

TOWN OF BOYKINS - RECORD OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2021

Present:

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

Sergeant Brozzo
Victoria Edwards

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

Mayor Robertson welcomed citizens in attendance.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Victoria gave the financial report for January and February (copies attached). Linda noted a dollar difference between the financial reports. Jerry brought attention to the small interest return for our Sinking Fund. Linda shared that Sona Bank, soon to be renamed Primis, on Main Street in Courtland has a larger interest rate.

Victoria reported that the General Fund 2 matured and was rolled over until Aug 2022.

Police Report

Chief Brozzo gave the police report for January and February (copies attached). Linda asked if barking dogs cause for a noise complaint. Victoria reported that there have been several complaints about a rooster.

Public Works Report

Citizen's to Speak

Shelly Robertson stated she was happy to attend her first council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Insurance Matters

Jackie gave an update of the shop building. He shared that we would get separate checks, one for the building and one for the building contents, and asked if we should put the funds in different accounts. Discussion was had as to where we should put the insurance funds. It was decided that a representative of the town would contact Sona to get interest rates.

Linda made a motion to ratify the action by taken a vote outside of a meeting to accept the offer of \$31,734.14 for contents; seconded by Hank, and motion carried.

Special Election

Freddy asked when the special election would be. Jackie asked how much the last special election cost the town. Linda reported that it cost \$2,102.50. Victoria reported that we paid for Carolyn's and Jackie's elections. We did not have to pay for Hank's

election because it was added to the general election. After discussion, it was decided that we would speak with Lynn Burgess for clarification before having Mr. Gore petition the court for the special election.

**Fire Department
Grant & Donation**

Victoria reported that we received \$10,000 in state grant funds for the local fire department in March 2020 and a check was never written to the fire department for those funds. She also shared that the annual donation the town makes was never given to the fire department for fiscal year 2020. It is also time to make the annual donation for fiscal year 2021. The donation for 2020 would be 6,000 and the fiscal year 2021 donation is \$6,500.

Freddy made a motion to pay the Boykins Volunteer Fire Department the \$10,000 from the 2020 grant money received in March 2020, and to pay the \$6,000 donation from the 2020 budget year along with the \$6,500 donation from our current budget year; Jerry seconded and the motion carried. Linda-yes, Jerry-yes, Freddy-yes, Hank abstained due to conflict of interest.

**Flood Plain
Ordinance**

Linda stated that we are still waiting to hear back from Damien Dwyer regarding the flood plain ordinance. We cannot do anything until he tells us what we need to do.

**Raymond Parker
Park Sign**

Linda said that after looking at the sign, the posts do not look that great. She has the information to send to the banner company, but it may be necessary to replace the entire sign. She is not sure if the posts are rotten. The sign will need painting and cleaning.

Committees

Jackie reported that he had to update the committees to fill the vacant seats. Mary Elizabeth Washington agreed to fill Carolyn's seat on the Cemetery Committee. Chet Poland accepted filling the seat on the Public Works Committee. Jerry was volunteered for the Benefits & Insurance Committee. Everyone is on the Budget and Finance Committee. Daniel Boone has not responded, and we are still looking for someone on the Law Enforcement/Health & Safety Committee. Commission seats have not been filled yet.

Business License

Victoria reported that contractors pay a town business on gross receipts of \$25,000 and more. She asked the council if she is to refund business licenses for businesses that are closed for whatever reason. She also has not had Mr. Gore review our business license ordinance.

**Vice Mayor
Nomination**

Freddy nominated Jerry Rice for Vice Mayor, seconded by Hank; motion carried.

Linda asked if we had gotten the missing snowflake from Mosca. If not, they will credit that amount to our account.

NEW BUSINESS

Clean-up Day

Jackie asked that we set a day for the annual community clean-up day. Linda clarified that we will pick up trash and debris from everyone regardless if they are on the no pick-up list.

Freddy asked if George would enforce the trash in the yard. George stated that he is not certified to enforce code violations for run down properties.

We usually do a community clean-up day the week before the Boykins Memorial Service at Beechwood cemetery. That is held the Sunday before the national Memorial Day. May 8th and pick-up on the 10th and 11th of May.

Park Re-opening

Jackie mentioned that parks are beginning to reopen in surrounding communities, and it is time that we look into getting ready for reopening the park. Linda asked what the CDC required. Freddy asked about little league playing. No one has asked the town about a little league being in the park yet.

Coard Foundation

Linda shared that the Coard Foundation will spruce up the landscaping around the sign by 671 as their April Good Deed project.

Jackie shared that Eric did the printing for the Newsletter for free and gave us a letter stating that if we wanted to pay for the service, it would be in the form of a donation to the Coard Foundation. The cost he quoted was \$250.90. (copy attached).

Freddy made a motion to donate \$250 each quarter for the newsletter. Seconded by Jerry. Hank-yes. Freddy-yes. Jerry-yes. Linda abstained due to conflict of interest as a Coard Foundation director.

Grass

Hank asked that we discuss grass cutting after personnel matters in Closed Session as items discussed then would affect decisions made on the grass cutting needs of the town.

GENERAL

Budget Workshop Meeting

Linda asked for a date for the Council to meet to work on the budget items like Salaries that the budget committee could not work on. Wednesday, March 17th at 6pm was decided on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Linda moved that the Boykins Town Council convene in closed session to discuss the following as permitted by VA Code 2.2-3711(A)(1), involving personnel, seconded by Jackie and motion carried.

Closed session was held.

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. Jerry-yes. Hank-yes.

Meeting was called back to order.

Hank made a motion to hire Jerry Rice part-time at a rate of 15/hr and to give David Saxon a raise from \$9/hr to \$10/hr, seconded by Freddy. Victoria asked when the motion took effect. Hank amended his motion to include an effective date

of March 11th. Motion passed by council as restated.

Victoria asked about removing the Christmas decorations at the cemetery. Jackie will speak to Justin about it.

Jerry asked if he could pick-up debris on Monday after trash pick-up to prevent from having to work David two half days. Jackie said the trash and debris pick-up are up to Jerry.

Grass

Hank made a motion to award Justin Lawn and Landscaping the grass cutting contract to include the additional town properties listed in his proposal given September 8th, 2020 (copy attached) in the amount of \$695/month in addition to his Beechwood contract of \$1000 for April, May, and June of the current budget year, seconded by Jerry; motion carried.

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

Pay Bills

Linda made a motion that we ratify the action that Victoria paid January and February bills. Hank seconded, and motion carried.

Linda moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Hank and passed by vote of Council.

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

Date: _____
_____ **Town Clerk**