



Poetry got ICED! February 3rd

While the ice was beautiful, it also bent and broke many branches across our area! Schools and businesses were closed and many were without power the entire day.



Oncor had nearly 6000 employees as well as 1700 contracted workers. Seen here is a crew from Louisiana.

Highway 986 below covered in dangerous black ice.



Synopsis of February 15th Workshop and Regular Town Council 2022:

- **Implementing** NIMS training and emergency management for the town; the Mayor and

Mayor Pro Tem are to both obtain training in NIMS 300 and 400;

- **Obtaining** its own or opting into an existing severe storm warning text alert system instead of pursuing storm sirens to save town funds and avoid “big city” structures;
- **Reporting** back to Hunt and Kaufman county about Poetry roads needing tree trimming and/or limb removal from the storm; only a handful of roads need attention, they found;
- **Organizing** a spring cleanup for the town, the details of which have not yet been solidified;
- **Determining** what residents and businesses are in the town especially as it relates to voting and trash pickup; Attorney Emily Bowlin is drafting a memo that will address the council’s specific questions about what qualifies as being in or out of the town, which will likely lead to a future policy being drafted; waiting on reply from Comptroller office about Sales & Use tax certifications.
- **Creating** a more comprehensive map, which is being spearheaded by Councilmember Mike Jaffe;
- **Enforcing** fines for solid waste violators, which Attorney Emily Bowlin is actively working to resolve by locating a court that will allow Poetry to prosecute;
- **Designating** certain town roads as “no-thru trucks over 33,000lb GVWR;” the council determined that they need to discuss what they can do to protect the roads but no action about implementing signs has been solidified;
- **Informing** the town that Secretary Karoline Chapman’s last day on the job would be Feb. 24 and urging people, especially local individuals who qualify, to apply for the position of Town Secretary for Poetry;
- **Accepting** the recent inspection of the annex spearheaded by Councilmember Tom Anderson as valid; waiting for a reply by the Cemetery board proposed lease;
- **Adding** additional TML risk insurance to cover the town hall, which the council had

delayed due to the town hall lease not yet being final;

- **Deciding** to purchase a town laptop for the secretary not to exceed \$800;
- **Deciding** to purchase a town desktop computer not to exceed \$700.00, which was anonymously donated by a town citizen for this express purpose;
- **Deciding** to purchase a town printer and scanner not to exceed \$599.00;
- **Approving** the expense of \$500 to Hunt county and \$500 to Kaufman county as initial escrow for forage trimming and tree removal;
- **Choosing** to post a list of the registered voters in Kaufman and Hunt county, once they have it, to the town website
- **Designating** certain town roads as non-hazardous waste routes, which the council decided to bring back to the next town agenda.

Want to talk with your council? The following are their direct emails:

mayor.tara@poetrytexas.org Tara Senkevech
cm.anderson@poetrytexas.org Tom Anderson
cm.fowler@poetrytexas.org Terry Fowler
cm.jaffe@poetrytexas.org Mike Jaffe
cm.vinson@poetrytexas.org Brian Vinson
cm.white@poetrytexas.org Simeon White
secretary@poetrytexas.org vacant

Secretary Karoline Chapman is going full-time with her current part-time company who is expanding. Do you love Poetry? Can you work 10-15 hours per week? Pays \$15/hour. The position is open for city secretary. Please send your resume to contact@poetrytexas.org List of requirements upon request.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

* **March 15th** – Town Council Meeting 6:30pm
Faith Temple Baptist Church

* **Saturday, March 19th** —
Camp Ground Community

Church Work Day 9-5pm All folks are welcome to come assist!

COMMUNITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP
PLANNED FOR Saturday, APRIL 23rd 7 am-7 pm. Please email contact@poetrytexas.org if you would like to assist.

*CAD maps and voting rolls from Hunt & Kaufman county are now posted on poetrytexas.org



The above desk at the Church Annex was donated by Poetry Community Christian School. The chairs were donated by Brett Patterson, the flag by Lance Gooden, and acrylic case by Dorothy Dillon. Thank you, all!

The kitchen at the Camp Ground Church Annex.



*A donated sink & faucet, new countertops, new handles, and fresh paint made a huge difference!
We are 95% there!*

Donations needed to finish the Annex projects before move-in:

- *Gutters
 - *Attic insulation [need 20-50 ft rolls of R30]
 - *Railing for handicap ramp
 - *Grade work in back
 - *2-3 days trim work [need skilled carpenter]
- Please make checks payable to CCC, Inc.
Tax-Deductible. You are invited to show up to assist on March 19th. Thank-you.

HELP OUR TOWN BY SIGNING UP FOR A REGISTERED Solid Waste (trash) vendor: Non-approved vendors can be fined \$500/day. We need your pictures of them in the action of servicing our area illegally.

