

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order with the following council members present: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Joseph Mauck. Others in attendance were as follows: Regina Hilliard with Luray/Page Chamber of Commerce, Jeff and Cindy Good, Police Chief Ryan Dean and Treasurer Leon Stout.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Councilman Bruce Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight asked if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda as presented for tonight's meeting. Treasurer Stout noted the need to add Jeff and Cindy Good to the agenda. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the agenda as amended.

At 7:33 Regina Hilliard with Luray/Page Chamber of Commerce was first to speak noting she has been contacted by the Tech Center about programs the community would like to see added to their curriculum. Mayor Knight and Council made a couple suggestions of classes they would like to see added.

Regina noted they applied to VTC for a \$50,000.00 Grant and was awarded \$10,000.00. Mrs. Hilliard noted they are promoting a marketing campaign involving the letters LOVE, there are a couple of sites in Luray. Councilman Uram inquired about the letters and was advised by Regina where the website is located and that there are many different ones to choose from.

Regina also noted she brought several of the new 2019 Community Guides for everyone to have and asked for some feed back from the body about what they think of it this year.

Mrs. Hilliard noted the Chamber is up to 442 members, 62,000 web site hits. Regina continued the Wedding & Cabin Forum went very well and that a lot of our venues are already booked for this season. Regina noted Restaurant Week went good even though Stanley had only 2 participating and they are now promoting a Burger Battle.

Regina noted they have Movie Night set for all 3 towns, advertising on Facebook, Instagram and flyers. They also have rain out locations in place on the same night. Town Manager Pettit asked how many will be coming to help set up for this event. Regina advised she will be holding a training day for set up instructions. There will be popcorn and drinks available.

Mayor Knight noted about the possibility of having the 5K Run, 3K Walk this year if we can find sponsors and volunteers to help and a Chip Timer. Vance Bryant will help organize but

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we need a lot more volunteers to make this happen. Mayor Knight inquired if the Chamber would help sponsor this event, but Regina noted they were not able to do that. Regina noted she could help promote and find volunteers. Regina noted that was all she had and thanked the Body at 8:11 pm.

At 8:12 pm. Jeff Good, a water customer, addressed the body noting at this present time his water pressure is better than it has been for probably a year or more. Jeff noted he was advised there was a leak at the sewer plant that was causing the problem and that has been fixed. Mr. Good thanked the Mayor for taking their calls and keeping in touch with them on what was going on. Jeff inquired why it took so long for them to find the leak at the sewer plant. Mr. Good also feels they could repair more leaks than they do during a week. Jeff also inquired why couldn't the town apply for grant to replace pipes. Councilman Uram noted most grants of this type are matching grants and we do not have the funds to meet the match. Mayor Knight advised we had replaced some lines (Judy Lane) and it was about \$150,000.00 and we are setting aside some funds each year to replace more lines. Mayor Knight told Mr. Good to keep in touch and let him know about his water pressure. Jeff and Cindy Good thanked the Body and left the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any comments or corrections to the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted on pg. 2, Cindy Tate should be recognized as a citizen of the Town of Stanley. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the minutes as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight noted next is the Treasurer's Report, does anyone have any questions. There being none, they moved on to the Monthly Paywarrant with the following inquiries:

Mayor Knight inquired about Bill #16 (Cavanaugh MacDonald - \$1,500.00) this was for Leo's. Treasurer Stout noted he was correct.

Treasurer Leon Stout noted Bills #78 & #106 (Postmaster - \$120.00, United States Post Office - \$120.00) both say P.O. Box Rent - \$120.00 and one was for the box rent and the other was postage for mailing water bills - \$378.84 which changes the correct Paywarrant total to \$158,222.60.

Treasurer Stout also noted the Homecoming Committee is paying Bill #104 (Todd Comer - \$1,200.00) for laying rock around the bottom of the Town of Stanley signs.

Mayor Knight asked about Bill #71 (Visa - \$3,166.03) if he would try to break down this bill in more detail.

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Mayor Knight asked about Bill #43 (Janney & Janney - \$4,168.50) need to look at that better. Leon Stout advised he has not paid that bill yet.

Councilman Stoneberger noted he saw several bills with pump repairs and inquired if pumps are going bad because of working harder because of the leaks.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #94 (Stanley Auto Service - \$1,088.90) for repairs and oil change to the trash truck, was there anything else wrong, it was looking shabby for a couple of weeks.

Motion was made by Joseph Mauck, seconded by Duane Layman that the Paywarrant totaling \$158,222.60 be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight noted next is the Loan Portfolio, are there any questions. Councilman Uram inquired do we have enough money set aside in order to operate for 2 months. Treasurer Stout advised we have the credit line we can fall back on.

The Loan Portfolio was accepted as presented.

Councilman Stoneberger asked what we have found about the leak at the pool. Town Manager Pettit advised the main drain is plugged and very little has been lost. If we don't lose any more by the first of the week, we feel the problem is in the main drain.

Town Manager Terry Pettit presented is Administrative Report beginning at 8:43 pm. noting rules of procedure are still open for discussion. Councilman Mauck advised he was not ready to make a decision and would like to table this until next month's meeting.

Terry Pettit advised he is continuing to work with S.V.E.C. on the easement for the power line for the new well.

Mr. Pettit noted he had received a letter from Racey Engineering advising they are working on bid proposals for the Brock Drive Project.

Town Manager Pettit noted Spring Cleanup begins on Monday and there are lot of scheduled pickups for all next week.

Mr. Pettit noted he spoke to Chris Soden about mowing this year and he advised he had submitted a proposal with no price increase.

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Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the Virginia Rural Water Association Conference is being held on April 15-17th in Roanoke and is hoping to bring the Best Tasting Water Award back to Stanley.

Terry Pettit noted he included a schedule of 6 public hearings being held by VDOT on the 6 Year Improvement Plan if Council wishes to attend.

Mr. Pettit noted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Arts is on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, information is included in the packets. Mr. Pettit noted they want Stanley to be a part of this Commission.

Mr. Pettit also noted the beautification committee requested that I obtain permission from S.V.E.C. to hang flower pots on the poles through the town instead of placing barrels on the sidewalk. Council advised they thought this was a good idea.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Board of Zoning Appeals has 3 members whose terms expire the end of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pettit noted Donnie Babb and Carroll Cubbage advised they would accept another term. Mrs. Purdham has declined, and we will need to fill her position.

Terry Pettit noted there is money left from the Safe Route to School Grant and he is working with Racey Engineering on what is the best way to spend \$38,000.00 since it is very restricted what it can be used for.

There was discussion about the need for several more cameras at the following locations: 1 at the Public Works Building, 2 at the Ed Good Park and 1 at an intersection. Council agreed with the extra cameras. The cost of the extra cameras including installation is \$6,756.00. Mayor Knight noted we will be able to see who does any vandalism to our park.

Motion was made at 9:00 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-311 Subsection A1.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

**VOTING YEA:**

Bruce Stoneberger  
Duane Layman  
Jeremiah Knight  
Mike Uram  
Joseph Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight at 9:15 pm., seconded by Joseph Mauck that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight states Council is in Open Meeting.

Motion was made at 9:16 pm. by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Joseph Mauck to Adopt A Resolution to Certify a Closed Meeting; the meeting was held for the purpose allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act that while in the Closed Meeting, only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

**VOTING YE:**

Bruce Stoneberger  
Duane Layman  
Jeremiah Knight  
Mike Uram  
Joseph Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman not to re-appoint Carroll Cubbage to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Passed Unanimously.

Police Chief Ryan Dean at 9:20 pm. presented his report noting his department had 475 calls for service for March with 7 citations issued.

Chief Dean noted he was trying to find, lap tops for the police vehicles, from the military website, then they we can then run our own license checks.

Police Chief Ryan Dean noted we will be having National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>, at Hawksbill Park.

Chief Dean also noted Officer Rodney Wilson is leaving the department to go where they have LEOS.

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Police Chief Dean noted he and Putt Lancaster are trying to put together a golf tournament to raise money in order to have our own Shop with A Cop at Christmas.

Mayor Knight and Council wants the Chief and his department to handle violations at the skatepark, the 1st Offense - \$50.00 Ticket, 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$50.00 Ticket and Banned from the Park.

There was discussion about signs needed at the park, the opening and closing times of the park, bridge slippery when wet, as well as several others that Council felt were needed.

At 9:40 pm. the Recreation Report was discussed with Mayor Knight asking Treasurer Stout to contact the renters living, in Creekside Cottage, advising them they have 1 week to get rid of the dog. Mayor Knight noted the lease clearly states No Pets Allowed.

The cook stove has been ordered for Woodside Cottage. The electric bill for Creekside Cottage also has the Ruritan Shelter on the same bill. We are going to have to separate the shelter so it will have its own bill.

Town Manager Pettit met with Chris Gould and the Page Valley Bicycle Road Race will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will start at the Hawksbill Recreation Park but none of our facilities will be needed.

The signs for the Ed Good Park are ready and will be installed in the next week or two.

The application for the bouncy house permit has been picked up from the Building Inspectors Office. The cost for the permit is \$37.50 per year if it is on the events list it can be used as many times as listed at no additional fee.

There was discussion about pool pass prices and after discussion it was recommended to leave passes at the same price as last year.

There was also discussion about adopting a policy that would cover children having to be a certain age before being left unattended at the pool.

Councilman Knight encouraged the body to ask Vance Bryant to head the 5K event.

Councilman Uram questioned the quality of our flagpoles at the Ed Good Park, being made from pipe he feels we can do better. Mayor Knight asked Councilman Uram to see if he can find new poles at a reasonable price.

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Councilman Uram also noted the swings at the Hawksbill Park are in very poor condition as well as some of the playground equipment at the Ed Good Park needs repairs. Councilman Uram continued, noting the coping on the skatepark needs replacing and the walking trail has started to get some cracks. Councilman Uram noted we need to take care of our things, keeping things looking nice, clean and in working order.

The Public Works Report was next noting the pump burned out at Well #2 and Burner Well Drilling has replaced it.

The Street Sweeper is back with repairs costing about \$12,000.00.

A local church, Hilliard's Chapel, has a leak that they have been unable to find and have asked if we can help. After brief discussion, it was Council's decision that we are not be able to assist them in their efforts to find the leak because of the liability for the town.

The Wastewater Report was next, noting the sludge return pump which we had for years has quit working and can't be repaired. Mr. Pettit advised he has ordered a new one.

It was also noted there will smoke testing of the sewer system around the first week of May.

Mayor Knight noted it is time for New Business to be discussed at 11:05 pm.

Budget Meeting set for Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm. at the Town Office.

There was discussion about the possibility of increasing real estate taxes. Councilman Stoneberger suggested the possibility of a boundary line adjustment to help with our revenue.

Councilman Uram noted we haven't fixed any water leaks since December as well as we still have leaks that have been there for 3 and 4 years. There was discussion about several other places where there were bad water leaks.

Councilman Uram noted the Community Enhancement Award for this time is Greg and Tammy Campbell that lives at 591 Aylor Grubbs Avenue.

Motion was made at 11:27 pm. by Duane Layman to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Joseph Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Mayor

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Norma Cabbage, Clerk

