations in the state of Washington, it is not feasible to obtain a portable generator. These generators are almost double the cost of a stationary generator. Public Works was hoping to be able to purchase the generator for the new plant to use until the plant is built. This generator will be too big for the current plant and the well and will not work in this capacity as hoped. To ensure the Town has both the use of water and the sewer during these shutdowns a generator is needed. Public Works researched the specifics for the generator needed and the work to adapt the electrical to run well #4. The generator quoted was \$46,942 and has a 16 week delivery time. Public Works is searching for all options for a quicker delivery to be prepared for the red-flag warnings. The council would like to see other options and will revisit for approval.

Stripes-a-Lot will be in town to crack seal Park street May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

The clerk gave an update on the properties around town that were contacted for follow-up on their clean-up process.

- 201 W Broadway is still in the process of cleanup and as soon as the building is empty they plan to tear it down.
- 417 S Loomis has done some work to make sure vehicles are not on the town right of way

- 419 S Loomis – No contact – still issue with congestion on the roadway.
- 418 S Loomis has moved a few vehicles off the right of way, but still congested and a concern.
- 305 W Liberty – no contact and no sign of correction- a fine was issued with the letter and 60 days is up July 3, 2024
- 203 W State – no contact - Town request to give an update on the progress of the home and when they will be able to move out of the travel trailer.
- 7 N Park – still waiting for easement from the attorney.

The council discussed other properties that need attention. Contact will be made with:

- 204 S Main – What is the progress, and concern with health and safety since structure is open to the elements, animals, people, etc.
- 106 S Margin, Status of the abatement
- 101 S Bartholow – Grass is getting out of hand.
- 209 W Front – concern someone is living in the shed on the property


The council discussed a couple of names to contact for interest. Will revisit the topic at the next meeting.

The porta potties for downtown have been secured for the June Boat Race and the Summer Dayz Car Show.

A council member had concerns that the school was not going to be able to fund the wastewater project with all that is going on at the school. The mayor was told by the super-principal that he would be going after grants to fund the project.

Topic of Tiny Homes was brought to the council. It was decided to construct a temporary ordinance in regards to Tiny Homes. A notice will be posted for a public meeting for the next council meeting to discuss approve a temporary ordinance with a motion from Smick and seconded by Bezdicek.

No request for additional comments was stated. It was moved by Mayor Webb, seconded, and unanimously agreed to adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.



F. Shani Hergert  
CLERK-TREASURER



Michael G. Webb  
MAYOR