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TOWN HALL MEETING HELD

The town hall meeting was held on November 15, 2017. It was a shame that we only had four people from our community besides the board members and Leavitt Lake Staff that attended. There were numerous other people from close by communities that did attend.

Mr. Hammond explained that our town has lost numerous businesses and its appearance has taken a turn for the worst. He believes, as many of us do, that we need to inspire some “community pride” back into our home town. He believes that by helping people to get rid of their rubbish it will help the appearance of our community and make it more enticing to people and businesses to move here. He said we can start by putting the dumpsters out for each community. This will give people the opportunity to clean up around their homes. Then if people did not take advantage of that opportunity a letter would be sent to them telling them they must clean up. And if the resident still took no action, then code enforcement would.

Unfortunately, with the bad weather moving in we may not get the dumpsters for a while. But you can utilize the time to start gathering or clearing the debris and making it ready to take to the dumpsters when we do get them. I would like to add that mowing your weeds in your front AND back yards would be a great start.

As part of the clean up, vehicles being stored in the front yards was also discussed. If you have a vehicle parked or stored in the front yard, it must be either registered or have a non-op on it. If it has been sitting for a period of time, not running, up on blocks, not registered or on a non -op you must put it in the back yard!



Another aspect of taking pride in your community is that you cannot have appliances or old furniture sitting in your front yard. Refrigerators and freezers are especially dangerous to small children. Sometimes they climb into them and can't get out and suffocate. So if you have any appliances in your front yard or the back, dispose of them immediately.

The officer that was to attend the meeting to discuss starting a neighborhood watch program was unable to attend as he was called out on duty. However, I believe another meeting will be scheduled in January. In the mean time, if you are interested in a neighborhood watch you can send me your name and phone number and I can pass it along to Tom Hammond.

The discussion about public safety also included the need for more sheriffs' officers. However, there is not presently enough money in the budget to hire more officers. Therefore it may be on the ballot to vote in a higher sales tax rate to support the need. The current rate of 7.25% would increase to 7.75%. I believe Mr. Hammond said this will generate a little more than one million dollars per year.

There was some discussion concerning the wolf populations that now reside in our county and how it affects the county revenue. Ranchers are concerned for their cattle as confirmed kills of cattle by wolves have been made. The county will lose money in permit fees for grazing as ranchers move their cattle to areas where wolves are not a problem. There will be fewer deer to hunt thus fewer hunters buying license. There were people in attendance that also related that what few elk are still in the area will be more at risk. The topic was quite controversial as some said just to leave the wolves alone and others related that they are a problem and the problem needed to be addressed. At this time there are no solutions to the problem.