

POETRY POST

July 2021

June 8th Workshop Held

We invited solid waste vendors to give presentations to our town. We had 7 given:

- CRS
- Ameri-Tex
- Titan
- AWT Sanitation
- Blackjack Disposal
- HD Waste/Ferris Containers
- (Waste Connections representative was present but left owing to schedule conflict)

For details, go to PoetryTexas.org and look up “minutes” for a synopsis of the information given. It is also video-recorded for your viewing

June 15th First Official Town Meeting for the New Town of Poetry!



The meeting lasted for hours!

Pictured left to right: Councilmembers Simeon White, Brian Vinson, Mayor Tara Senkevech, Councilmembers Mike Jaffe, Tom Anderson & Terry Fowler. Not pictured are guest Cindy Tayem, Oncor Area Manager and Patricia Adams, Municipal Attorney (who has provided numerous hours of pro-bono work to the town)

From the June 15th Meeting:

- **TOM ANDERSON IS MADE MAYOR PRO-TEM!**
The **Mayor Pro Tempore** fills in case of the mayor’s absence but retains the right to vote. It is a one year term.
- The Terrell Tribune was made the official newspaper.
- Poetrytexas.org by wix.com was made the official website for the town.
- An official town seal was selected for letterhead and official documents.
- Approval for a subcommittee to meet for road interlocal agreements was voted in.
- An ordinance to receive Franchise fees from
- Oncor electric was also voted in pending attorney review of the contract.
- TML risk insurance was officially received by the Town.
- The Town Hall regularly scheduled meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- The Town’s Fiscal year was set for October 1-September 30th.
- An official position was made for a part-time secretary for the Town.
- Discussion also discussed funding, the church lease agreement, FEC franchise fees, and a Citizens Committee for Solid Waste.
- For full list, please *see Minutes* via website.



Poetry Town Hall Meetings are posted within 72 hours prior to the date at the Town hall. They are also posted to PoetryTexas.org 72 hours before the meeting. Videos of the meeting are also posted within 7 days after the meeting.

HAPPENINGS FOR THE TOWN!



Randy Strait, Precinct 3, Hunt County Road Commissioner and his crew replaced two rusted culverts on CR 2458. They also did numerous filling of potholes in our area!



Kevin Senkevech, volunteer, put refurbished asphalt on the CR 323 potholes on the north end.

Volunteers help a neighbor dig out the dirt from his culvert to prevent flooding! Pictured right to left: Councilmember Brian Vinson, Shay Shimer, and the homeowner Greg LaRosa.



Ace Décor owned by Brett Patterson donated all the labor for putting some texture on the walls and are set to provide all the paint and labor for the fresh new walls on the Town Hall. The floor is getting stripped little by little! (It originally had carpet and layers of paint!)

**** A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING:** was called for JUNE 29th. See poetrytexas.org for details.

THE NEXT REGULAR TOWN HALL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 20TH AT FAITH TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH AT 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICES: Do you love Poetry? Would you like to make a difference? A volunteer Town Secretary is **NEEDED** who can work 10-20 hours per week. The position requires trustworthiness, organizational skills, and willingness to learn proper procedures. Must be able to research topics, greet citizens at Town Hall, type minutes, be present for all council meetings and become a Notary Public if not one. Full list of duties upon request.

THE TOWN SEAL was voted in **unanimously by the Council among eight choices provided.** Purple represents a **warning of No Trespassing** in rural areas. The Texas Penal Code 30.05 designates it as such. Purple is



also the color of the Hairy vetch flower which was abundant in Poetry in the early 1900's, when Poetry was known as the Hairy Vetch Capitol of the World!

[Hairy Vetch is a natural fertilizer for soil as it enriches the soil naturally with Nitrogen.]

The color green was chosen to symbolize the importance of agriculture in our area.

Got pictures of interest or other good-deed doers? Please submit to **contact@poetrytexas.org**