

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council Members attending: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Jason Campbell. Also attending this meeting were as follows: Regina Hilliard with Chamber of Commerce, Ben Zimmerman, Georgia Duncan, Mike Kibler and son Andrew, Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Parks and Recreation Director Morgan Housden, Office Manager Leon Stout, Nicky Winum, Katlyn Seal, Brooklyn Rooks all PCHS Students and Rhonda Fisher.

Mayor Knight started to give the Invocation when Councilman Uram requested to speak a Point of Order directed to the Mayor about giving the Invocation. Mr. Uram advised this is a violation of this right. Mayor Knight inquired if anyone objected to him giving the Invocation, there was no response and he proceeded, and Councilman Bruce Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight asked if there were any corrections or additions to the tentative agenda presented for this meeting. Councilman Uram advised he needed time to discuss the Community Enhancement Award and Mayor Knight advised it could be under new business. The Mayor also expressed the need to discuss the Walking Trail and this can also be discussed with New Business.

Terry advises the body that the 3<sup>rd</sup> presenter will not be attending this meeting. Mr. Pettit also noted Ben Zimmerman is here along with Morgan Housden our Parks and Recreation Director to discuss the possibility of having soccer field in Stanley.

Terry advised he was going to allow Morgan to give her report at this time and discuss the possibility of having a soccer field.

Morgan noted she had made some changes to her report as well updating any progress that has been made since last month's report. Recreation Director Housden advised the Easter Egg Hunt went very well but we need more eggs as well as a better P.A. System and more hiding places and we are working on both. Councilman Stoneberger presented the possibility of moving this event to the Hawksbill Park but other councilmen felt it should stay at the Ed Good Park.

Morgan noted they were busy gearing up for our fishing day, visiting businesses and handing out flyers on this event. Mrs. Housden advised she is really trying to get the word out letting people know that the Stanley Police Department is sponsoring this event.

Morgan continued advising she was busy doing some spring cleaning at the Hawksbill Park and have made some good headway getting ready for Business After Hours on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Parks and Recreation Director has contacted West End Market about fixing the items needed for this event, trying to get donations from local businesses to give away, ordered punch cards for the pool season (10 swims for \$30) and hopes they will arrive in time to be sold at this event.

There was discussion about items needed for the Town of Stanley table such as: shelter prices, pool party info as well as prices for things related to Hawksbill, Ed Good Park info, list of businesses in town and various other handouts. Councilman Uram noted we should have information on the history of the park and pool available along with some pictures and they also like to win prizes. Mr. Uram noted all we must do is treat them nice and just be ourselves because they don't expect anything else. Councilman Uram noted there are 414 members but usually 50 to 60 attend these events but you never know. Mr. Uram also advised we need a theme and he has come up with "Stepping on Up, We Are Here to Help". Councilman Uram had several other ideas that he presented to the body.

Town Manager Pettit noted we have rented the other cottage at the Park and Morgan has also found someone to look at the drywalling in the cottage.

Mrs. Housden noted she has spoken with Vance Bryant about the possibility of helping with a 5K Run this year along with Page Alliance. Morgan stated she hopes with everyone's help we can make this happen with the funds going to complete the Walking Trail. Councilman Uram advised he has everything from the previous 5K events and would be glad to help and share his information. Recreation Director Housden noted that would be very helpful and as soon as the Business After Hours Event and the Fishing Day are over they would get together. Morgan also noted it was asked if Movie Night would be better if we moved it from the Hawksbill to the Ed Good Park. After a very brief discussion it was noted it would stay at the Hawksbill Park. It was also noted we may need to borrow a couple of vans to shuttle kids to this event.

Morgan then introduced Ben Zimmerman to the body noting he was here to discuss the possibility of putting in a soccer field in Stanley. Ben advised there is a big need for soccer fields it is still a growing sport for our area. Mr. Zimmerman noted there is leagues in our area as well as travels teams and not enough fields and 2/3 of the youth that play in Luray's League are from Stanley. Ben noted there is the biggest need for high school size fields because there's a more youth of that aged interested in soccer. There was a lot of discussion about the possibility of a field with Ben noting he would keep in touch with Morgan on this matter.

Parks and Recreation Director Housden was advised by Aqua Tech to mark the water level in the pool with tape and watch to see how much water is lost and the time it took. Tony Fox with Aqua Tech addressed the Body noting he can hear a leak but not certain where it is. Mr. Fox advises the leak could be anywhere under the pool, in the main line, could be in the return or just anywhere where we least would expect it to be. Tony noted it could take a long time to figure out where the leak is, and it will not be cheap. As Morgan stated I told her to mark the water line and go back to check and it had gone down, and we are thinking it losing about 935 gallons per day, which is not too bad. Mr. Fox is suggesting that we wait until this pool season is over to find the leak.

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Police Chief Ryan Dean advised the Body during the month of March his department responded to 490 calls.

Chief Dean also noted he was contacted by Choices to see if they could possibly use a small area for 1 hour a week in the old police department to use for a support group. Chief Dean noted he would like to help them out and he was going to contact them to see if they could work something out.

Chief Dean noted the creek at the Hawksbill Park was looking good the only thing we may have to use both sides depending on the amount of kids that turn out and weather.

Police Chief Dean advised that is all he had and if there wasn't anything else he thanked the body and left at 9:30 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any corrections or additions to the Minutes from the Public Hearing and Meeting from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram questioned that the public hearing stated PCHS Students and on the Regular Meeting it was Student. The Clerk advised the others with the Student were friends. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell to approve the Minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any corrections or additions to the Minutes from the Work Session on March 28<sup>th</sup> as presented in writing. There being none Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement, Treasurer's Report and Paywarrant was presented. Councilman Uram inquired about the Loan Balance on pg. 9 is incorrect, it should be \$1,020,915.94. Councilman Campbell inquired if the C.D.'s always rolls over and Treasurer advised yes they usually do. Councilman Campbell inquired if we could put in longer term C.D. to get more interest on our money and Treasurer Stout inquired about consolidating the smaller ones into one larger C.D. Council noted Mr. Stout could look into which would pay more.

The Monthly Paywarrant was next to be discussed with Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Bills #43 & #82 (Knott's Roofing - \$1,300.00 & \$1,000.00) what was repaired? Treasurer Stout advised it was for Creekside Cottage's roof (\$1,300.00) and repairing the roof of Hawksbill Park Building where it was leaking (\$1,000.00).

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #3 (Visa - \$364.74) what did Homecoming buy that was charged. Leon noted it was for Elephant Ears Bags and Pop Up Tents.

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Councilman Campbell inquired asked about Bill #81 (Lenny Campbell - \$6,423.00) should that be ½ deposit instead of 1/5 as written. Mr. Stout noted it was a typo and yes, the deposit is ½ of the total amount.

Mayor Knight asked about Bill #73 (SVEC - \$162.01) what cottage was this amount for and how long was this bill for. Treasurer Stout noted it was for a regular 30-Day bill and it was for Creekside Cottage. Mayor Knight noted we need to turn down the heat and everyone agreed something needs to be done.

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #39 (Hensil Good - \$20,650.00) for paving the Walking Trail and inquired if that emptied out that account. Treasurer Stout advised he left \$50.00 in it to keep the account open. It was also noted that we weren't charged labor only for the blacktop.

Councilman Uram asked about Bills # 135 & 136 (Set up Money for St. Patrick's Day Dance - \$100.00 & Ramirez DJ Services - \$350.00) is there a report on this event. Mr. Uram was told there won't be another after this one.

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill # 88 (Page Co-op - \$1,090.92) for lumber for improvements to the Public Works Bldg. Terry Pettit noted it was where Ryan built an overhang on the back of the building.

Councilman Campbell asked about Bill #162 (SVFD - \$100.00) donation for what. Mr. Stout noted it was for using the social hall at the Fire Department Social Hall to hold painting event fund raisers.

Motion was made Mike Uram, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$296,070.35 and the Paywarrant in the amount of \$200,178.432. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer Leon Stout noted the need to adopt the Employer Contribution Rate of 5.72% certified by the VRS Board of Trustees for the fiscal years of 2019-2020. Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adopt the same. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer Stout noted he needed a motion from the body to reduce the number of checkbooks. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to go to using 2 checkbooks. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit advised Council we have collected \$6,600.00 in delinquent Real Estate Taxes and people continue to call.

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Mr. Pettit noted someone turned us in for transporting debris to the sewer plant which is a DEQ Violation. Terry noted there was no fine we just had to clean up the debris which has been done. Town Manager Pettit noted most of the debris was from bulk trash pick-up that we do for town residents and this is getting very costly for the town. There was discussion on this issue and the Body decided to stop the bulk trash pick-up as of tomorrow (Thursday) and back to having a spring and fall clean up.

Terry Pettit noted he and the Mayor met with Megan Gordon Neely Dahl and Ali Capriles from the Tobacco Control Office. They were very impressed with the work our town has done writing and adopting the no smoking policy and enforcing the ordinance at our parks.

Mr. Pettit noted as everyone can see VDOT is replacing sections of sidewalks on West Main Street for the past couple of weeks. Terry noted VDOT didn't notify the town of this project, they just started digging up sidewalks.

Town Manager Pettit advised the police car and one of the trailers have been sold and someone is looking at the other trailer.

Terry advised Council that May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the date set for Elaine's and Chuck's retirement dinner at the Stanley Fire Department.

Mr. Pettit advised Lift Station C overflowed and they found t-shirts wrapped around the propeller of one of the pumps. Terry further advised it burned one of the pumps up and the other one was clogged.

Mayor Knight inquired at 10:45 pm. if there was any New Business that needs to be discussed.

Councilman Uram noted he has been reading there is money to be made in growing industrial hemp and feels we should look into what it takes to get in on this project. Councilman Uram noted we need to be proactive.

Councilman Uram feels we should get our name in the pot for trying to establish a soccer field in Stanley.

Councilman Uram noted we had 161 leaks with 139 of them fixed leaving 22 not repaired.

Councilman Uram inquired about random drug testing. Mr. Pettit advised Mr. Uram the town did this many years ago.

Councilman Uram and Council discussed the Community Enhancement Award Winner

for this period being John & Linda Painter residing at 980 West Main Street.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Personnel Committee met before the meeting to discuss a raise for Belle Blosser and they are recommending she get a \$1.00 per hr. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation. Passed Unanimously.

Terry advised he has received information that Greg Foltz is planning to park Mattie's Soft Serve at a residence in Stanley, in town during the Homecoming Event to sell ice cream. Mr. Pettit advised you can't operate a business on property zoned residential. Mr. Pettit advised he would notify Mr. Foltz of this regulation.

Councilman Knight suggested we contract out some of the mowing this summer to help the Public Works Department. Anyone submitting a bid will be required to be licensed, have their own insurance, general liability and worker's compensation insurance. Town Manager Pettit advised he might know someone who would be interested.

There was discussion about the need to place a sign allowing bikes (6-month trial period) at the skatepark but they are not allowed in the bowl. It was also noted the need for a No Vehicles Allowed at the skatepark.

Motion was made at 11:25 pm. by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Jason Campbell to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Mayor

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Norma Cabbage, Clerk

