

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council Members in attendance: Duane Layman, Jeremiah Knight, Mike Uram and Jason Campbell. Others attending this meeting are as follows: Evangelist Doug Gochenour, Town Manager Terry Pettit and Treasurer Leon Stout.

Mayor Knight thanked Doug for coming to the meeting and asked if he would have a word of prayer before starting the meeting and if Councilman Layman would lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any comment on the tentative Agenda presented for tonight's meeting. Councilman Uram noted the need to add the Community Enhancement Award under New Business and make it a part of the agenda every month, taking a couple of months off for winter. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to adopt the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next inquired if there were any questions or corrections in the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. There being none Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell to approve the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Treasurers'/Financial Report and Note were next on the agenda and after little discussion, Motion to approve the same was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any questions on the Monthly Paywarrant that was presented. They are as follows:

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #10 (Lowe's - \$986.93). Treasurer Stout noted it was for toilets and sinks for the Library that was paid from the Line of Credit but will be reimbursed by grant money.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #37 (Sprint - \$34.13) what was this used for in recreation. Leon advised it was for Chuck's cell phone.

Councilman Campbell asked about Bill #60 (Louderbak Implements - \$715.95) was this the same mower that was worked on last month. Mr. Stout noted it could be because it was for regular maintenance on them. Town Manager Pettit advised he would check to see which of the mowers it was.

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Councilman Uram also inquired about Bill #79 (Custom Atlantic - \$785.00) what pump station needed work. Town Manager Terry Pettit advised it was for repairs at Lift Station C.

Councilman Uram questioned Bill #82 (Red Bud Supply - \$180.33) what water supplies were gotten. Terry and Leon advised these were rubber gloves that are used in public works and the sewer plant.

Councilman Uram also inquired about Bill #59 (J. Rex Burner - \$107.00) what was wrong with the furnace. Town Manager Pettit noted we couldn't get it running, but it has been a good one, it was installed in 1932 and is still working.

Councilman Campbell asked about Bill #66 (Quarles - \$51.80) it was his understanding we were to make a payment every month. Treasurer Stout noted this was for the Public Works Building and we pay when it gets filled. Councilman Campbell noted that at the Halloween/Red Ribbon Party the heat was not working because there wasn't any gas. Councilman Campbell thought this was on automatic refill. Leon Stout noted we have always paid the bill usually only one a year, but he will look into this.

Mayor Knight noted the need for approval of the Paywarrant. Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Mike Uram that the Paywarrant totaling \$156,090.85 be approved as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit advised the Finance Committee met before the meeting and discussed when Josh Alger was hired we advised him after 6 months he would get an \$1.00 hr. increase and his time is up. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to increase Josh Alger's hourly rate by \$1.00. Passed Unanimously.

Terry Pettit continued they also discussed how did we want to handle the bill from Burners Well Drilling. We discussed several different avenues of payment and Terry noted there wouldn't be any other big expense until spring. The Finance Committee is recommending we negotiate a loan. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jason Campbell to allow Town Manager Terry Pettit to negotiate and sign all paperwork pertaining to obtaining a loan with Pioneer Bank for \$103,000.00 for 10 years at the best possible interest rate to pay Burners Well Drilling for their work on Well #7. Passed Unanimously.

Terry continued with on-going projects noting on Safe Route to School Grant the contractor advised him that he would start the week of November 13th. Mr. Pettit noted it is a week later and still no one has started the project.

Mr. Pettit noted the Library will be closing after Thanksgiving and will re-open after

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January 1st.

Town Manager Pettit noted as we thought our insurance will not cover the asbestos and mold problem we have in the basement. Mr. Pettit noted he will proceed with having the company he had contacted to proceed with the removal.

Terry Pettit advised Leon is currently working on creating our new website and is pleased with how things are progressing.

Mr. Pettit noted S.V.E.C. pole project is finishing up and we have been working with them installing new Christmas light brackets.

Town Manager Terry Pettit had hoped to have the non-smoking ordinance for our parks completed. Terry is working along with the town attorney and says it will be impossible to enforce this ordinance. Terry further advised the police department states it can't be enforced without having a designated area for tobacco use. Mr. Pettit noted he hopes to have an ordinance written by the next meeting and get back for council to review at December's meeting.

Terry advised the list of past due real estate taxes was included in the packets and wanted to know how this body wanted to handle this issue. Mr. Pettit also advised the list is not for public knowledge. After discussion the body advised they want a letter sent first, next a phone call, if possible. The body also advised a letter needs to be sent by January 1, 2018 to advise the tax payer all penalty and interest will be waived if taxes are paid in full by March 1, 2018.

Mr. Pettit also advised he included, in their packets, a copy of an email he received from Rose Ann Smythe with the Blue Ridge Heritage Project requesting the possibility of the group placing a display case on the wall under the shelter. Terry also noted they would pay all the cost involved with this project.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Town is participating in the Small Business Saturday on November 25th.

Town Manager Pettit noted he will need to know who will be riding in the Stanley and Luray Christmas parades.

Terry noted Tammy Good has requested the use of the parking lot at the Ed Good Park to have a yard sale to raise funds for her son's senior trip. After some discussion Council advised they could not justify allowing just one person the use of the parking lot. They want it

offered to the whole senior class. Mr. Pettit noted he would advise Ms. Good of their decision.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Police Chief was unable to be at tonight's meeting, but they have his report and inquired if there was any discussion or questions. Councilman Uram noted identity theft was up 100%. Councilman Layman inquired about the abandoned vehicle (s) problem. Mr. Pettit advised he is working with Officer Winum on this issue.

Mr. Pettit noted he had a citizen contact him about an incident at the Ed Good Park with teenagers' using foul language while they were at the park. Terry noted her husband had words with them and she hurried to take him home before it got any worse. Council discussed their concern about this problem and the need for more police presence at the park. The problem is hard for the police department to press charges successfully against underage youth, most of the time the judge only scolds the parents and the youth. Councilman Uram noted the rules of the park should address NO FOUL LANGUAGE ALLOWED. There was discussion about how it is hard to enforce this issue.

There was also discussion for the need for accountability, policy and procedure from the police department. It was also noted a police schedule needs to be posted in the town office at least week to week so the staff knows if there is an officer on duty and who it is and the time.

Councilman Campbell noted he found a code (139.410) that addresses this issue and it is a chargeable offense.

There was discussion about bikers using the skatepark to ride bikes and the damage it causes to the coping and the bowl with Councilman Uram noting the need to have a place for them to ride because there isn't anything else for the kids to do. There was discussion and it was noted maybe it could be worked out with the school so that it would allow them to ride there. After further discussion it was decided to allow the bikers to ride at the skatepark for a Trial Period of 6 months, not in the bowl, beginning in January, with signs displaying the rules. It was further noted the damage at the skatepark needs to be documented now and again after the trial period is over. Council also advised Town Manager Pettit to have Recreation Director Short to look for steel coping to replace the type we have currently.

Mr. Pettit noted Mr. Short was at the school having men's basketball games and that he got 31 men to sign up to play.

Terry also noted Sam is out of the cottage and that Mr. Short advised it wasn't too bad inside. Mayor Knight inquired if Sam owes the town rent money. Treasurer Stout noted he really owes the electric bill (which was never taken out of the Town of Stanley's name and we

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paid the bill) which is about \$2000.00.

Town Manager Pettit noted Chuck advised the cottage roof is leaking and we are going to have to replace the shingles. Mr. Pettit further noted Mr. Short has gotten a price from Knott's Roofing for the cottage and the shingles on the filter room building. (Cottage Shingles - \$2700.00 Filter Room - \$1500.00). Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jason Campbell to accept the price from Knott's Roofing and proceed with replacing the shingles on Creekside Cottage and the Filter Room Building. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram inquired when we mow the Ed Good Park could we please pick-up the trash before we start.

Mr. Pettit also advised VDOT decided it was getting too late in the year and they won't pave Judy Lane Ext. until next spring. Terry noted all the residences on the right are hooked up to the new line and all but 6 are done on the left, plus a new water tap.

Terry Pettit noted he completed the paperwork for DEQ Permit Renewal for Hawksbill Recreation Park swimming pool, which will allow us to discharge 25000 gallons of pool water per day instead of the 12000 gallons. Mr. Pettit also noted we had a good inspection two weeks ago.

Town Manager Pettit noted we have been asked to adopt a resolution against the large fee increase the Shenandoah National Park is requesting. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adopt the resolution. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram reported there was only one new leak since last month.

Councilman Uram also noted he had attended the PACA meeting as well as the Turkey Race. Councilman Uram further noted the Chamber donated \$3000.00 to PACA from the Mud Race.

Councilman Uram announced the Community Enhancement Awards for:
November/December - Dougie McDaniel at 366 Church Avenue

December/January - Lenny Hamby at 136 West Main Street

Councilman Uram stated depending on the weather this may-be the last award presented until spring or until better weather.

Councilman Uram advised he had gotten 100 free Radon Kits and he needs to figure out a formula to distribute them.

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Councilman Uram noted as everyone can see unemployment is down.

Councilman Uram also added we have not see the Town's EDA Representative for several months and would like to see him attend the meeting.

Councilman Knight inquired if Massanutten Job Fair could set up a booth during the Christmas in Stanley event and they would give away a couple free tickets to the waterpark. Council advised it is OK with the town if the Homecoming Committee approves.

Town Manager Pettit stated he has applied for a grant for an electric car charger for the town.

Mr. Pettit advised Pioneer Bank wants to give the Deerfield Estates Pump Station and the land it is on to the Town of Stanley. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to proceed with this matter.

Motion was made by Jason Campbell at 10:05 pm., seconded by Jeremiah Knight to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

