

**Town of Sedgwick
Record of Proceedings
Special Meeting
August 2nd, 2021**

Members Present: Wayne Price, Dora Devie, Teddy Morgan, Peggy Owens, Dale Jones, Danny Smith, Bill Boler
Employees Present: Heather Moore

Call to Order: The Town Board met in special session. A quorum was verified, and the meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by the Mayor Wayne Price

Roll Call

Bill Boler	Here	Teddy Morgan	Here
Peggy Owens	Here	Danny Smith	Here
Dora Devie	Here	Dale Jones	Here

Public Comments – reminded they will have 3mins.

- **Lupe Casias**
 - As a business owner and resident of this Town, I have seen how the Board is having issues. Just remember we as residents elected you guys, and we believed you would work together as a team. Any group of people will bring different strengths. This is business not personal. The people are watching you. I would like to see everything put on the table but with respect for each other.

- **Susan Wolfe**
 - After the last meeting I left very confused and disappointed. The comments and hurtful things being said, disappointed me. I am hoping that in the future and there is a division on the Board, maybe a protocol on how to properly handle it.
 - *Wayne price – when we come to this table all our personal feeling should be left outside. I will not have someone come in here and drive a wedge in this Board. I don't care if all of us leave here and go have a beer together, if Town business isn't being discussed. I want the meetings to be a discussion of what's good for the Town.*

New Business

- **Board Members Code of Conduct Discussion**
 - **Danny Smith** – I was really upset, how the last meeting situation was handled. The talk about three board members having meetings was denied. So, we should have researched it before bringing it to a meeting. We publicly accused people and it wasn't right! I read the code of conduct book again, and I encourage you all to read it again. Every employee should read it too. I have personally apologized to the residence that were accused of hosting the so-called meetings. And I do apologize to Bill, Teddy and Dora. We should have come to you first before jumping to conclusions.

 - **Teddy Morgan** – I wasn't at the last meeting; I wasn't feeling good. Heather did call me that night. I listed to the last meeting and Richard talked about a recording of a conversation accusing us of having secret meetings, I want too here it! I feel that is my right. 90% of the blame of our issues get blamed on one guy. And I believe there are other people to blame, including this office.

Heather would tell people if Kurt get elected she would quite. That is the start of problems. And its Richards job to take care of all of the Town, not part of it. Not one side of the street, but not the other just because of who's house it is. Now Richard has this recording of a resident and spreading rumors. I want to hear this recording. (he was informed the recording in not in the possession of the Town, it is on a personal cell phone, and it can be arranged for him to here it)

- *Wayne Price – Richard is worried if he sprays weeds in from of that person's house, and that person feels he kills the grass, or gets accused of killing the grass – Richard feels that person would try to sue him. When you continuously to have someone criticizing you, it makes you not want to do a good job.*
- *Peggy Owens – I am not comfortable having discussions about our employees, sitting here slicing and dicing is wrong! If you have a problem with employee performance, you should come and talk to Wayne privately. Tonight's issues are not employees, it was about dealing with the accusations of the Board.*

We don't need Town employees trying to stir up problems, it was a Town employee that recorded Kurt. What is good for the Town is that everyone is treated the same. You grade one road; you grade them all.

- **Peggy Owens**– We are going in too many directions, and not what tonight's discussion is about. Why don't we just ask the accused if they have been having these "special meeting" or not. Then lets all work on being friends and becoming a good effective Board.
 - *Teddy Morgan – There are not meetings, we have a group of friends getting together on Friday nights just to have beers. NOT Town Business – and Dora and Bill have never been there! And for Richard to make accusation (Dale Jones interrupted – its not Richard accusing you, it was Kurt Hodel on the recording saying it! It was Kurt throwing you under the bus.)*
 - *Bill Boler – I don't care what that recording says, It DIDN'T Happen. And I heard the recording, I didn't here our names. Just a bunch of cussing.*
 - *Dora Devie – I heard Kurt say that we are going to a resident's house for meetings. We haven't done that.*

I think we are being played! We need to get over this and start functioning like a proper Board. And if Rumors get started, we need to deal with them correctly.

- *Dora Devie - asked how did we have a meeting last month?*
 - Legal Council explained that Four Board Members cause a quorum, the Mayor is a Board Member, just not a voting Board Member. And you should not discuss employee matters in public meetings, this should be done in executive session.

We need to consider this problem resolved and go on.

- **Dale Jones** – The fact all three of you didn't show up at the last meeting, when this recording was let out is suspicious. I admit I was the first to light the fuse at the last meeting, I admit I was hot. I am the first to admit, I just to conclusion, maybe a conspiracy theorist. But there are tapes of Kurt, he has lied before. He is the one trying to cause problems. I don't owe anyone an apology.
- **Dora Devie** – I was very disappointed in you Dale for the way you talked about us at the last meeting. I also feel that running my family name in the dirt was wrong. But I do admit, there is one person in Town that likes to rial people up. If we could just ignore him and go on. He likes the reaction, if we quit reacting, it will stop.
 - *Dale Jones- I wasn't throwing your family name in the mud.*
 - *Wayne Price – we need to start dwelling on Town business, we have sewer and water projects to worry about. We have a Town that is about to get dug up from projects and how it's going to affect us.*
- **Bill Boler** – Thank you Danny for your apology! I don't agree with ordinance 05-2020, I feel it was only used to stop Kurt if he was on the Board. The Mayor yelling at elderly woman was

disgraceful. And why the lawyer didn't tell us that we need new resolution for the speed limit signs, I think your not serving us well. Having Town employees running around recording people is some weird stuff. Then being implied that I am too stupid to place signs in the right place, I disagree. You said you could pass anything last meeting, but you passed nothing. You didn't do anything!

- *Danny Smith – this is not how we are supposed to act, this is not helping the situation. I have been on Town Boards, and this Board is the worst! If any person is yelling at our employees they do have the right to record and protect themselves.*
- *Dora, Teddy and Peggy – all agreed this needs to stop and put it behind us. Lets start acting like adults*

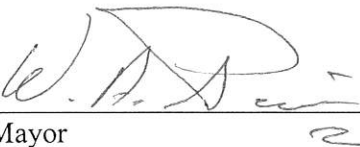
Wayne Price – When I hit this gravel, this topic is over and delt with. (Gravel Hit)

- *Town Board had open discussions on other topics throughout the meeting: The budget process, How the Town is growing, future spending, looking at the ordinances before making rules or decisions, the Code Book. (No discissions were made on these discussion points, and the Board was reminded those items were not on tonight's posted agenda.)*

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion:

At 6:25pm, Danny Smith made a motion to adjourn, Peggy Owens seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.



 Mayor



 Attest: Town Clerk

