



POETRY POST

March 2024 Town newsletter

The Volunteer Road Crew of Poetry is at it again! Owing to incompletion by Kaufman County Commissioners after 8 months of waiting, the Town Council approved materials be paid for by the town to take care of roads such as Green Meadows Lane shown here. Volunteers Herbert Fletcher, Mike Griffin, Cliff Mangrum, Ken Phillips, Josh Senkevech, Kevin Senkevech, Mike Tillinghast, Darrell Watson and CM Simeon White worked on three roads on February 22. The weather was unusually warmer that day at a high of 78F, so lots of liquids were needed!



The local group calling themselves “**Crush the Crusher**” met in the home of the Randy and Mary Huntress to organize on Feb 6th against the potential Rock Crushing plant on Hwy 276. The Town of Poetry in a unanimous vote passed a resolution against the potential plant once information regarding potential life-threatening dust carries for 9-mile radius in a 12-mph wind.



Synopsis of Executive and Regular Town Council Meeting Thursday, February 15th:

Executive meeting was held to discuss the prospective Secretary and to seek consultation with Attorney Berman regarding roles and responsibilities of the Town Council.

Regular Meeting

- **Mayor** thanked Brian Vinson and Herbert Fletcher for working on office locks. She thanked CM Jaffe for cutting up discarded boat so that Blackjack could dispose of it. She encouraged use of The Giving Box, located at Town Hall 24-7 for those in need of food.
- Mayor went over Financial reports.
- Prospective Secretary Hamilton read Deputy Secretary's report.
- **Approved** Minutes from December 21st with a few amendments.
- **Approved** payment of January legal bill of \$292.50
- **Listened** to guest speaker Mark Clark discuss harmful effects of silica dust.
- **Voted** to approve Resolution against the potential rock crushing plant on Hwy 276.
- **Approved** secretarial candidate Anne Hamilton for part time Town Secretary.
- **Approved** Spring Clean up Day for two days; Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th to allow others to potentially participate in cleaning up roadsides.
- **Discussed** two price quotes and potentially purchasing Street Dynamics Solar powered Speed and Communications device from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc.
- **Approved** Hunt County Project Sheet H-11 for pothole repair on CR 2458, CR 2426, CR 2326, CR 2440, CR 2460, and CR 2451.
- **Approved** updated Hibbs petition for release from ETJ.
- **Discussed** updated February 8th zoning map and having public forum in March. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

LEGAL NOTE: A TYPE A General Law Town such as the Town of Poetry with no utilities **never has had the ability to forcibly annex** properties. Only Home Rule cities (like Terrell) and those with utilities had that capability. HB 347 greatly reduced the ability of **any** city from forcibly annexing.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, March 21st, Public Forum for Zoning Meeting will be held at Faith Temple Baptist Church at 6:30 pm located at 11214 FM 1565 Poetry TX 75160 See Poetrytexas.org for more information.



Anne Hamilton, the new part-time Poetry Town Secretary took Oath of Office under Notary Dorothy Dillon. Anne, with a journalism

background, will be attending the council meetings, typing minutes, editing documents and managing the town's website. Deputy Secretary Theresa Scholander will continue to manage the office on Thursday afternoons, post financial records, do office records filing and public information requests.



Neighbors assisting neighbors make for a beautiful and friendly community! Thank you to Herbert Fletcher and Brian Vinson for working on the locks at town hall.



The ADA ramp at Town Hall now has metal railing!

Got questions or concerns?
Town Hall phone number is 469-902-7001.
mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org or
secretary@poetrytexas.org.

WANT TO BE ABLE TO VOTE IN POETRY OR RUN FOR OFFICE? You can potentially vote or run for office if any part of your property connected with your primary domicile is in the town border. **The Town of Poetry is opening a window of 90 days to Voluntarily Annex into the town from Feb 1- April 30th, 2024.**



Thanks to Justin Bass, one of two full time Animal Control officers for

Kaufman County assisted on Feb. 29th in downtown Poetry at FM 3486 and FM 986 with a deceased dog and its partner wandering the street.



COMMUNITY-WIDE *Spring Cleaning Day*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
12 PM TO 6 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 20
7 AM TO 7 PM

5671 CR 323 POETRY, TX 75160

We invite our Poetry friends & family to help us preserve the beautiful place we all call home.

Volunteers are encouraged to adopt a half mile of Poetry Road (CR 249/CR 2458) and help clean by:

PICKING UP TRASH
REMOVING MATTRESSES/FURNITURE
TABLETOP APPLIANCES
BAGGING TRASH FROM CLEANING ROADWAYS

This does **not** include:
BARBED WIRE/STUMPS
BRICKS/ROCKS/CONCRETE/CONSTRUCTION ITEMS
BOATS/TRAVEL TRAILERS
DEAD ANIMALS
TIRES/BATTERIES/MOTOR OILS/RAILROAD TIES
PAINTS & LACQUERS/INKS & RESINS/ASBESTOS
INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS
LARGE APPLIANCES/INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS

Suggested Supplies to Bring:
tools, trash bags, gloves, long-sleeved shirt, etc.

Once collected, trash & debris can be dropped off at the Town Hall Dumpster with Proof of ID or your Poetry Water Bill.

Orange safety vests will be available for use to check out at Town Hall for the day.

Special thanks to Blackjack, & Texas Contractor Roll-Offs for providing dumpsters for the town!

Next Month!

Grab a trash bag and help us clean up the roadways in Poetry! Our town has zero property taxes and thus depends on volunteers to help us keep Poetry beautiful! Make it a family event and teach caring for the community in the process! Thank you for reminding folks not to litter.