

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. with the following Council Members present: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Also in attendance were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Timmy Foster, John Robbins with Chamber of Commerce, Fred Emmons with Page Valley Artisan Trail, Candidate for District 3 Supervisor Mark Stroupe and Citizen Cindy Tate.

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

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any changes or additions to the proposed Agenda presented for tonight's meeting. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the need to add Legal Matters to be discussed in the Closed Meeting. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Duane Layman to adopt the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for presentations.

Town Manager Pettit noted John Robbins was here to update the Body on what was going on at the Chamber.

Mr. Robbins noted new Visitor's Guides are out and he brought some for the town. Mr. Robbins also noted tourism figures were up and down this spring.

Mr. Robbins noted the Chamber is having the Mud Race again this year even though we were unable to work things out to have this event at the Hawksbill Park. Mr. Robbins noted they have not given up on having this event in Stanley and they will try again next year. Mr. Robbins noted the event is being held September 26<sup>th</sup> at Bear Mountain Zipline.

Mr. Robbins also noted the Chamber has been in talks about having a ½ marathon and at this point the promoter's choice for a starting point is Panorama following down to Hwy 211. Mr. Robbins noted if held at Panorama a Special Use Permit is required. Mr. Robbins is still hoping to include Hawksbill Recreation in one of the marathons. Mr. Robbins noted Luray's Triathlon is scheduled for August 15-16.

Mr. Robbins noted there will be a luncheon on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mama Mia's in Shenandoah with Peoples, Incorporated, small business owners and interested persons are invited to join us at 12:00 pm. on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Robbins noted the Chamber is trying to branch out using others areas beside Luray to have these seminars. Mr. Robbins also noted People's Incorporated will host a seminar for new businesses in the near future and he will let us know the date as soon as he knows. Mr. Robbins thanked Council for allowing him time to speak.

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Mr. Pettit noted at 7:42 pm. that he had invited our next speaker Fred Emmons to attend tonight's meeting to explain the Artisan Trail Network. Mr. Pettit further noted that Mr. Emmons's was gracious enough and had agreed to be the Town of Stanley's representative for this venture.

Mr. Emmons noted he had lived here in Stanley for 35 years and was an artist himself. Mr. Emmons noted the network also includes promotion for agribusiness, lodging, restaurants and many others arts. Mr. Emmons noted if anyone knows any person or places that may be interested they hope to have brochures coming soon to explain this venture and how it helps with exposure for their arts. Mr. Emmons also noted there are packets available which explains how to qualify to become a member of the network and he would be glad to get those to any interested persons.

Mark Stroupe, candidate for District 3 Supervisor, addressed the body at 7:50 pm. noting the same and inviting the Body to stop by his fundraiser at the Ed Good Park on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm. to 7:30 pm. Mr. Stroupe noted this was his hometown and he cares what happens to the people that live here.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilwoman Graves noted the Closed Meeting needed to be added to the minutes. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement and accompanying Note were presented and were approved. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the transfers Council has approved have not been made yet.

The Paywarrant for tonight's meeting was presented with the following inquiries:

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill # 1 (AgriSludge) how many times a year we have this pumped. Town Manager Pettit noted it is only done one time a year.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill # 15 (ID Networks) was this something new. Chief Foster noted this company took over DaPro.

Councilman Knight inquired about Bill # 23 (Reed's) what police vehicle needed tires. Chief Foster noted his vehicle needed tires.

Councilwoman Graves inquired about Bill # 26 (Stanley Auto) what was done to the Army Truck. Mr. Pettit noted it was a problem with the batteries and he thought there were 4 batteries.

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Councilwoman Graves inquired the figure on Bill # 30 (Utility Services Co.) is this the annual cost and not quarterly. Mr. Pettit noted he would check with the accountant.

Councilman Knight inquired about Prepaid Bill # 23 (Best Water Solution) what was the repair made at the pool. Town Manager Pettit noted it was for the new tanks in the filter room.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill # 7 (VDOT Permits) what are these permits for. Mr. Pettit noted we have to get a permit from VDOT when repairing a water leak.

Councilman Knight inquired about Prepaid Bill # 32 (Holtzman Oil) why did we get oil for the office. Town Manager noted it could be it was a summer fill up, but he would check with Accountant Leon Stout.

Councilman Knight inquired about Prepaid Bill #37 (Family Dollar) what supplies does the sewer plant get from the dollar store. The Clerk noted they buy paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and etc.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there was a motion that the July Paywarrant in the amount of \$206,508.42 be paid. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram that the paywarrant be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham noted at 8:10 pm it was time for Old Business.

Town Manager Pettit noted he received word today that we can proceed with the Welcome to Stanley Signs. Mr. Pettit continued noting he had been in contact with Racey Engineering and Sign Pro that everything is a go.

Mr. Terry Pettit noted it will take about 4 months for approval on the Safe Route to School Grant.

Mr. Pettit noted he has sent a letter to Virginia Department of Health for approval to award bid documents on the RFP's to the engineering firm for the water line project.

Town Manager Pettit noted he had completed as many of the required corrections that he could at the Hawksbill Recreation Park as requested by DEQ. Mr. Pettit noted our engineers are working on the rest of the requests and should have them finished by the end of the month.

Mr. Pettit noted all of the necessary paperwork has been submitted and approved by the Page County Court for the Special Election in November by Town Attorney Robert Janney.

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Mr. Pettit noted the copies of an e-mail, he distributed to the body, from Joyce Smith, whom is unable to attend the meeting due to health issues, to the Council with various suggestions. There was discussion on the cleaning of ditches on private property and the liabilities this action could create. Mayor Purdham noted he would like for the Planning Commission to look at this issue and get their perspective on it.

Mayor Purdham inquired about any bids on the surplus supplies from the police department. Town Manager Pettit noted he will get the necessary paperwork completed so this can be advertised in the local paper.

Mr. Pettit noted that inmates can paint the roof on the large shelter at the Hawksbill Park as long as they are supervised at all times. After a brief discussion Councilman Knight noted they could help with the roof repairs on the pump house also.

Mr. Pettit continued with his Administrative Report noting due to the weather the paving project has been delayed but he was advised this afternoon by VDOT they will start on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Town Manager Pettit noted the company working at the new Family Dollar Store are having problems making the sewer connection. Mr. Pettit noted he attended the meeting with the Page County Supervisors requesting a sewer easement for the new Family Dollar Store and was able to get it.

Mr. Pettit noted a request from a Little League Team to waive the rental fee to use the Ed Good Park Shelter for a picnic. Councilman Knight noted he would take care of paying the fee.

Mr. Pettit noted Norfolk Southern donated numerous telephone poles to the town and put them on Honeyville Avenue at the old town shop. Mr. Pettit further noted they will use the poles to build a barn later when we have more time.

Mike Uram noted his information on the unemployment comparison with the surrounding counties is very concerning to him. There was discussion on the unemployment in our town and how can we obtain government money to give incentives helping to draw new businesses to this area.

Mayor Purdham stated it was time for New Business to be discussed.

Town Manager Pettit noted our 40 year old bucket truck will not pass inspection and he has taken it out of service for safety reasons. Mr. Pettit noted we do use the truck and feels we need to replace it. Mr. Pettit continued noting they found one in Pennsylvania which it is a 2005, it is in good shape and they are asking \$19,000.00. Council noted they did not know where the

funds would come from to purchase the truck. There was much discussion on this issue with the suggestions of renting one when needed, check on the one in Luray and check on another truck in Stanley. Mr. Pettit noted that we could possibly use the \$10,000.00 that was budgeted for the pole building and put that project on hold.

Police Chief Timmy Foster addressed the body noting they were real fortunate there weren't any accidents while they repaired the railroad tracks. Chief Foster noted a few tractor trailers got turned around not paying attention to the signs.

Chief Foster noted Officer Cabbage is doing a good job for us and fits in well with the department. Chief Foster further noted there was a burglary on Deford Avenue on Friday and Officer Cabbage made an arrest on Saturday. Councilman Duane Layman agreed with Chief Foster that Officer Cabbage did a real good job.

Chief Foster noted Homecoming was relatively quiet only a little altercation on Saturday. Chief Foster also noted the 5K Race went well but we did lose a barricade, which we will replace.

Chief Foster noted that Officer Henry Molini started with the department today and thinks he will do a real good job for the town.

Mr. Pettit noted the Recreation Report is in writing but if there are any question he will do his best to answer them. Mr. Pettit noted the cement was poured today and are waiting on Renosys to come fix the liner and hopefully will have the pool open by August 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion on keeping the pool open later in the season, maybe expanding the food choices and do some advertising advising people of the pool opening.

Council Knight inquired of how the renters of the cottages at the pool were doing with rent payments. The Clerk and Town Manager noted they were not certain but thought they had both paid for this month. Councilman Knight continued to inquire of how much had they paid on the back rent and he was advised they had not paid anything or very little on back rent. Councilman Knight noted he wants one person to be accountable for the renters, imposing late fees and knowing the balances due to the town.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for New Business.

Councilman Knight noted he thought we were going to sell the newly designed Town of Stanley Flags and we would have one hanging up in the office. Town Manager Pettit noted he would order one to place in the office to see if we could sell them.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we need to purchase an audio tape recorder to be used

during Council meetings. Councilman Uram noted he had researched this and found one he thinks will do a good job and it will cost around \$700.00.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we should bring back the Stanley Newsletter and he is volunteering to get it started. There was discussion on how often the newsletter should be printed. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Mike Knight to reinstate the Town of Stanley's Newsletter. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Uram noted he feels we need a Transportation Committee to assist with VDOT situations, focus on the Town of Stanley's road problems in corporation with the Street Committee.

Councilman Knight inquired if Chuck has brought in a drawing of the bridge to be constructed. Town Manager Pettit noted he had not but would mention it to him again. Councilman Knight also inquired if the ground has been excavated. Town Manager Pettit noted it was ready.

Councilman Uram noted he found some problems with our website such as, needing to be updated, accuracy and pictures off centered.

Councilman Uram also noted we need accountability on how much water are we losing in water leaks, how long have they been leaking and when they get fixed. Councilman Uram questioned whether we need to get new water meters or new pipes.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there was any Public Comment. There was none.

Motion was made by Martha Graves at 9:42 pm., seconded by Duane Layman that the Town Council convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A1 and for the discussion of Legal Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A7

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

**VOTING FOR:**

Mike Knight  
Bruce Stoneberger  
Duane Layman  
Mike Uram  
Martha Graves

**VOTING AGAINST:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

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Motion was made at 10:25 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and return to Open Meeting.

Mayor Purdham states Council is now in Open Meeting.

Motion was made at 10:26 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to Adopt a Resolution to Certify the Closed Meeting; the Closed Meeting was held for purposes allowed under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and that while in the Closed Meeting, only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

**VOTING FOR:**

Mike Knight  
Bruce Stoneberger  
Duane Layman  
Mike Uram  
Martha Graves

**VOTING AGAINST:**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 10:27 by Martha Graves, seconded by Duane Layman to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

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Norma Cubbage, Clerk

