

TOWN OF BOYKINS - RECORD OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 8, 2020

Present:

Jackie Robertson, Vice Mayor
Linda Beatty
Jerry Rice
Freddy Felts
Hank Fuller

Sergeant Brozzo
Victoria Edwards

Vice Mayor Jackie Robertson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; at the Town Office located at 18206 Virginia Avenue. Linda opened the meeting with a prayer. Sergeant Brozzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Vice Mayor Jackie Robertson asked that everyone review the minutes. **Freddy motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jerry, motion carried.** Minutes will be filed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Victoria gave the financial report (copy attached). **Freddy made a motion to renew the Capital Outlay CDs; seconded by Linda and motion carried.**

Police Report Chief Brozzo gave the police report (copy attached).
Chief Brozzo's Jake Brake Ordinance recommendation was to not pass the ordinance due to the immense startup costs involved and the enforcement difficulty.

Public Works Report Victoria gave the report Jay Ray gave of his work of that day and the weekly task schedule he worked in the past. Vice Mayor Robertson reported on the grabber and trash truck maintenance.
Limb debris was reported still needing to be picked on Bryant Avenue.

Citizen's to Speak Renee Lassiter spoke on the behalf of the Parkers about the state of the Raymond Parker Park sign. The sign has plywood over the front to cover graffiti with vulgar language. After discussion was had, it was decided that Linda will get a quote for a banner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Circle of Trees Renee Lassiter gave a report of the Circle of Trees. Clete Lassiter reported on the electrical work done to the park for the Circle of Trees and that if we expand the load the electrical work done should be fine. **Linda made a motion to reimburse Renee and Clete Lassiter in the amount of \$173 for the out of pocket costs; seconded by Freddy.**

Internet Victoria reported that the Internet had been upgraded and the Town Office now has free wifi available. All internet issues have been resolved on the Town Office side. The Police Department has an unresolved issue that we are working on.

Website	Victoria reported the website is underway. We can have up to 5-8 pages and it will have links to websites for the county and Sheriff's department. The plan is to accept online payments in the near future. A portion of the fee for the website has been submitted for reimbursement with Covid-19 funds.
Special Election	The special election petition has been filed and we are waiting for the Judge.
Insurance Matters	<p>Vice Mayor Robertson gave an update on the building. Rusty is still waiting on information from Darryl. He shared that Rusty Holt thought the quote from Hunter Brown of \$392K was outrageous and has reached out to Revel for another quote. Vice Mayor Robertson spoke to Mike Riter from McGregor Electrical on the shop site and he was sent by Mark Jones with Revelle so we know they are working on getting us a quote.</p> <p>He then shared that Darryl Madison did not like him speaking with Rusty about the building and that conversation ended with Darryl hanging up on him. Later that day, December 11, Darryl quit his position.</p> <p>He then shared that Victoria will take over the inventory list that Darryl sent to Rusty. Rusty returned the list with notes requesting more information. Victoria asked what the priority was for getting that done because she was still in the midst of tax payment posting. She will get with Rusty and move forward from there.</p>
Covid-19 Funds	<p>Victoria gave a Covid-19 reimbursement update. We should have 32,438.89 left after the last reimbursement request sent. The fire department requested the Town appropriate up to that exact figure.</p> <p>Linda made a motion that the Town appropriate up to \$32,000 for the Boykins Fire Department for Covid-19 related expenses with our CARES Act funds; seconded by Jerry and motion carried.</p>
Spending Resolution	<p>Vice Mayor Robertson read the proposed spending resolution (copy attached) to the Expenditures Made Town Ordinance. He opened it to discussion and shared his opinion that polling the Council is not a problem for him for expenses over \$500. He gave the recent example of him polling the Council for the trash truck replacement parts he purchased.</p> <p>Linda made a motion to ratify the action taken by the (Vice) Mayor to approve the expense for the trash truck in excess of \$500; seconded by Hank and motion carried.</p> <p>Discussion opened on the spending resolution. Freddy made a motion to adopt the Spending Resolution; motion was not considered for lack of a second.</p>
FOIA Training	Victoria shared that all elected officials must get the training before the end of the year. Linda, Jerry, and Victoria have done the training. Jackie, Freddy, and Hank still need to do the training. She must keep a record of when they do the training and it must be done every two years. Victoria then asked if we should charge for requests. Linda said 50 cents a page and the cost of getting the information. It is not an administration fee, it's the cost to produce the information.

Park Maintenance Victoria also shared that there is free newly elected officials training on January 6th through VRSA. The VRSA representative highly recommended it. Victoria reported that a vendor called about repairing the skate park ramp. Victoria was informed that we no longer have those ramps.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Late Fee Vice Mayor Robertson asked the Council about waiving the late payment penalty. **Jerry made a motion to waive the tax penalty until March 1st; seconded by Hank and motion carried.**

Closed session was held.

Executive Session Linda moved that the Council certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of information Act cited in that motion, seconded by Jackie and was affirmed by each member: Freddy – yes, Jackie-yes, Linda-yes.

Meeting was called back to order.

Linda made a motion to pay Christmas Bonuses as follows:

George Brozzo \$400

Victoria Edwards \$250

Jason Ray \$50

Robert Brown \$50

Pay Bills Motion seconded by Jerry, and motion carried.

Freddy made a motion to pay bills; seconded by Jerry and motion carried.

Jerry moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Freddy and passed by vote of Council.

Date: _____
_____ **Mayor/Vice Mayor**

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_____ **Town Clerk**