

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017, 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. Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Accountant Leon Stout, Wanda Tharpe, Rose Ann Smythe and Betty Booton Grubbs with Blue Ridge Memorial Project.

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

Mayor Knight noted the new tentative Agenda for tonight's meeting and inquired if there was any Public Comment. There being none, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to approve the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The first presentation for tonight's meeting was Wanda Tharpe who was here to complain about a water leak in front of her house at 570 Judy Lane. Ms. Tharpe stated the leak has been there since January and has created a problem to the ditch in front of her house as well as having no pressure. The grass was so tall that she had to get someone with a gas weed eater to cut it because Chuck has an electric one and is unable to cut it. Ms. Tharpe noted she feels she has been patient long enough and wants it fixed. Terry Pettit distributed a list of the leaks in order of age and advised the Body he would move Ms. Tharpe's to the top of list if that is what they want. Councilman Stoneberger inquired if there are any on the list that are worse than this. Town Manager Pettit noted she did have a bad leak, but there were some that are worse. Mr. Pettit noted he was getting as many leaks fixed as possible along with everything else. There was further discussion about the 2-inch water line that was run on Judy Lane with Mr. Pettit noting when all 5 residents get hooked on the new line this will eliminate the leak and help with pressure. Mayor Knight inquired if Terry Pettit could get prices from several contractors on what it would cost to tie in these 5 residents into the new line within a reasonable time. Mayor Knight further noted if we can find funding to have these connections done by a contractor which would be faster than our employees could do it and this will be an even better solution. Mr. Pettit noted he would have prices by next week. Mayor Knight advised Ms. Tharpe we will have her leak fixed or have her hooked to the new line within 2 1/2 weeks to get start hooking her to the new line or repairing her leak. Ms. Tharpe advised she can work with that. She thanked the Council and left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Rose Ann Smythe with the Blue Ridge Heritage Project was next to address the Body noting she was so excited to let everyone know they raised \$20,000.00 (cash) donations for the project here in Stanley. Ms. Smythe noted this does not include the "in-kind" donations they have received. Ms. Smythe also advised there will be a list with all the donors on site when this project is complete. Rose Ann also brought the site plan for everyone to get an idea of how it will look with the walkways, fencing, shrubs and trees. Ms. Smythe stated they have many great ideas such as concrete walkways and a kiosk but do not have the funds now. Rose Ann noted she would like to set a date for the dedication. There were some scheduling conflicts so Ms. Smythe

noted she would get back with Mr. Pettit on which one of the two tentative dates would work, she thanked the Council and left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Mike Uram noted on the 3rd page there needs to be a date under Regular Minutes. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement and Note were approved as presented.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with the following inquires:

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill #40 (Visa-Hawksbill Pool - \$915.00) what was gotten at the pool. Accountant Stout noted it was for starting up the new picture ID system at the pool which required purchasing a camera and other items to get started.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #50 (Recreonics - \$ 2,158 02) we got new play-ground equipment. Mr. Stout noted it was not really one but instead was to replace the one that was damaged.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #59 (Holtzman Oil-Water - \$182.34) what was this. Leon noted it was for gas for vehicles listed under water.

Councilman Uram also questioned Bill #59 (Breden's Auto - \$831.47) what did they do to the sweeper. Accountant Leon Stout noted it was for putting on the broom motor on the street sweeper.

Councilman Layman inquired about Bill #68 (Lowe's - \$176.69) what was repaired by homecoming. Mr. Stout noted it was for setting up the stage.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #66 (J. Rex Burner - \$534.25) what did they repair at the pool. Town Manager Pettit noted it was installing the new strainer.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Bill #86 (Roger Dovel - \$45.00) what happened to his mower. Town Manager Pettit stated an old meter was left in his yard and he ran over it.

Councilman Knight asked about Bill #91 (Shannon Shankar - \$165.75) what did this person do. Accountant Stout noted she designed the Hawksbill Pool Rack Cards that were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #90 (Tina Sumpter - \$237.50) what does she do. Mr. Pettit and Mr. Stout advised she finalizes our grants.

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Mayor Knight asked why did we reimburse Bill #89 (Kevin Painter - \$222.29) instead of using the credit card. Leon Stout advised it had been a lot going on and our Credit Card was at its limit. Town Manager Pettit noted they will discuss this problem later in the meeting.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #102 & 59 (Holtzman Oil) why was this on two times. Accountant Stout noted it was the way the billing fell last month and further stated we paid two separate bills for Holtzman on this paywarrant.

Councilman Knight asked about the Bill #107 (Shell - \$1,203.67) does all departments get gas on this card. Accountant Stout and Mr. Pettit noted everyone uses this card.

Mayor Knight questioned Bill #117 (Anderson and Anderson - \$1,200.00) what was this grant. Town Manager Pettit noted it was for the new Well #7.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #119 (Knight and Lucas Construction - \$104,488.64). Mayor Knight, Town Manager and Accountant Stout noted it was only a pass thru for the Library addition. Town Manager Pettit noted since the town owned the building the auditors wanted it done this way. Mayor Knight noted he did not want any conflict of interest because of his position.

Councilman Knight inquired about the amount of \$15,455.09 under Homecoming Revenue, was does the figure include. Accountant Stout noted it was for the beauty pageant, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #88 (EFTS received for Homecoming - \$1,105.00) what is EFT. Leon Stout noted it was for beauty pageant registration fees paid to the town thru credit card and he then transferred it to the Homecoming Account.

Mayor Knight stated the need for approval of the paywarrant. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve payment in the amount of \$297,430.51. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Finance Committee met earlier to discuss raising the limit on the credit card to \$5,000.00. After several questions Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Duane Layman to raise the limit on the Pioneer Bank Visa Card.

Accountant Leon Stout noted the Homecoming C.D. in the amount of \$13,218.00 matures soon and inquired if the Body wanted to close it out and reimburse the town \$13,000.00 owed to them for purchasing Ikey Parks Food Trailer. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to reimburse the town for the trailer Passed Unanimously.

At 8:40 pm. Terry Pettit up-dated Council on projects noting the Safe Route to School

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Grant was approved and work should begin soon.

Town Manager Pettit noted the starter on Well #6 went out but has/ been repaired. He also noted he has signed the paper work to proceed with the work on Well #7 Mr. Pettit noted he included the quote from Racey Engineering for marking the road right-of-way to the well for council to review. There was some discussion on this issue, with Motion to proceed with the marking from Racey Engineering for \$450.00 made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell. Passed Unanimously.

Terry noted Homecoming was a huge success with the best 4 nights we have had for a long time and also noting the weather was really good. Mr. Pettit recommend we all should write ideas of how we can make Homecoming even better next year or any changes we would like to see.

Mr. Pettit proceeded with the Administrative Report noting the Welcome to Stanley Sign look great with the lights and we owe a big Thank You to Mark Stroupe for them.

Town Manager Pettit noted he enclosed a copy of the property adjacent to the Hawksbill Park which belongs to Ms. Edie Owens and is now in the process of being sold. Mr. Pettit noting the present owners want to give the town the back part of the property which will give us more land at the creek before selling.

Terry noted he has not had time to get a list together of the surplus equipment but hopes to have a list by the August meeting.

Mr. Pettit stated he was approached by James Dill complaining about a tree leaning toward his house that he says is on the town's property where the wastewater treatment facility is located adjacent to his on Zion Hill Lane. Town Manger Pettit does not think it is on our property but is not sure and thinks it would be a good idea to have it surveyed. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to proceed in having our property surveyed to settle this issue. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Layman asked about the Richard house on Deford Avenue we discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Pettit noted he has the town attorney working on it now.

Police Chief Ryan Dean addressed the body at this time, noting calls continue to rise, but hoping after this month they will start to go down. Chief Dean included copies of his 2nd Qtr. Report for his department noting the numbers are up over 1400, but he feels they will start to go down.

Chief Dean noted everyone is having problems with several juveniles, vandalizing and causing havoc where ever they go. Chief Dean further noted these juveniles have been barred

from every place in town including the Hawksbill Pool. The Chief continued they have 21 charges on these youths and he is not certain what will happen when they go to court, but feels some of the charges are enough to warrant some discipline. There was a lot of discussion on these juveniles and all the problems they are causing everywhere in town. Chief Dean noted his officers are doing all they can that is allowed by law.

Chief Dean noted they are still waiting to get the SRO Program going but have not received any word yet.

Chief Ryan Dean completed his report and thanked the Council at 9:03 pm.

Town Manager Pettit addressed the Body noting people are constantly complaining about water leaks and he tells them he is doing the best he can getting them repaired. Terry said his guys are taking vacations and he is doing the best he can repairing leaks along with everything else they have to do.

Mr. Pettit stated Eddie Campbell who lives at 470 Old Stanley Road contacted him about an on-going water pressure problem he is having. Terry noted he was aware of this problem but didn't realize it had gotten this bad and most of the problem is when the sewer plant uses the Bell Press his water pressure goes from 57 lbs. – 10 lbs. leaving him with only a trickle of water. Mr. Pettit stated he found a pump that is installed in the house and it will keep his pressure up to 120 lb. of pressure for \$1,900.00 complete job. Terry noted he has had this problem for many years and feels we need to do this for Mr. Campbell and added he will be responsible for after it is installed and working.

Mr. Pettit noted the low-pressure problem on East Main will be eliminated as soon as we hook on the 5 residents to the 2-inch line and the easiest option is to hire this out if Council approves. After a short discussion, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to hire an outside contractor to complete the tie-ins which will be get done a lot faster to complete this job. Passed Unanimously.

The Recreation Report was presented in writing due to the fact Recreation Director Chuck Short was cleaning the pool and could not make this meeting. Councilman Knight stated it is in his job description that he attends monthly Council Meetings every month to present his report. Councilman Layman stated does he care about what the Council says and Councilman Uram noted we need accountability from Mr. Short. Council inquired of what were Mr. Short's hours and they were advised on his "time sheet" it is written 8:30 am. – 4:00 pm.

Mayor Knight inquired about what is going on with the Shenandoah Half Marathon Group. Terry Pettit noted they have signed a contract but we have received no money. Mayor Knight noted we need to set a fee making it worth all the effort it will take to make this happen.

Terry Pettit noted he would talk to Pat O'Brien about what Luray was getting paid for this event to help us decide what we should charge. Mayor Knight also noted we need to meet at the Park on the day of the race to pass out information on our up-coming events and introduce ourselves. It was also noted the need to be at the park on September 1st which is registration day. Mayor Knight noted there will be 1800 – 2000 participants competing in this race.

Mayor Knight inquired if we have heard anything from the Special Use Permit for the campgrounds. Town Manager Pettit noted as far as he knows it is on schedule for the August meeting.

Mayor Knight noted Labor Day Fest is coming soon and Movie Night even before that, on August 12th. Mayor Knight inquired if we had articles for the goody bags to give out on Movie Night. Town Manager Pettit noted they do have some items but will have to get more.

Mayor Knight also inquired about the status on the renter in Creekside Cottage. Mayor Knight was advised we have not received payment as scheduled. Council advised the town manager to aggressively pursue getting him out of the cottage and the money that it owed to the town.

Councilman Uram began speaking at 10:00 pm. about water leak list dated 4/14/15 – 6/30/17, 20 of those leaks have not been repaired. Mr. Uram advised he has people complain about these leaks all the time. Mr. Uram stated we need to have our water and sewer lines GPS just as our other local towns. Mr. Uram noted may we can get an intern from JMU to work on getting our GPS work started.

Councilman Uram stated he feels we need to fix our water leak problems by putting in new pipe and not by patching the problem. Mr. Uram noted we do not need to spend money foolishly and he is very concerned about our water leak problems.

Mr. Uram's Unemployment Report was included in the packets and he inquired about going over it and was advised not if was in the packet.

Councilman Uram noted he has from 2-5 areas in the town that are in violation of the laws on weeds and grass. Mike had pictures of the areas he feels to be in violation and feels the property owner need to be notified of the "problem violation" and be required to correct the issue. Mr. Uram also noted a van at the Little League Park that needs to be removed. Town Manager Pettit noted that issue has been turned over to the police department and several of the sites on Mr. Uram's list were questionable to other members of the Body.

Mr. Uram reminded the Body of Skate Day on August 5th at our Skatepark. Mr. Uram noted he was not sure how many will attend this event, we need to get flyers distributed on this event and possibly get a D.J.

Mike Uram also noted Movie Night for the first time will be held at the Hawksbill Park on August 12th. Mr. Uram noted Luray and Shenandoah hosted this event last year and had good turns of respectfully 300 and 250.

Mr. Uram discussed his concern with the town's Website how it has no creditability, need to be more professional and no quality control. Mike noted we need to be better at what we do and he has a lot of issues with the site. Town Manager Pettit and Accountant Leon Stout noted she had not lived up to what was promised when they agreed to go with her and they will look further into this issue.

Councilman Uram then inquired about the mold problem here at the town office. Terry Pettit advised the company he contacted was busy but would come to look at the problem.

Councilman Uram would like a Feasibility Study done on the proposed campgrounds at the Hawksbill Park Property. Mr. Uram noted people want more information on this project. Councilman Uram made a Motion to have a feasibility study done. Motion was noted seconded and failed. The Body noted we would have to have the town manager and recreation director answer the questions to the best they can.

Mr. Uram inquired about the minutes from the May 2nd Budget Workshop. Accountant Stout noted he would follow up on those.

Councilman Uram also noted the placement of the Constitution of the United States and he would like to see it moved to eye level where it can be read. Mr. Uram noted all establishments have this document at reading level.

Jeremiah Knight noted the Little League Awards Ceremony is always held at the Hawksbill Park and must pay a fee of \$2.00 to swim for an hour after they eat. Mr. Knight wondered if that fee could be waived. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Jason Campbell to waive the fee for the Little League at this event. Passed Unanimously.

Duane Layman made the Motion at 10:55 pm. to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

