

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019, 7:15 pm.**

**CODE CHANGE – ELIMINATE PRORATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

Mayor Michael Knight called the hearing to order at 7:15 pm with the following council members in attendance: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Joseph Mauck. Others present were as follows: Georgia Duncan, Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering, Tim Pierce, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout and Police Chief Ryan Dean.

The Clerk read the notice as published in local paper for 2 weeks prior to this hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens to express their views and comments about this issue. This change would eliminate being billed a second time, during the year if a different vehicle (personal property) is purchased after January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no tax bill or decal fee sent for this vehicle until the following year of the purchase with a due date of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he only had 1 person show any interest in the issue and after he was assured it was only for personal property not real estate he was satisfied.

Treasurer Leon Stout noted most of the time it is more trouble figuring the abatement or proration than what we collect. A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any other questions on the matter, there being none the public hearing was closed at 7:30 pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Michael Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. with the following council members in attendance: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Joseph Mauck. Also attending this meeting were the following: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Georgia Duncan and Tim Pierce.

Town Manager Pettit advised he had called the Shenandoah to express our condolences on the tragic accident that took Mr. Dave Hinkle's life.

Mayor Knight called for a moment of silence out of respect honoring the life of Councilman Dave Hinkle.

Mayor Knight proceeded with the Invocation and Councilman Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda for tonight's meeting. Councilman Uram noted the need to add a presentation from Blue Mont Technologies.

Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted Tim Pierce was here to address the body about using the parking lot. Mr. Pierce noted he has a mobile unit which he sells BBQ and would like to set-up on the town parking lot once a month, when the other vendor is not there, to sell food. Council had several questions, is his unit self-sufficient? Mr. Pierce noted he would need to hook to power, if possible. Did he understand he can only use the parking lot when the other vendor is not there, must purchase a business license and pay meals tax.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Joseph Mauck to allow Tim Pierce to use the parking lot only to sell his product. Passed Unanimously. Mr. Pierce left the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering reviewed the status of Well # 7 and noted it is ready to move onto the next phase and will be sending out bids in the spring. Gary Shirley further noted the project will be finished by the expiration date.

Gary Shirley also discussed the problem with the sewer line on Brock Drive noting something has happened under the pipe but not sure exactly what. Mr. Shirley noted if the town wants them to proceed and to find out what has happened, they can.

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Motion was made by Joseph Mauck to allow Racey Engineering to proceed with the Brock Drive Sewer Project, seconded by Mike Uram. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram along with Dr. Ike Stoneberger were next at 8:30 to make their presentation. Councilman Uram noted if Council recalls he previously obtained radon kits for town residents which he distributed the other year. Councilman Uram invited Dr. Stoneberger to address the body about radon. Dr. Stoneberger noted radon is a volatile, odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of lung cancer. Dr. Stoneberger with Blue Mont Technology, which is a hub zone, noted they will support the town with an agenda, gathering information and a plan.

Mayor Knight continued with the meeting, inquiring if there was any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous month's public hearing as presented in writing. It was noted that Councilman Knight was not present for the public hearing and his name needs to be taken off. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the minutes as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. There being none Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Duane Layman to accept the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report, there being none, they moved on to the Monthly Paywarrant. Questions were as follows:

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #7 (Heartland Payments -\$556.14 & \$27.00) what are these fees. Treasurer Stout noted it was for fees from online, phone and in office credit card payments.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #26 (Pioneer Bank -Visa - \$1,200.00) for flagging classes, how many are taking the classes? Town Manager Terry Pettit noted it will be 8 from the town taking the classes.

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #65 (Page County High School - \$100.00) what was the donation. Treasurer Stout noted is was for an ad in the football programs.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any more questions, there being none, he moved onto the Loan Portfolio. Mayor Knight noted the need for a motion to approve the Paywarrant totaling \$164,226.79. Motion was made by Joseph Mauck, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Paywarrant. Passed Unanimously.

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Town Manager Pettit noted the issue of a vice Mayor, he enclosed a copy of the code from the State Code covering this issue. The code clearly states a vice mayor can't be appointed but if someone is interested, they can be elected. After some discussion Bruce Stoneberger advised he was interested, Motion was made by Joseph Mauck, seconded by Duane Layman that Bruce Stoneberger serve as Vice Mayor. Mayor Knight calls for a roll call vote.

**VOTING FOR:**

Duane Layman  
Jeremiah Knight  
Mike Uram  
Joseph Mauck

**VOTING AGAINST:**

None

Abstained: Bruce Stoneberger

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he also spoke with the town attorney about having to hold a Public Hearing to have a Beer/Wine Garden and he noted changes in the code and a vote made on the changes with a majority of council present at the meeting without a public hearing.

Town Manager Pettit noted the town attorney advised if the wording in the town code is changed, in reference to authorizing that the Hawksbill Recreation Park at 205 Pool Drive and the Ed Good Park at 332 East Main Street are hereby authorized to Allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises, hereafter referred to as the "designated park facilities" under the following conditions.

Town Manager Terry Pettit advised all public works employees, wastewater operators, Leon and himself will be attending a work zone safety class on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 21. VDOT requires everyone who work on their roads to have certification.

Town Manager Pettit noted Councilmen Stoneberger and Uram, Terry Mayes, Judy Salvino and himself met and have started the process of developing a small museum dedicated to the history of Stanley.

Town Manager Terry Pettit also reminded Council of Restaurant Week March 17-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Town Manager Pettit noted he is meeting with Nathan Jenkins trying to develop a plan for a Farmers Market. Mr. Pettit noted if things work out, they would like to open in late May but will keep Council updated. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted required by state law, Town Clerk Norma Cabbage will be attending a one-hour FOIA training session with our Town

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Attorney.

Town Manager Pettit noted we have accepted bids for the past two weeks on the sewer plant truck as advertised in the local paper and only received one. Mayor Knight proceeded with the opening of the bid, which was from Jeff Good in the amount of \$1,001.00. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Joseph Mauck to accept this bid. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit advised by SVEC that all the remaining Christmas Light fixtures must be changed over to the new system before using them this Christmas season. Terry Pettit noted we have a total of 30 poles to be changed which will cost about \$2500.00. Mayor Knight noted he wanted a price to extend one light on each end of town.

Police Chief Ryan Dean presented his monthly report at 9:26 pm. noting most of the cameras are working but, they have some adjustments that need to be made. Chief Dean also noted we will need to establish a regulatory policy on camera viewing.

Chief Ryan Dean noted as Council could see his department had 466 calls for service in January.

Police Chief Ryan Dean noted he has been meeting with Chad Campbell getting things ready for youth basketball. Chief Dean further noted Chad is doing a great job with basketball, having numerous sign ups, getting sponsors and coaches. There was discussion about what a good job Councilmen Mauck and Knight did getting the basketball goals to work at the elementary school. Town Manager Pettit noted the goals have not worked for 25 -30 years.

Mayor Knight inquired if everything is lined up to use the elementary school if it rains out movie night. Town Manager Pettit noted he has taken care of that. There was discussion about what food to serve, it was decided that they would serve hot dogs and hamburgers.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted Teri and Shannon are scheduled for a 2-day school in March to be Certified in Pool Operations.

Councilman Uram inquired since we are not going to advertise for a Recreation Director to possibly look into an intern from JMU or other local college to come to help.

Councilman Uram also spoke about all the maintenance problems he saw while visiting Aleshire Park where the Little League Park is located. After some discussion on this issue Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he will meet with the Little League President about these problems.

There was discussion about problems at both Creekside and Woodside Cottages at Hawksbill Park and staying on top of the rent payments.

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Town Manager Pettit also noted our street sweeper is still in Baltimore.

Mayor Knight noted it was time for New Business to be discussed.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the need to have a budget workshop and Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. was the date that suited everyone.

Town Manager Pettit advised that employee's health insurance thru Anthem didn't increase and did Council wish to renew this year. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Joseph Mauck, seconded by Duane Layman to renew the employee's health insurance with Anthem through Local Choice. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to adopt the change in Town Code by eliminating all of Paragraph E in Section 178-38 reference to Proration of Personal Property Tax and to add Paragraph I to read: All taxable real estate and tangible personal property shall be assessed as of January 1 of each year. After a brief discussion, Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adopt eliminating Paragraph E and the addition of Paragraph I in the Town Code in reference to proration of personal property taxes. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Jeremiah Knight inquired if we were planning to bid out the mowing again this year. Town Manager Pettit advised if Council agrees he will proceed with the process.

Councilman Joseph Mauck noted he went to look at the water problem that Cindy Tate was talking about at her residence on Pettit Drive. Councilman Mauck continued, noting he looked around and spoke with the Tate's' and advised them the problem was not from the Family Dollar as much as it's from water coming in from everywhere else and all the wet weather conditions we have had recently. Councilman Uram noted maybe we should invite Ben Kline to visit and look at this problem.

Councilman Uram presented the Monthly Water Report noting no additional leaks reported but we need to get a handle on the leaks that we do have.

Mayor Michael Knight asked where we are on completion of updating Personnel Handbook. Town Manager noted when time is available, he works on it.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we should have a policy in place for the Electronic Water Metering System.

Councilman Uram advised his choice for the Community Enhancement Award for February-March is Reed's Tire Center. Council agreed with Councilman Uram's choice and commented on the improvements.

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Councilman Uram noted he feels as Councilman Stoneberger the town should look at the possibility of a Friendly Boundary Line Adjustment.

Motion was made at 11:00 pm. by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Layman that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personal Matters as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A1.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

**VOTING YEA:**

Councilman Stoneberger  
Councilman Layman  
Councilman Knight  
Councilman Uram  
Councilman Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight at 11:09 pm., seconded by Councilman Layman that the Council leave Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting.

Mayor Knight states the Council is in Open Meeting.

Motion was made at 11:10 pm. by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Mauck to Adopt a Resolution to Certify a Closed Meeting; the Meeting was held for the purposes allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and 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 YEA:**

Councilman Stoneberger  
Councilman Layman  
Councilman Knight  
Councilman Uram  
Councilman Mauck

**VOTING NAY:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

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**ACTION TAKEN:**

Motion was made Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Mauck to hire Nickolas Alger at \$9.50 per hr. with a review in 6 months. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Duane Layman at 11:12 pm., seconded by Councilman Bruce Stoneberger to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Mayor

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Norma Cubbage, Clerk

