



# Town of Hawthorn Junction

## Regular Minutes

### Town Council

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Meeting #107-13-C

6:00 PM

8 Main St.

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Call to Order	Mayor Roscoe
Prayer	Rev. Al Davis
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Roscoe
Roll Call	Charli Jenkin Present: 9 - Rev. Al Davis, Chuck Hawthorn, Sarah Hawthorn, Charli Jenkin (Secretary), Marshall Jenkin, Sheila McGlenn, Dodd Plum, Harold Plum, Mayor Cole Roscoe (non-voting, ex officio)  Absent Council Members: 1 - Jonathan Jenkin  Also Present: Ervetta Krup, Leroy Trotter
Approval of Agenda	Charli <u>MOVED</u> to approve the agenda. <u>SECONDED</u> by Chuck. <u>MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u> on voice vote.
Approval of Minutes	Charli <u>MOVED</u> to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting. <u>SECONDED</u> by Sheila. <u>MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u> on voice vote.

#### **A. PETITIONS, REPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **Update from the Mayor**

Mayor Roscoe presented an update on the vermin situation in Town Hall. Ray from Pest Assured has done an assessment and confirms there is a definite mouse problem. Ray will be submitting a bid for these services next week, which Mayor Roscoe expects to accept, seeing as Pest Assured is the only exterminator in town.

##### **Reports by Committees**

Report from Festival Committee delayed until later meeting.

Comments by the Public

*Ervetta Krup, 8 Farm St., expressed displeasure that the Festival Committee would not be providing a report at this meeting, as she was looking forward to additional information about this year's Lizard Queen pageant, and whether a seniors category would finally be added.*

*Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., stated categorically that there would be no senior category in the Lizard Queen pageant, because who on earth would want to see that.*

*Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., replied that many women came into their fullest beauty in their later years, and that age certainly did not preclude comeliness.*

*Marshall Jenkin, 2 Jenkins Way, remarked that if those backslash private photos on Dodd's website were anything to judge by, Dodd was coming into his fullest beauty in his later years, too.*

*Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., replied that he was glad to know Marshall had enjoyed them, since he was proud of how they'd turned out.*

*Marshall Jenkin, 2 Jenkins Way, retorted that he most certainly had not enjoyed them.*

*Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., said that was Marshall's loss, then.*

*Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., wanted to know if the mouse problem was confined to Town Hall or if it also extended to the Visitor Center.*

*Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., said that was a good point, and admitted nobody had checked, although it would explain all the shredded corners on that box of brochures the Visitor Center docent showed him.*

*Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., stated that between the mice and the trouble with the temperature control in the building, it would be a miracle if any of the historical documents in the Town Hall archives survived into the next century.*

**B. LEGISLATIVE ACTION - SECOND READING**

O-78-65

Ordinance Regarding Third-Party Acquisition of Eminent Domain Property.

Sponsors: *Sheila*

**DISCUSSION:**

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., stated that the town should be able to appropriate land from private property owners in the interest of progress that benefits the whole town, particularly when those property owners are holding out just for the sake of some whim. Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., suggested that this may be a bit beyond the scope of a town ordinance.

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., stated that this matter is in the best interests of the entire town, as it will create more jobs for local

residents and increase tax revenue for the area, among other benefits.

Chuck Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., replied that no one could force him and his sister to give up their land if they didn't want to.

Sarah Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., concurred that that land is their birthright and they can do with it as they please.

Chuck Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., said something that sounded like, Go, skeleton blah amazing sanity adventure blah dangerous antelope fun blah and blah holiday blah on the way to blah the blah new melody home blah blah why not memory set blah seventeen bellicose electric blah sad unity bell blah in blah the long hall withering blah hate blah sun afterlife rose, stop.

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., responded that it's not unreasonable to sell a continuous parcel of land, instead of breaking it up like a damn jigsaw puzzle.

Chuck Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., replied that maybe Sheila should have considered that before she signed the property agreement for Hawthorn Farmstead.

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., insisted it is ridiculous for two eccentric residents to stand in the way of progress for the entire town just because of some sentimental attachment to a small parcel of land.

Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., stated that obstructing access to this small parcel of land did seem counterproductive, particularly when the Hawthorns still retained plenty of their ancestral land, unlike some of the town's oldest families.

Marshall Jenkin, 2 Jenkins Way, acknowledged that, as much as he hated to agree with Dodd, he was of a similar mind, and said that sometimes it was the responsibility of Hawthorn Junction's founding families to act in the best interests of the town, instead of selfishly keeping all their resources to themselves.

Leroy Trotter, 3 Skylark Ln., wanted to know whether this would put an end to the stink coming from their farm.

Sarah Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., replied that their farm most certainly did not stink.

Ervetta Krup, 8 Farm St., responded that it most certainly did stink, and everyone knew it wasn't just pig meat they were burning out there.

Marshall Jenkin, 2 Jenkins Way, said what could you expect when the Hawthorns were up there making that rancid soap of theirs. He stated that half the reason he won't stock that garbage in his store is that people would complain about the smell.

Sarah Hawthorn, 13 Farm St., responded that Marshall wouldn't know a decent piece of soap if someone washed his mouth out with it, and that anyone who shopped at his general store was lacking in common sense to start with.

Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., agreed that everyone was being a bit harsh on the Hawthorns, whose farm might be a bit odiferous, but was also a valuable part of the local economy.

Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., inquired whether the Hawthorns ever thought of anyone but themselves, or if they even realized there were other people in Hawthorn Junction besides themselves.

Sheila McGlenn, 6 Farm St., said it was clear they didn't give a hoot about anyone else in this town, or else they wouldn't be standing in the way of what's best for the town.

Dodd Plum, 3 Plum Dr., told Sheila to watch out, or the Hawthorns might shoot her in the leg the way old Silas Hawthorn did to his grandpappy back in nineteen-twelve.

Mayor Roscoe, 3 Brown St., reminded everyone that pillars of the local economy like Chuck and Sarah Hawthorn ought to be accorded a little more respect.

Rev. Al, 2 Plum Dr., said that persons who harp on and on about old slights have hate in their hearts and should learn to practice forgiveness. He went on to say that, in his experience, the Hawthorns absolutely did have the town's best interests in mind, but they cared more about their neighbors' spiritual well-being than venal matters like property and profit. And he added that some people only cared about money, not about people's spiritual welfare, and said that kind of outlook would lead godly people into temptation.

Harold Plum, 4 Plum Dr., hoped everyone could agree that the most important thing was making sure Hawthorn Junction stayed good and wholesome and reflected the ideals of its residents.

**MOTION:** Sheila MOVED and it was SECONDED by Marshall Jenkin to take this matter to a vote.

**ACTION:** MOTION FAILED. Ayes: 3 (Sheila, Marshall, Charli). Nays: 4 (Sarah, Chuck, Rev. Al, Harold). Abstain: 1 (Dodd).

**ADJOURNMENT** *There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:00 PM.*

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Cole Roscoe, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Charli Jenkin, Council Secretary