

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 09, 2018, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor 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 Jason Campbell. Others attending this meeting are as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Treasurer Leon Stout, Franklin Short and sons Christian and Franklin, Ronald Kirkland and parent Cherish Dempster, 4 PCHS Seniors.

Town Manager Pettit read a ruling on invocation before a meeting given by a member of the body; allows prayer if they are not directed to a specific person, such as Lord or Jesus. Terry stated words such as heavenly father is a suitable substitution which can be used in the invocation.

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

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative agenda presented for tonight's meeting.

Terry Pettit noted the need to add RK Kirkland and his step-mother Cheryl Dempster who are here to discuss the possibility of removing a ban from the Ed Good Park.

Councilman Uram also needs to add time to discuss the Community Enhancement Award. Councilman Knight made a Motion to add the award to the monthly agenda under department reports, seconded by Duane Layman. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to accept the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Terry Pettit noted that RK was banned from the park for not wearing a helmet while riding a skateboard and scooter. Officer Nick Winum was the officer that placed the ban which was about 6 to 8 months ago. The Body talked to the young man about the reason for wearing the helmet and the need to encourage others to wear helmets and obey the rules of the park.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph it should be "point of order" against the Invocation. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

The Monthly Treasurer's Report, Financial Statement and the Paywarrant were presented.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any questions on the Paywarrant and they are as follows:

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill # 15 (St. Patrick's Day Dance - \$47.86) wanted to know how we did on the dance, noting we need to be accountable for these things. Councilman

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Knight along with Mayor Knight noted there were just a few there and we will not have another dance unless there was more interest shown.

Councilman Uram also asked about Bill #29 (Pioneer Bank - \$237.21) what is this. Treasurer Stout noted it was the interest on the Line of Credit we have for the Library.

Mayor Knight inquired about Bill #55 (Valley Statuary Gardens - \$1,143.59) what is this. Leon noted it was for planters for the Library and the town will be reimbursed by grant money they have.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #45 (Fishing with a Cop Expense - \$142.94). Mr. Stout advised it was for prizes for the event.

Mayor Knight asked about Bill #61 (Knott's Roofing - \$800.00) what was repaired. Leon noted it was for repair to the roof at the pool over the stage area that was leaking.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #70 (A-Team Construction - \$4,383.00). Town Manager Pettit noted it was for cleaning the debris along the creek at Hawksbill Park. Mr. Pettit noted the need for the town crew to work on water leaks and this needed to be cleaned up quickly. Councilman Uram noted he feels we should have met to vote on this involving this amount of money. Terry advised he needed a decision in a short turnaround time, so he polled each Council Member and it was 4 Voting For and 1 Voted Against. It was also noted in an emergency the Town Manager can make the call.

Mayor Knight noted the need for approval of the Financial Statement and the Paywarrant. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah to approve the Financial Statement as presented in the amount of \$278,530.57 and that the Paywarrant in the amount of \$141,833.60 be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit at 7:56 pm. noted the paper work on Well #7 is with the Office of Water Programs still being processed. Mr. Pettit also noted he continues to review the design work with Racey Engineering.

Terry Pettit noted he had included a list of property owners who received a letter reference to not paying their taxes and they still have not replied. Mr. Pettit inquired if the body wants to proceed with the next step which is placing a lien on the property. There was discussion on the next step when it was decided to send another letter and if no response proceed further whether to proceed with the lien or another route. Treasurer Stout advised he has spoken with Penny Gray about other cost effect ways to collect this tax money and she is willing to work with him. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell to proceed with Treasurer Leon Stout working with the County to find other ways to collect unpaid real estate taxes. Passed Unanimously.

Terry advised they are still working to close out the Safe Route to School Project before using the remaining funds on crosswalks.

Mr. Pettit also noted the need for the body to clarify the policy on Vacation/Sick/Comp Time policy for employees. The body noted it was complete except for the Police Department which has a special set of rules. Terry was asked if the new employee has received her handbook and he advised he was waiting until Council decides on this issue before giving her a copy.

Town Manager Pettit noted we have Spring Clean Up this week and we have had very few calls.

Mr. Terry Pettit advised he included a copy of the request from Councilman Mike Uram about recent decisions made by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Uram noted Terry answered all his questions.

The Town Manager also advised there was an incident on West Main Street involving a vehicle and one of our manhole lids. Terry continued there was considerable damage to the underside of the vehicle but there was no one injured. We notified our insurance company of the incident and that no one was injured. There was quite a bit of discussion on this matter with Terry advising we must use our No-Fault coverage on this incident because it was not any fault on our part. We talked to his insurance company and was advised he has full coverage with a \$500.00 deductible. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to offer to pay his deductible and let his insurance company make the repairs to the vehicle. Passed Unanimously.

Terry Pettit noted the parking lot at the Public Works Building is blocked off due to citizens leaving their vehicle there for days at a time and many not even asking permission to park. Mr. Pettit stated there was concern about the possibility hitting a parked vehicle, so we are doing this to help prevent an accident and this is a temporary solution. Terry was advised by the Council to check the price to install fence.

Police Chief Ryan Dean addressed the body at 8:15 pm. noting his department had 434 calls for the month and issued 7 citations.

The Chief also noted we received a \$50,000.00 no match Equipment Grant from Byrne Justice Law Enforcement. The Chief advised we have been approved for 5 computers for the police vehicles, which will allow our officers to bypass dispatching the Sheriff's Office. Chief Dean also advised we are to receive cameras and a 2<sup>nd</sup> DVR System & Cameras for Hawksbill Pool and will be able to have funding for Brian Puffinbarger's second year as school resource officer.

Chief Ryan Dean noted Fish with A Cop Day held in April was very good for our first

time and we are hoping to have it again next year. The Chief noted the hard work of his department, the public works department and the recreation director made the event a success. There was further discussion on this event and the good compliments received and about the possibility of making this an annual event or even having it 2 times a year.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted spoke with the two students from Luray High School about how much of the towns water lines had been put on GPS, they advised about 50%.

We did learn the Ford Escape can be converted to use gas for about \$1000.00.

Councilman Stoneberger advised the police department needs to run radar on Chapel Road the speeders are unreal. Councilman Stoneberger also noted the dog problem continues in his area causing vehicles to stop to avoid hitting him and he has had problems with him as well.

Mr. Pettit noted he included a work schedule for the Public Works Department for the month of April.

Councilman Uram advised he has people asking when things are going to get fixed. Mayor Knight noted he had talked to the Sheriff about inmate help and was told we can use inmates, some of which have trades, if we let them know in advance. Councilman Uram noted he would be glad to watch the inmates when they are working for the town.

Councilman Uram went over his Water Leak Report noting we have repaired 140 of the reported 166 leaks leaving 26 not repaired. Mr. Uram noted he is very concerned with the amount of water being lost and we may have to pay for that later down the road. There was much discussion on the water leak problem and what can be done to fix it.

Town Manager Pettit noted as this body is aware the Town has been under a consent order since 2012 to reduce the amount of infiltration in our sewer system. Terry advised the town has taken several avenues trying to reduce the infiltration and have significantly done so realizing it will always be a problem, but the Town Engineer feels it is time to request DEQ to terminate the order. A motion from this body will be needed to proceed with this request. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell to proceed with being released from the consent order. Passed Unanimously.

Terry noted moving on to the Hawksbill Park, the pool is full and clear and hopefully everything will be ready for opening day May 26th. Town Manager Pettit noted Morgan is doing a great job and was a great help putting the Business-After-Hours together and has received only good compliments on the event. Terry noted is has a long to do list and a long way to go but is getting things done and Morgan has several ideas and he advised her it can be presented to the body at the Budget Meeting.

Town Manager Pettit advised there is a tear in the pool cover and it is not covered under

the warranty. Mayor Knight questioned” what does the warranty cover!” Terry noted they would check the warranty again, but it was suggested because of the location of the tear that is the reason it is probably not covered.

Councilman Uram presented his Unemployment Report.

Terry noted the Zoning Permits and Violations for this month and advised the 2 lots were already existing lots of record. Mayor Knight inquired if this constitutes a subdivision, Town Manager Pettit advises not at this time.

Mayor Knight noted at 9:30 pm. it was time for New Business to be discussed.

Mr. Pettit noted the need to move the budget meeting for May 16<sup>th</sup> due to Pioneer Bank Stockholders Dinner Meeting. The meeting was moved to May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Terry noted he needs to know who is riding in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in Shenandoah.

Town Manager Pettit also noted the Luray Fire Department is having their truck and tractor pull on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and is asking to use our trash truck again this year. Council advised to allow them use of the trash truck.

Next under New Business are the Mowing Bids, Mayor Knight proceeded to open all bids and the top 4 bids are as follows: Solon, Inc., Massanutten Property Services, Page Valley Landscaping and Jacob Martin Mowing. Council discussed all the properties listed on the bid document and the cost and decided to allow the top 4 to rebid on mowing the large parcels of land which are Areas # 1, 2, 5, 9, 12, 20.

Councilman Uram presented pictures of his nominations for the Community Enhancement Award for May-June which is on Sunset Drive and for June-July it is on Al Good Drive. Council agreed with Mr. Uram’s choices and told him to proceed.

Councilman Uram also advised he was able to get free radon kits again this year to give to citizens in our town.

Mr. Uram also noted he has a good contact person at VDOT and they discussed the 6-year overview and has another meeting again in several weeks. He said her name is Shannon Valentine and he is hoping she will be able to help us get some things done for Stanley.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we need to have a Kiosk at the Ed Good Park that will let people know what is going on in our town and he will be glad to donate money to help get it.

Councilman discussed several other items the possibility of a dog run at the Ed Good Park, the possibility of relocating signs at the park and the decision not to have a designated

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smoking area at the park.

Motion was made at 10:57 pm. by Jason Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Mayor

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Norma Cabbage, Clerk