

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
Wednesday, April 12th, 2017, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael 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: Police Chief Ryan Dean, Josh Knight the Town's EDA Representative, Regina Hilliard with the Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer Leon Stout, Dixie Tate with Page News and Courier and a high school senior.

Mayor 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 as presented for tonight's meeting. There being none Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the Agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously.

Josh Knight the EDA Representative for the Town of Stanley addressed the Body noting they had their first meeting last month which was a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Josh Knight noted it was discussed if the Town of Stanley would still be interested in renting the building where the Family Dollar Store was located. Mayor Knight noted it depends on what they consider a reasonable offer, we might be interested. Josh Knight noted he would advise the EDA Board and try to get talks started again on that possibility. Mr. Josh Knight asked what was going on with the well on Goodrich Road. Treasurer Leon Stout, who was leading the meeting, until Town Manager Pettit arrives, stated Burner Well Drilling will be at the site next week to re-drill the well using the casing just digging deeper. Josh stated most potential clients say the property on Goodrich Road is not shovel ready. Josh also inquired if sewer was on this property. Treasurer Stout noted it was close to the property but not on the property. Treasurer Stout inquired if the potential client that was interested in bottling water had mentioned any more about this possibility. Josh Knight noted the client that was interested in spring water only, therefore Stanley was not mentioned as a possible supplier. Josh noted he would advise the EDA Board that the town is still interested in the empty building where the Family Dollar was located. Mayor Knight added if they go back to the original price and negotiate the remodeling and electrical changes needed to make it work for the town office.

Councilman Uram read from documents listing of jobs in other counties in Virginia and doesn't understand why Page County did not. Mr. Uram noted there were only 52 jobs in Page County for this year. Mr. Uram notes he feels we need to look at the big picture and look at what we can do to get businesses to look at Stanley to bring jobs. Mr. Uram noted we need to identify areas that can be used for new businesses. Councilman Uram noted we have an empty building that businesses can move into. Mr. Uram notes that Luray is taking advantage of empty building by putting displays in the windows and advertising the space available to place a business. Councilman Uram noted this is something positive we could also do.

Regina Hilliard with the Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce was at the meeting to update the Body on what was going on at the Chamber. Mrs. Hilliard noted they did help decorate the windows in the building where Brown's Restaurant was and would be more than happy to help Stanley if they decide to do the same. Mrs. Hilliard noted they have applied again this year through Virginia Tourism Center for the grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. Regina stated this was the seventh year they have applied and that every year they had been fortunate to receive grant money. Gina continued to note last year they received \$25,000.00 and they hope to be fortunate enough to receive that again this year.

Mrs. Hilliard stated they have been busy visiting businesses giving them personal invitations to attend a meeting, went to several functions, had ribbon cutting ceremonies and gearing up for the up-coming spring and summer activities. Regina thanked the Body for their time and noted if the Chamber can do anything to help the town just let them know.

Mayor Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Motion was made by Duane Layman, second by Mike Uram to approve the minutes as presented in writing. Passed Unanimously. Mayor Knight inquired about the minutes from the Budget Work Session. It was noted the date of the Work Session was incorrect it should be March 22nd not the 15th, Councilman Campbell noted on pg. 2 it reads bills head and it should be bills ahead and it should have grades 3-5, 6-8 not ages 3-5, 6-8. Councilman Uram noted on pg.2 the time should read 10:45 pm. not \$10.45 pm, it should be Vice Mayor Stoneberger not Vice Mayor Knight. Motion was made by Jason Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Knight to approve the Work Session Minutes as amended. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement and Note was presented. Councilman Uram questioned if Leon Stout could give the percentage that the loans are relevant to the debt ratio of the budget. Treasurer Stout noted he could do that. Motion was made by Jason Campbell to approve the Financial Statement in the amount of \$501,575.76 and the notes in the amount of \$98,685.45, seconded by Duane Layman. Passed Unanimously.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with Mayor Knight inquiring about Bill #39 (Shannon Shankar - \$172.36) it cost that much to change something on the website. Treasurer Stout stated it was to make changes to the front page of the web site.

Councilman Layman inquired about Bill #43 (Visa Bill Breakdown -Water Vehicle Fuel - \$48.16) Leon Stout noted it was for the gas used in the water vehicle when the gas card wouldn't work.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #43 (Visa Bill Breakdown – Police Durango Expense - \$340.09) Mr. Stout noted it was for supplies to get the Durango ready to be put in service.

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Councilman Knight & Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #74 (Ferguson Enterprises – \$1,473.21) Treasurer Stout noted it was for cut-offs and meter boxes to be installed while putting in the new meters.

Councilman Layman inquired if Bill #80 (County of Page – \$454.88) was from the election in November 2016. Treasurer Stout stated it was indeed from that election.

Councilman Knight inquired of Bill #78 (Louderback Implement - \$191.53) did we have to have something repaired on the new skid loader. Leon Stout stated the repair was done to the old skid loader.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #87 (Quill - \$699.99) we had to buy a new printer. Treasurer Stout noted the other printer was 13 years old.

Councilman Uram asked about Bill #98 (Larry Austin - \$700.00) what sidewalk was repaired. Mr. Uram was advised it was the sidewalk on West Main Street where there was a bad leak back in the winter and the road and sidewalk were dug up trying to find the leak.

Councilman Uram inquired if Bill #104 (SVEC - \$397.19) how long of a period did this electric bill cover. Treasurer Stout noted it was for 1 month. Mayor Knight inquired if the renter in the cottage had put the electric bill in his name now. Mr. Stout noted he has not put it in his name as of this day April 12th.

Councilman Knight inquired about Recreation Bill #103 (Lowe's - \$142.44) were there repairs made at the pool. Leon Stout noted it was for repairs done at the cottages.

Councilman Stoneberger asked about Bill #56 (Faith Richards - \$110.00) who was this and what did they do. Treasurer Stout noted it was cleaning the town office.

Councilman Campbell inquired what the \$.26 revenue in Homecoming Revenue. Mr. Stout noted it was interest paid on the checking account.

Councilman Campbell noted also on Homecoming Expense, the \$900.00 paid to Penny Markowitz for painting night at the Hawksbill Park, where is the revenue shown from this. Treasurer Stout noted it will show on May's Report.

Mayor Knight stated he needs a Motion to approve payment for this month's Paywarrant and PrePays in the amount of \$219,269.89. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the same. Passed Unanimously.

Due to Town Manager Pettit being at class, Treasurer Leon Stout noted the Safe Route to

School Grant Dinks Construction has ordered the materials and they are waiting for them to arrive. Mr. Pettit also noted Dinks Construction have a deadline of June 7th for this project.

Treasurer Stout noted Mr. Pettit is working on the final contract for Council or Recreation Committee to review, as well as he has completed several documents that Mr. Foltz needed for the Health Department.

Mr. Stout noted Burner Well Drilling has pulled the pump and will begin to drill again at Well #7.

Treasurer Stout noted the contractor has started putting in the new poles but this had nothing to do with the power outage that occurred last Thursday evening.

Leon Stout inquired if Council wanted to proceed with the purchase of tablets as they had stated at an earlier meeting. Mr. Stout noted he could find all 6 Tablets for less than \$600.00. There was some discussion about spending the money now when we may need it for something else more important. Councilman Uram inquired where the money was coming from to pay for the tablets. Councilman Uram inquired do we have special funds or reserves where we can take this money. Treasurer Stout noted we did not specifically have a reserve or special funds designated for this purchase, but we do have the money to make this purchase. After more discussion, Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to table this issue until the June meeting to make any decision.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

VOTING FOR:

Bruce Stoneberger
Mike Uram
Jason Campbell

VOTING AGAINST:

Jeremiah Knight
Duane Layman

MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer Stout noted that the County needs to know as soon as possible if we are going to change any tax rates, in order to get the taxes printed and to us in time to get them out. Council advised Mr. Stout tax rates will remain the same this year.

Leon Stout presented Terry Pettit's Administrative Report noting the library addition is moving along with the walls being up and the contractor is working to remove the outside wall on the old part of the building.

Mr. Stout noted Councilman Uram attended VML Dinner in Marion, Virginia last week and will be attending another in Culpeper on May 3rd. Councilman Uram noted it was a very nice

conference with about 73 in attendance. Mr. Uram noted they discussed the next census which will be in 2020 and the importance of the documentation done during the census. Mr. Uram advised they will have a toll-free number set-up if there are any questions and they showed them a census form which was amazing. Councilman Uram also noted information obtained from the census plays a big part in grants.

Councilman Uram noted he attended the 2-Day Job Fair sponsored by Luray/Page Chamber of Commerce held at the Luray High School. Mr. Uram noted he gave out many employment applications during the two days and feels it is important for the town to participate in the job fairs, to find good qualified workers.

Treasurer Stout noted that Mayor Knight and Town Manager Pettit visited Mrs. Yates first grade class at Stanley Elementary School to speak about government. Mr. Pettit also noted they looked at several miniature models of the town office and several other buildings in Stanley. Mayor Knight noted the children did a good job on the models and loaned us the model of the town office to display for a few weeks.

Mr. Stout noted that Town Manager Terry Pettit, Keith Griffith and himself will be attending the Virginia Rural Water Conference in Roanoke from April 24th – 26th. The Town of Stanley will be entering our water in the taste contest again this year and Keith and Terry will be taking classes continuing to obtain hours for their sewer and water licenses.

The Personnel Committee will be conducting interviews for the vacant public works position on Wednesday, April 19th.

Jeff and Billie Miner that live at the end of Hilliard Drive are requesting that VDOT construct a cul-de-sac so the trash truck and cars have room to turn around instead of backing out of the street or in someone's driveway. The Miners are willing to donate the land and Mr. Pettit noted he has arranged a meeting with VDOT to look at the request.

Mr. Pettit's report noted the basement has been cleaned and he will be contacting a company to see how much mold and asbestos we have. Mr. Pettit advised anyone wishing to tour the basement they can do so after the meeting.

Town Manager Pettit's report noted an update on the Homecoming's progress. Mr. Stout advised Homecoming made \$330.00 clear from the Painting with Penny. Leon Stout noted they are in the process of getting ready for the Spring into Stanley event scheduled for April 29th. Treasurer Stout noted right now they have 48 vendors and 7 food vendors and they have already collected 1450.00 from vendors for set-up spots. Council inquired if the Homecoming had heard from the Shriners about singers for the contest. Mr. Stout advised they have not heard anything.

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Mr. Pettit's Report also noted he has contacted SVEC about meeting with an engineer to discuss up-grading the power at the parking lot with 3 phase power and to get lighting to our Welcome to Stanley Signs.

Police Chief Ryan Dean address the Council at 9:00 pm. Chief Dean noted he had also included the Quarterly Report along with his Monthly Report and inquired if there were any questions.

Police Chief Dean noted he was able to get an '85 Chevrolet Pick-up, 4 Generators and 8 Lap Tops for Army Surplus. Chief Dean noted the laptops would need programs to be installed before we could use them but that wouldn't cost that much.

Chief Dean also noted he had included a copy of the contract with Southern Software and the Police Department. Chief Dean further noted the need to adopt the contract with Southern Software to take over our Cad System Reports and technical support (Service Contract) for 4 years. Chief Ryan Dean noted the price went down about \$2,000.00 and the price includes up-grades every year for the next 4 years. After Some discussion, Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the \$24,021.00 Southern Software Contract for the next 4 years, with the first payment due in 90 days after the signing. Passed Unanimously.

Chief Dean and Council had brief discussion on several issues with Councilman Uram noting Harrisonburg having lots of problems. Chief Dean noted we have the same problems only smaller. Council Uram and others noted they were pleased with the job the police department is doing and the good relationship with the citizens and the police officers.

Councilman Stoneberger the only problem he has received several complaints about speeders near Graves Chapel Church and asked that the police officers make their presence seen a little more.

Chief Dean thanked the Council at 9:15 pm.

Recreation Director Chuck Short was next to address the body noting basketball is over for this season.

Mr. Short also noted he has finally found coping for the skatepark and will install it as soon as it comes. Mr. Short noted it isn't exactly like the other but it is very close and it is rather expensive.

Recreation Director noted he was advised that we had an overnight visitor at the Ed Good Park Restroom. Mr. Short noted the bathroom is usually locked but wasn't that night, but the visitor did not bother anything.

Mr. Short noted he had done a few repairs at Woodside Cottage as well as gotten the new appliances for the Hawksbill Park Hall. Mr. Short noted he had not hooked up the water to the refrigerator until we get the new pipes installed.

Mr. Short noted we need to get bands for the Labor Day festivities at the Park. Mr. Short noted it is hard to get bands to perform because they are booked from year to year. There was discussion about the possibility of moving the event to Sunday and Monday, so that we may have an easier time trying to find bands to perform.

Mr. Short noted the Bike Ramp prices were way beyond what we could afford, they were as follows the ramp was \$12,000.00 - \$13,000.00 plus an addition \$3,000.00 to put it together.

Chuck Short also noted we need to hire additional help (lifeguards) to work at the pool this season as well as we will need some chairs and umbrellas. Mr. Short further stated he needs a lifeguard chair (found one for \$90.00), storage building to store the chlorine, water pipes replaced, as well as the doors on the pump house in 2 or 3 years will have to be replaced. Council inquired would not fiberglass doors be better. Mr. Short noted they would be better and we may need to look at going that route.

Council stated they would like to see seasonal softball and possibly volleyball for the girls in the fall. The Body advised Mr. Short they were going to get him some help with all of this and they had thought about the County Recreation Director Tony Painter. Mr. Short advised Council good help is hard to find, but he could work with Tony Painter.

Mr. Short noted he had sent letters to local businesses for financial help. Mr. Short stated he only heard from Pioneer Bank, they gave \$500.00. Chuck noted he knows the Stanley Pharmacy, D.R.'s, and Louderback's will also help.

Town Manager Terry Pettit arrived at the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Recreation Director Short further noted the strainer at the pool is 26 years old and it is going to have to be replaced. Mr. Short noted he has been looking for one and found they don't make cast iron ones, anymore but he found one made from fiberglass. There was much discussion about this issue and it was noted that we don't have any choice but to replace it. There are pool events already planned and the pool must be in working order for them. Councilman Knight noted some of the money from these events can go towards the purchase of the strainer. Mr. Short also noted if we wait until next year the price will probably be higher and it's a gamble, the strainer could break and ruin the pool season completely. After more discussion for and against this problem, Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to replace the strainer and the lifeguard chair for about \$2500.00. Mike Uram opposed. Motion Passed.

Recreation Director noted he was working on the paint project at the pool and would rather not use inmates to paint. Mr. Short noted the last time he used them to paint the shelter roof he ended up having to repaint it. Councilman Campbell advised Mr. Short noted he may have found something for the floor, it is like what they use for truck bed liners. Councilman Campbell noted it is clear and has gritty substance in it so it is not slick.

Mr. Short noted he is going to work on replacing the piece of playground equipment, but he wants to make sure the base will work on the old one that is there.

Mr. Short noted the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15th at the Ed Good Park. Mayor Knight inquired about the time for the volunteer helpers to be at the park. Mr. Short noted around 12:00 pm. Mr. Short noted that he would have to clean the shelter and bathrooms that morning too.

Town Manager Pettit noted the need to discuss the problem we are having with the renter at the Creekside Cottage. Mr. Pettit along with Treasurer Stout noted he was still behind in rent, has never put the electric bill in his name and owes the town for the electric bills. There was some discussion about this issue and it was the decision of the Body to have the renter to vacate the cottage. Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to have Town Manager Pettit to proceed with having the renter vacate the property and take any legal action necessary to collect what he owes in rent and electric bills. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram stated he would like to inquire how many people have we gone through at least one a year and we end up with them owing us money and doing damage to the cottages. Mr. Uram thinks we may need to talk with others that have rental property so we don't keep having these problems. Mr. Uram also noted maybe we need to look at changing to weekend rentals. Councilman Stoneberger noted we tried that and we did not have any luck with that either. There was much discussion on the weekend rental and it was decided that did not work for us either. Mayor Knight stated we do not follow up on our rentals, that is our biggest problem. Bruce Stoneberger noted we are best not to rent at all.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted if Council is still wanting to move forward with developing a campground at Hawksbill Park. Mr. Pettit noted the need to apply for a Special Use Permit to proceed with this issue and the cost for that is \$900.00. There was much discussion on this issue, Motion was made by Jeremiah Knight, seconded by Jason Campbell to proceed with the Special Use Permit for the campground. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit noted at 10:30 pm. that the motor at Well #4 stopped working and Burner Well Drilling will be making the repairs. Mr. Pettit noted we have increased the production of the other wells to make up for this loss.

Terry Pettit noted he included a copy of the CCR Report in the packets for Council to review. Mr. Pettit noted we are required by Virginia Department of Health that this report be posted every year on our website.

Terry Pettit noted the Water and Sewer Committee are recommending we move forward on the following projects:

Al Good Drive Water Improvement Project – installing 200 ft. of 6-inch water main to the intersection of Sunset Drive with installation of a fire hydrant. Mr. Pettit noted he will be advertising this out for bids. Money in this year's budget for this.

Pettit Drive Water Improvement Project – installing 320 ft. of 6-inch water main and installation of fire hydrant at the first intersection. Mr. Pettit noted this will be advertised for bids. Money is in the budget for this project and was part of the Family Dollar discussion with the residents that had concerns.

Judy Lane Extended Water Improvement Project – installing 320 ft. of 6-inch water main from intersection of Judy Lane to the Booster Pump. Mr. Pettit noted this is to fix the leak in the road and will advertise for bids. This will replace a two-inch line that continues to develop leaks. Money is not budgeted for this project.

Eddie Campbell Water Problem – Committee will discuss more on this at the meeting. Mr. Campbell has little to no water pressure a lot of time. Mr. Pettit noted it happens when we dry sludge and we need to try to help by changing the time we dry sludge to see if this will help this problem. Town Manager Pettit noted they did find a large leak which may be adding to this problem and now we have to find a way to get this person help to fix this leak.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the new water reading system is working well and has found water leaks on the residents' side. Mr. Pettit said times the residents are unaware of the leak. Terry Pettit noted time reading meters is now just a little over an hour.

Mr. Pettit noted while fixing a water leak on Chapel Road, two manholes were found to be leaking around the flow channels. Mr. Pettit stated he had contacted a company to give him an estimate. Mr. Pettit noted the company has already looked at the problem and will have no troubles fixing them.

Councilman Uram noted that we have 16 leaks that have not been repaired which is not bad because we had 117 leaks total. Mr. Uram noted he is really concerned about all the water we have lost and continue to lose when leaks are not repaired. Mr. Uram anywhere from 15, 16, 17 leaks have been on Aylor Grubbs Avenue which are probably some of the oldest pipes.

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Mr. Pettit noted Louderback Implement received an award from Briggs and Stratton for being the top seller of Power Products in the State of Virginia.

Terry Pettit noted there was only 1 Zoning Permit issued for the month of March and 1 Trash Violation that was handle.

Mr. Pettit noted under New Business the need to move the Budget Meeting from April 26th to May 2nd, because Leon and he will be at the Virginia Rural Water Conference and next month's Council Meeting from May 10th to May 17th due to the Pioneer Bank Stockholders Dinner.

Councilman Mike Uram at 10:45 pm. presented his Unemployment Report noting that it did go down from 8.4 % to 7.1%. Mr. Uram noted construction is booming this time of the year. Councilman Uram there are people that just don't want to work.

Mike Uram noted his report for this month includes the deaths in Page County and the reason, if available, the cause. Mr. Uram notes this helps with promoting population.

Mike Uram noted during the Blue Ridge Heritage Groundbreaking Ceremony he saw the Virginia State Flag, United States Flag and the Town of Stanley Flag were all frayed. Mr. Uram also noted there was a cable laying on the ground that had been left out when the buildings were moved. Councilman Uram noted we need accountability.

Mayor Knight noted the Jenny Finch Softball Camp is coming up soon and he gave them to Chuck to take to the schools in Stanley and they have not been delivered can Mr. Pettit get a message to Chuck about this. Town Manager Pettit noted he would take care of it.

Mr. Uram noted that the Sandlot Baseball Team was looking for a museum as well as the Blue Ridge Heritage. Mr. Uram noted TOT Money could get a train depot that could be used as a museum. Councilman Uram noted it would be a good time to look at this.

Motion was made at 11:05 pm. by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Jason Campbell to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

