

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Michael Knight called the July meeting to order at 7:32 pm. with the following council members present: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Joseph Mauck. Also, in attendance were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Amber Nauman, Homecoming Committee Members: Mark and Kim Stroupe, Rhonda, Jeff and Abby Fisher, Anita Sours, Georgia Duncan and Frankie Alger, Public Work's Foreman Ryan Gaunt and Rebecca Armstrong with Page News Courier.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Knight and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Bruce Stoneberger.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda for tonight's meeting. Chief Ryan Dean noted after the Treasurer's Report he has an item to present under New Business, Councilman Uram noted he would like to add Leash Law, 1% Rules, Sign at Monument, Policies and Procedures. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Joseph Mauck to amend the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Amber Nauman was here to inquire if her son, Eddie, who is 13 years old, can be allowed back on town property since he hasn't been in trouble for quite a while. There was further discussion on this matter when Council advised they would make a decision later in the meeting and Terry Pettit would advise her of their decision.

Mayor Michael Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous month's meetings as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted in the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes it says he said marked, but he said thumbed. The Clerk noted he said marked. Motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Mauck to approve the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed next at 7:45 pm., followed by the Monthly Paywarrant with the following questions:

Mayor Knight inquired about Breeden's Auto Service Bills-\$659.59 +\$137.97 for police vehicle 2010 Dodge Charger. Treasurer Stout noted one of the bills should have said for oil and fluids flushed.

Councilman Uram inquired about the Blue Ridge Lawn Care & Landscaping Bill-\$466.00 was for spraying sidewalks. Town Manager noted any *spraying done for the town the person must be certified to use the Chemicals.*

Councilman Uram also asked about Southers Truck Center, LLC bill-\$1962.21 what was done to the trash truck. Council was advised that they worked on the rear end brakes on this vehicle.

Mayor Knight noted if there isn't any more questions, they will move on to the Loan Portfolio. It was noted the first sewer loan will be paid off in December. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Joseph Mauck to accept the Paywarrant for June 2019 in the amount of \$233,520.95. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted at 7:52 pm. that Chief Ryan Dean had special presentations to make to two (2) of his officers, on April 17, 2019, Officer Nick Winum made a drug stop which turned out to be the Largest Drug Seizure in the area. Chief Dean noted Nick goes the extra mile. Next Chief Dean recognized Lt. Chad Brown, whom has been with the department 10 years and has been an asset to the department in many ways and would like to honor him by making him the first Captain in the history of the Stanley Police Department.

Chief Dean noted the department was approved to receive the grant for School Resource Officer/School Security Officer from 07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020.

Chief Ryan Dean further noted his department answered 509 calls for service, 380 of them were self-initiated and there were 16 citations issued.

Chief Dean also noted they received \$569.00 from Byrne Justice Assistance Program for equipment.

Chief Dean continued noting the new Durango's have arrived but will not be in service until August.

Chief Ryan Dean also noted National Night Out will be held at Hawksbill Park again this year on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Chief Dean noted that Luray plans to have National Night Out this year at the Greenway.

Councilman Uram noted that while helping with the free lunch program at Bosley's Trailer Park there was a lot of speeders in this area with a lot of children in the same area. Councilman Uram inquired if there is something our police department can do about this problem before something bad happens such as signs or road-checks. Chief Dean noted other streets have the same problem and VDOT will not post signs for children playing.

Councilman Uram inquired why the police department doesn't do road checks. Chief Ryan Dean advised because his department doesn't have enough men to help. Chief Dean further noted to have a proper road check you need at least (six) 6 men. Councilman Uram inquired about the possibility of borrowing a speed sign from Luray or Shenandoah. Chief Dean noted he wouldn't do that and doesn't feel like this would help with our speeding problem.

Councilman Uram noted his choice for the Community Enhancement Award for this month is Georgia Duncan at 268 Aylor Grubbs Avenue. Council agreed with Mr. Uram's choice to receive this award this month.

At 8:08 pm. Mark Stroupe, with the Homecoming Committee, addressed the body noting he has a better answer for our community for a new amphitheater. Mr. Stroupe distributed pictures with details of his proposed amphitheater that he feels would enhance the looks of the town. Mark noted all the qualities of this wooden building and how much better the music would sound coming from a wooden building verses the metal. Mr. Stroupe noted there were (three) 3 size options, dressing rooms, restrooms, handicap accessible, great acoustics with the wood interior. Mark Stroupe noted they would work to raise the money to pay for this amphitheater because they love and care about Stanley.

Councilman Stoneberger voiced his concern about not being able to attend the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>, due to a family commitment and he wasn't involved in the voting process of how to use the remaining TOT funds towards an amphitheater. Councilman Layman noted he was unable to attend the same meeting as he was under doctor's care. Councilman Stoneberger advised we have leaks everywhere than need assistance more than the amphitheater. Councilman Layman noted the decision didn't have to be made that night it wasn't due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. There was further discussion on this issue between Mayor and Council. Mark Stroupe left the meeting at 8:33 pm. Town Manager Terry Pettit asked which one of the designs for the amphitheater does Council want to go with and where is it going to be placed.

Councilman Uram noted he thinks we should go with the train depot, since TOT funding is to be used for tourism. Councilman Uram noted the train station depot would also fit in with the chimney and will cost a lot less money. There was some further discussion about this issue.

Mayor Michael Knight asked for vote who is in favor of the amphitheater/performance center.

**VOTING YEA:**

Jeremiah Knight  
Duane Layman  
Joseph Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

Bruce Stoneberger  
Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Knight inquired which one of proposed performance centers does Council want to go with, the wooden version or the metal version. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Joseph Mauck to proceed with the metal performance center.

**VOTING AYE:**

Jeremiah Knight  
Duane Layman  
Joseph Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

Bruce Stoneberger  
Mike Uram

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Pettit noted we now need a location for the performance center. Discussion followed with the cost of pipe and materials to hook up to water and sewer, running electricity to the building and a location where it doesn't take a lot of work to prep the land.

Knight noted at 9:20 pm. it was time for New Business to be discussed.

Town Manager Pettit inquired what does Council want to do about allowing Eddie Nauman back on town property. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight not to allow him back on town property at this time. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we need to have rules of procedures that we go by when having a meeting or conducting business. Councilman Uram also noted we should have a mission statement. There was some discussion when, Town Manager Terry Pettit noted we go by Roberts Rules and we also have a mission statement.

Councilman Uram also noted he would like to see us join Member City Tree the membership fee is 2% per capita. Discussion followed with Terry Pettit noting he would talk to Morgan about this program.

Councilman Uram spoke on the following subjects:

Possibility of getting TOT Funds to fix up cabins for weekend or week rentals, get back what we lost.

Mountain Bike Trail -Liz Lewis had applied for a grant to help with this project and noted it will cover over 60 acres of land.

At 9:43 pm. the cost of our yearly audit was discussed, and the Body all agreed we need to look somewhere else because the cost keeps go and we have done what they ask with the cash drawer. Mayor Knight advised as soon as we can we need to get quotes from other companies as well as talk to the auditors about the cost.

Councilman Uram noted he would like to see the town install an induction loop for those that have difficulty hearing.

Councilman Uram noted we now have 25 leaks. Town Manager Terry Pettit had a list of all the water leaks.

Town Manager Terry Pettit began presenting his Administrative Report at 10:00 pm. noting the Homecoming went well despite the weather. The homecoming is open for suggestions and comments to improve this event.

Mr. Pettit advised the cameras have been installed at the Public Works Building and are working. Terry noted we are still waiting on Burner Electric to install the cameras at Park Road and West Main Street intersection.

Town Manager Pettit noted if Council reviewed has reviewed the proposed leash law, we can move on to the public hearing in order to adopt this law.

Mr. Pettit noted we continue to wait on VDOT on the following projects: Well #7, Brock Drive and Al Good Drive.

Racey Engineering continues to work with VDOT on a way to spend the rest of the funds left from to Safe Route to School Grant.

Terry noted he spoke with (two) 2 insurance agencies about a policy for events held at the Hawksbill Park and shelter insurance which would run about \$100.

Town Manager Pettit also noted Chris Soden, the contract mower, is interesting in a long-term contract with the town. Terry presented his proposal for a 3-year contract with a minimal increase each

year. Council discussed the contract but in order to protect the town chose to remain with a yearly contract.

Terry Pettit noted Mayor Knight, Teri Beers and himself attended a PACA Meeting and they noted the grant cycle is open for healthy community-oriented projects. Mr. Pettit noted we are planning to submit two projects which are: a walking trail at the Hawksbill Park and an addition to the pool.

Town Manager Pettit advised the town is required to update and adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan. We have the option to adopt the Regional Plan which is with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Planning District has already prepaid for the region. Mr. Pettit noted he would read it and it can be adopted at next month's meeting.

Pastor Andy Seastrom sent a letter confirming the date of September 22<sup>nd</sup> for his church to use the Ed Good Park.

Terry Pettit noted we have (two) 2 new businesses opening in the town one of which is a Child Care Center on West Main Street and a new Hair Shop opening very soon also on West Main Street. Terry noted he will be meeting with both to see if they would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mr. Terry Pettit noted he has received a quote from Knott's Painting for preparing and painting the inside ceiling and trim \$700.00 which will be done on the weekend when the office is closed. Preparing and painting the outside of the office will be \$1300.00.

Town Manager Pettit noted Stacey at Reed's is interested in having a Halloween Party for the kids and would like to shut down East Main Street from 6-8 pm. She is very excited about doing this for the kids. Council discussed the possibility of making this happen and asked Mr. Pettit to tell her it is a great idea.

Treasurer Leon Stout noted the need to renew the Line of Credit at Pioneer Bank in case we need it. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to renew the Line of Credit. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit noted Nick Alger's 6-month probation is up August and he is doing a good job. Terry noted he was told he would get a .50 per hr. raise. Motion was made by Mike Uram to increase Nick Alger's pay by .50 per hr., seconded by Duane Layman. Passed Unanimously.

Terry Pettit inquired if the Stanley Rescue Squad to use the pool at the Hawksbill Park for training on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Joseph Mauck to let the Rescue Squad the use of the pool for training. Passed Unanimously.

There was discussion about the Labor Day Festival that will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>

