

Scipio Town Town Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2025

Attendance:

Present: Tom, Kasey, Jed, Bryce, (Absent Richard) Clerk-Rebecca, (Absent Linda) Treasurer

1. Opening:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom. A prayer was offered by Jed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kasey.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Rebecca had previously prepared the minutes. Each council member had a copy to review.

Kasey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jed. All in favor.

3. Invoices:

- February Invoices: Linda was absent, so Tom reviewed the invoices. Jed made a motion to approve the February invoices, seconded by Bryce. All in favor.
- March Invoices: Council also reviewed the March invoices. Kasey made a motion to approve, seconded by Bryce. Motion carried.

4. Irrigation Company: Andy Monroe addressed the council regarding the large ditch at the top end of town. He noted it has not been maintained in over 20 years and is necessary for flood protection. Andy asked if the town would be willing to partner with the irrigation company for maintenance efforts.

The council was in favor. Andy will coordinate with the irrigation company and report back with a plan. Irrigation water will be available by April 23; possibly usable by April 25. Make sure risers and drains are closed.

5. Scipio Rodeo Committee: Terry Monroe spoke on behalf of the Rodeo Committee. He informed the council that the committee has purchased a Connex box to replace the old rodeo stand. The new structure will be placed 12 feet in the air, supported by six concrete pillars. It will be located on the northeast side and include a metal decking extending to the north. Other design ideas are welcome. A crane will be used to set the structure, and Terry will serve as the engineer for the project. The council was in favor of the project.

6. Notice of Election: Rebecca reported that a Notice of Election has been posted. Positions to appear on the general election ballot include:

- Mayor (4-year term)
- Two (2) Council Members (4-year terms)

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The candidate filing period will be June 2–6. Interested individuals should contact Rebecca.
- 7. **Fire Dept:** Casey D. reported that the annual fire reporting is complete and preparations for fire season are underway.
 - He proposed adjusting the firefighter incentive program so that credits are given quarterly and look into it to see if its helping.
 - He reminded residents to report any burning activity, ensure there are no red flag warnings, and exercise caution.
 - Greg Prows has been hired as warden for the east side, with a zero-tolerance policy for violations.
 - Burning must be cleared with the sheriff's office, fire warden, or dispatch.
 - A written statement on these procedures will be distributed.
- 8. **Water:** Richard was absent. Water business was tabled.
- 9. **Streets and fitness center:** Bryce reported that Gail started mowing yesterday. The tractor received a full service and a new battery.
- 10. **Parks & Cemetery:** Jed Wasden reported: He is working with Casey to prepare for Memorial Day.
 - Sprinklers are functional and will be turned on as needed.
 - New turf is ready to be laid on graves, and a few graves have settled and will be leveled.
- 11. **Events:** Kasey announced that the Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday morning at 10:00 AM, with egg hiding beginning at 9:00 AM by the Young Men and Young Women groups. The grass is mowed and the area is ready.
Museum:
No business.
- 12. **CIB Application and Grant:** Mayor Tom reported that the town received a letter from the CIB indicating that the application for cellular read meters will move forward and be considered at the June 5 CIB Board Meeting. The town will also apply for a Celeste Malloy Grant to fund a generator for the well pump. The town will need to contribute some of its own funding toward the project if they get it.
- 13. **Town Cleanup:** Mayor Tom would like to recognize Lisa for her efforts in picking up large amounts of trash around town. The council expressed appreciation for her community service. Clean up will be the month of April.
- 14. **Public Comments:** No public comments were made.
- 15. **Adjournment:** Kasey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bryce. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Rebecca Bond -Clerk