

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Vice Mayor Mike Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. due to the absence of Mayor Purdham whom was ill. Council Members in attendance are as follows: Bruce Stoneberger, Martha Graves and Mike Uram. Also attending this meeting were Town Manager Terry Pettit, Chief Timmy Foster, Stephanie Lillard Page County Economic Director, Robert Ruffner, son Jonah and daughter Mary.

Councilwoman Graves gave the Invocation and Vice Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired if there were any changes or additions to the proposed Agenda for tonight's meeting. There being none Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit noted Mr. Ruffner, son Jonah and daughter Mary were here to give the Council an update on the BMX Bike Project.

Mr. Ruffner noted he had brought a copy of the plans for the BMX Ramp with specs that he had gotten himself. Mr. Ruffner noted he found plans from Hill Brothers and liked them because the bases of the ramp can be compacted down and stored for the winter. Mr. Ruffner noted the estimated cost to construct the ramp is around \$400. Mr. Ruffner also noted the possibility of a concrete foundation and is looking at a type of paint for the ramp that is more durable but is not included in the cost estimate. Council advised Mr. Ruffner to meet with Mr. Short to find a site for the ramp. After brief discussion Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to allow Mr. Ruffner to order the plans for the BMX Ramp so we can proceed with this project. Passed Unanimously. Mr. Ruffner left the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Vice Mayor Mike Knight recognized Page County Economic Director Stephanie Lillard who discussed the proposed Enterprise Zones with the Council. She explained that this was a joint effort among the three towns and the county to obtain the recognition as an enterprise zone from the county. She also reviewed all eight incentives proposed by the plan and outlined the highlights of each one that would involve the Town providing tax cuts, fast track processing and other relative items for new businesses.

Vice Mayor Knight noted it was time for Old Business.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted on the Enhancement Grant that we are waiting on Sign Pro to obtain final approvals for the "Made in USA" certifications. Mr. Pettit noted after approvals are received then we can begin construction of the Welcome to Stanley Signs.

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Mr. Pettit noted on the Safe Route to School Grant we are still waiting on the Virginia Department of Transportation to approve the plans. Mr. Pettit noted the grant is for new signs and pedestrian walkways.

Mr. Pettit noted included in the packets are legal documents from the Town Attorney prepared by County Attorney Nathan Miller reference to Well #7 agreements. Mr. Pettit urged Council to review and make necessary corrections before next month's meeting

Town Manager Pettit noted he is in the process of completing the paperwork to apply for a Planning Grant through the Virginia Department of Health.

Mr. Pettit noted the County, Councilman Mike Uram and himself met with the citizens from Pettit Drive to go over the storm water drainage plans for the new Family Dollar Store. Mr. Pettit noted that County Building Inspector Kenny Fox advised the landowners that VDOT responsibility goes to the end of the pipe and does not go past property lines. Mr. Pettit also noted Mr. Fox advised the storm water is the property owners' problem but assured them they would not have any more water from the Family Dollar than they did before. Mr. Pettit noted they also looked at the ditch which was stopped up and needs to be cleaned out and kept open. There was much discussion on this water problem and how far the town can or should go to help the landowners.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes presented in writing from the previous month's meeting. Councilman Stoneberger noted a Type 0 on Page 3 the 1st paragraph says "none" and should say "all" and another Type 0 on Page 5 the 5th paragraph says "it" and should say "he". The Clerk noted she would make the corrections. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight to approve the Minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement was presented. Town Manager Pettit noted the balance reflected in the Ed Good Walking Trail Account is high because Hensil Good had not billed for the Phase 2 blacktopping project. The Financial Statement was approved as presented.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with Councilman Knight inquiring of Bill #1 (Burner Electrical) for fixing the Christmas Tree at the Ed Good Park and he didn't remember seeing the Christmas Tree at the Post Office. Mr. Pettit noted that the cost was incurred when they were hired to see exactly where the electrical short was in the pole. Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #5 (J Rex Burner) what was repaired. Mr. Pettit noted it was for work done on the furnace, kitchen faucet repairs and repairs to a bathroom sink maybe in one of the cottages. Councilman Uram inquired about Item #27 (Payroll) does the figure include overtime. Mr. Pettit and the Clerk noted it does include all overtime. Vice Mayor Knight advised he needed a Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$124,322.63. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to approve the same. Passed Unanimously.

Vice Mayor Knight noted next was Committee Reports.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted that Recreation Director Chuck Short and he met with the Recreation Committee (Martha Graves and Bruce Stoneberger) at the pool about the problems we are having with the backwash tanks. Mr. Pettit noted that replacing the tanks will cost around \$21,000 - \$23,000 and that we need to make a decision soon because since we are looking at 6-8 weeks to get the tanks. Councilman Uram noted his concern with all the expenditures at the pool is not producing the revenue to cover the cost of operating it. Councilman Uram noted in earlier years the pool was packed and that we need some kind of attraction to draw people back. There was some discussion about this issue, then Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to proceed with replacing the tanks.

VOTING FOR:

Bruce Stoneberger
Martha Graves

VOTING AGAINST:

Mike Uram

Motion Carried.

Mr. Pettit noted there is still a problem with the pool loosing water and it is not around the lights because the water level is below the lights. Mr. Pettit noted we may be able to run a camera up the lines to check for a crack or check the liner for a tear. We will continue to work on finding out why we are losing water. It was noted that the liner has a 15 year warranty if this turns out to be the problem it should be covered by the warranty.

Mr. Pettit noted since we have not decided to have a Mud Fest he was going to let the Chamber know to proceed with theirs and maybe we can try to have a ½ marathon in the fall.

Mr. Pettit also noted the fence at the Little League does need to be replaced and we can build the new fence ourselves at a cost of around \$1,000.00.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he, the Water and Sewer Committee (Martha Graves and Mike Uram) and Utility Services met to discuss the new proposed water meter reading system. Mr. Pettit noted it seemed to be very nice but very costly. Mr. Pettit continued to note the Committee and himself will meet with another company and then make a recommendation to Council.

Mr. Pettit noted that the Water and Sewer Tap for the new Family Dollar will be \$12,500 and he would like to use some of the tap fee money to upgrade the water line from a two (2) inch

line to a six (6) inch line and install a fire hydrant at the first intersection on Pettit Drive which will cost the town about \$5,000. Mr. Pettit noted he has plans to install a hydrant on Al Good Drive this year also, noting the money has been budgeted.

Councilman Uram noted he is proposing that we make a list of all water leaks on the Bulletin Board in the Town Office letting people know we are aware of the leaks. No action was taken.

Town Manager Terry Pettit presented his Administrative Report noting, Paul and Joyce Smith who live on Al Good Drive have a storm water issue and are in need of help with this problem. Mr. Pettit noted that representatives from VDOT, DEQ and Page County all looked at the problem but it was not their responsibility and will not help at all. Mr. Pettit further noted it is not a town problem either but he contacted the Army Corp of Engineers and they are coming to look at the problem. Mr. Pettit stated that most all of the homes on the East side of Al Good Drive have storm water problems in their back yards. Mr. Pettit also stated years ago a landowner took his own equipment and kept the ditch cleaned out helping to keep this problem to a minimum but he is deceased now and the problem has gotten out of control. Mr. Pettit noted Kenny Purdham bought a piece of land adjoining his property which the ditch is on property and plans on cleaning it out but it will not help Mr. and Mrs. Smith's problem. There was much discussion about this issue about how far the town should or can go in helping with this issue. There also was a suggestion about contacting the Chesapeake Bay Water Shed for help but no further action was taken.

Mr. Pettit noted that Norma has completed the necessary paperwork to be certified as the Town's Record Retention Officer as required by the State.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted there are problems with the heating system at the Public Works Building and it has reached a point where it is costing a lot to keep repairing and even more in gas. Mr. Pettit noted they have gotten prices on replacing with another gas furnace which will cost \$7000 to \$8000. Mr. Pettit also noted the possibility of installing a Wood Burning Stove which they say will pay for itself in about 4 years. The cost of the stove and installation is around \$12,000. Mr. Pettit noted we have plenty of trees that can be cut to keep the stove running and the employees state that they will cut the wood.

Mr. Pettit noted information included in the packets and commented on the requests from the PCHS Music Boosters and the PTSA- After Prom Committee for donations. Councilwoman Graves noted that we will have to decline the music boosters request because the town does not use tax payers' money for donations. Councilwoman Graves further noted for the after prom request each council member give out of their own pockets.

Mr. Pettit also noted Councilman Uram had requested an Unemployment Report from December '14 be placed in the packets. Councilman Uram noted Page County is at the top of the

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list for unemployment which is not good.

Chief Foster addressed the Body at 9:42 pm. noting his end of the year report which was included along with the Council Packets. Chief Foster noted the police department answered 3,233 in 2014 and that drugs and alcohol were first and second as the reason for the most calls. Chief Foster noted drugs are a very big problem and are not going away.

Vice Mayor Knight noted it was time for New Business.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to re-appoint Joni McCoy back on the Economic Development Authority Board as the Town of Stanley's representative. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to reappoint Joni McCoy to the EDA Board. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted that a Budget Meeting is scheduled for March 25th, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Motion was made at 10:05 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mike Knight, Vice Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk