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Upcoming Events:

Feb 13 th	6:00 p.m.	Howell Town Planning Commission Mtg.
Feb 13 th	7:00 p.m.	Howell Town Council Mtg.
Feb 14 th		Valentine's Day
Feb 19 th		Presidents Day

A Reminder

Thank you to those who have submitted the lead, copper, galvanized water pipe survey. To those who haven't submitted their survey please do so. It will save someone coming to your house and getting the survey.

From the January Town Council Mtg.

Town Clerk Leon Kotter

Do we need to upgrade our standard mileage rate. Currently 50.5 cents per mile. The IRS standard mileage rate is 65.5 cents per mile for 2023.

After a short discussion it was decided that the town would keep the current rate of 50.5 cents per mile. This will be discussed further in April when all the council members are present.

We need to update our Facilities Rental Policy P22-11.

We need to update our Facilities Rental Policy P22-11 to reflect that if people want to rent the upper area and the gym is available both areas would have to be rented. The updated policy will be presented in next month's council meeting.

Capital Improvement List

Clerk Leon Kotter presented a sample form where the town can list capital projects. The

list would have short-term projects, medium term projects and long-term projects. This will be helpful in identifying projects and planning for them.

Forms W-4, Conflict of Interest, and Ethical Behavior Pledge

Clerk Leon Kotter stated that these forms should be filled each year. The conflict of interest and ethical behavior forms are part of the fraud risk assessment the town must turn in. He encouraged council members and employees to fill these forms out, sign and return them.

Mayor Brad Hawkes: CDBG Survey:

The Town council has approved the project of oiling 14400 N from where the oil portion ends to the west canal. As part of the grant process an income survey must be conducted. Only those who are in the project area will be surveyed. Mayor Hawkes will conduct the survey.

Council Member Craig Hawkes: Water, Lead, Copper Survey

A survey was sent with the December water bills asking town residents to report what kind of water pipe they have in their house. This is to find out if there are any pipe joints that may have lead in them. He hopes the residents will fill out this survey.

Council Member Josh Anderson: New vacuum and vacuum bags

Our current small vacuums are not in good shape. He would like to get a Shark vacuum. He also needs to get bags for the Hoover vacuum. He will get the information to Leon. The new vacuum and bags are available on Amazon.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes: Nothing

Council Member Rex Nessen: Not Present

Council Member Josh Anderson:

- He has a person coming out to look at the flooring in the Post Office and give us a bid to replace the flooring.
- The Town Council and Planning Commission and partners annual dinner will be January 25, 2024, be at 7:00 p.m. here at the Community Center.

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- He has registered for the Rural Water Association of Utah's annual conference in St. George, Utah for February 26, 2024.
- He has replaced two shut off valves.

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Not Present

February's Utah Trivia Questions

1. For whom is the town of Abraham in Millard County named?
2. What Salt Lake City native was cast by his friend Charlie Chaplin as Big Jim McKay in the film *The gold rush*?
3. The 1886 legislature made what crime a felony punishable by up to ten years in prison and a fine of up to five thousand dollars?
4. Where in Utah County did George Edward Anderson, a photographer who documented many aspects of life in Utah, have his studio?
5. Approximately how many children participated in summer dramatics classes offered by Provo City's WPA recreation program during the Great Depression?
6. Which state park has an annual roundup of bison?

Answers to February's Utah Trivia Questions

1. Abraham H. Cannon, an early settler in the area.
2. Mark Swain
3. Cattle Rustling
4. Springville
5. Four Thousand
6. Antelope Island

The Quarrel

I quarreled with my borther,
I don't know what about,
One thing led to another.
And somehow, we fell out.
The start of it was slight,
The end of it was strong,
He said he was right,
I knew he was wrong!

We hated one another.
The afternoon turned black.
Then suddenly my brother
Thumped me on the back,
And said, "Oh, come along!
We can't go on all night ----
I was in the wrong."
So, he was in the right.

Eleanor Farjeon