

TOWN OF BOYKINS - RECORD OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 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. **Freddy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Hank; motion carried.** Minutes will be filed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Victoria gave the financial report (copy attached). Freddy asked why the CDs were separated on the report. Victoria shared that Pat used to combine the two CDs for each account (Capital Outlay and General Fund) on the report and she separates them because they *are* separate and have separate maturity dates.

Delinquent Taxes Report

Victoria gave the delinquent tax report. (copy attached)
Because the amount owed to the town was so high, Victoria proposed a Recovery Plan. She started implementing her plan April 1st and has recovered 7.4% as of April 13, 2021. Freddy did not agree with the Plan and expressed that he thought delinquent accounts should be turned over to a collection agency when they become delinquent.

Linda shared that we used to boot vehicles with a private company. Jackie shared that we could check with the County to see who they used so we can begin to recover delinquent taxes.

Victoria shared that the Town can act on their own by placing registration holds and/or use the State Debt Set-off program. We can also send tax liens to employers and banks. By doing this, we save the Town and/or citizens the added cost a collection agency will charge.

Linda expressed concern about Victoria having time to pursue collections, but if able we should do that instead of paying for an outside service. Jerry wanted to know why we stopped booting vehicles; no one could recall.

Hank shared that the County used Roy Black from Virginia Auctions to boot vehicles.

Jackie tabled the item until the next meeting.

Police Report

Chief Brozzo gave the police report for March (copies attached). He also shared that David Worth is interested in serving as an Auxiliary Officer. He would be able to do

the building down to \$341,910, saving the Town an additional \$1600. Jackie will update Mark Jones with these changes.

Flood Plain Ordinance

Linda reported that Damian reviewed the Town's Flood Ordinance and that there is nothing the Town needs to do.

Raymond Parker Park Sign

Linda said that the banner is ordered for the Raymond Parker park sign. We will have to paint the poles and remove the plywood covering the sign, so the banner has a flat surface to put the banner against. The banner cost will be covered by Boykins Main Street Initiative.

Park Reopening

Jackie reported that he, George, and Jerry walked around the park to see what needed to be done. Park equipment and concession stand walkway was cleaned with a pressure washer. We have to purchase one new backboard and nets.

Linda asked if it was okay to open by CDC guidelines. Victoria shared what she had gathered from CDC, Virginia Health Department, and town insurance guidelines. She reported that, from what she gathered, there should be hand washing available. The health department stressed the importance of using soap and water and not hand sanitizer for children during Pumpkin Fest. Linda asked about using a hand washing station. Victoria shared that Council talked about purchasing a hand washing station but never actually made the purchase.

Linda then asked who would be opening and closing the park.

Freddy asked about the water fountain. Hank said it was removed. Jerry shared that an antique water fountain was at the mosquito building. Linda said that fountain came from the old school.

Jackie said mulch will need to be raked up and that we will need to replace it with playground grade. Victoria cannot find who Pat used in the past but mentioned that Justin may know.

Hank quoted prices for hand washing stations from \$995-1050

Jackie reported that the lady's commode needs a new seal. Freddy stated that surrounding areas do not have their bathroom opens. He also expressed his wishes that the Town could have a little league team. Hank agreed with his sentiments.

Linda asked about hours of operation for the park. Jackie said Jerry can open the park at 8am and it will be closed at 8pm or dusk. Freddy asked if Jerry would be doing that 7 days a week. George said he could close on nights when he's on duty. Victoria said she can also help close/open the park. It was consensus that between the four of them, someone would be available to open and close the park.

Jackie said that we need to make sure the sign stating no parking in front of the gates is posted.

Hank reported that Justin said he believes Calhoun delivered the mulch the last time it was put down in the park.

New Bank Account Linda reminded Jackie that Council needed to ratify the action from polling the Council and using Sona Bank in Courtland for the insurance claim money. He found that the Town could make \$370/month in interest on the \$419,208.26 received from the shop fire claim, which is more than we could earn at BSV. **Linda moved to ratify the action that Council took in investing the funds with the Bank with the highest interest yield, Hank seconded; motion carried.**

Linda asked about the sign toppers for the sign at route 671. She asked if someone could check to see if they are in the Mosquito building. If they are not, we need to speak with Tommy Barnes about making more.

NEW BUSINESS Victoria reported that we need to call to get the machine calibrated. She is not sure if they will invoice us for that or if we paid for that service when we purchased the machine.

Mosquito Control Linda asked who will operate the machine. We used Dennis Overby in the past. Victoria said she has been approached by a neighbor who is interested in spraying the town. Linda thinks it is a great idea to get multiple quotes if possible. Victoria will get quotes from Dennis and the neighbor, Jason Baldwin. We will supply the truck, machine, and chemicals. We will pay for their time to drive around town and spray.

We also need to purchase the chemicals for the fogger.

Pumpkin Festival Victoria asked if the Council wants to have Pumpkin Fest and if they want to have it the same time as previous years. Linda asked if Victoria wanted to chair the event. The Parks and Recreation Committee will decide the chairperson if Council decides to have the festival again this year. Freddy asked who is on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Victoria, Rene Lassiter, Sandy Coard, George Brozzo, and Linda Beatty (de facto).

After a discussion, it was decided that the Parks and Recreation Committee would meet and present a date for the festival at the May meeting.

Council Appointee Nomination Jackie informed the Council that they need to appoint someone before the May meeting to fill the vacant seat. Victoria shared that Mr. Gore has been instructed to petition the court for a special election, but it cannot be held until after the primary election in June. According to Town Code, they have 45 (corrected from 90 days Victoria originally quoted) days to fill the vacancy. Jackie shared that Chet Poland and Renee Lassiter have both expressed interest in the seat. Linda reminded him that the nomination comes from Council.

Hank asked if Chet lives inside Town limits, as that is required for a nomination. After looking up the zoning map on GIS, it was established that his house is in fact within Town limits qualifying him for the nomination.

Jerry asked if Council must appoint someone. Victoria looked up the Town Code and corrected the original 90 days she quoted earlier to Council.

Freddy nominated Chet Poland to fill the vacant council seat until a special election could be held.

Linda nominated Renee Lassiter to fill the vacant council seat until a special election could be held.

Jackie called for a vote on Freddy's nominee, Chet Poland, and Linda's nominee, Renee Lassiter. One in favor of Renee: Linda. Three in favor of Chet: Hank, Freddy, and Jerry. Jackie will call Chet, who will need to accept the nomination and be sworn in before the May Council meeting. Chet will serve until the special election.

Budget Workshop

Jackie shared that we do not have a quote from our insurance company but asked that we set a date for the budget workshop. Freddy asked when we must publish the proposed budget in the newspaper. Victoria shared if the budget is approved at the May meeting, the budget could be published immediately after the meeting. This is not correct. The budget must be advertised BEFORE the council votes on the adoption of the budget and that will be at the June meeting. It must be advertised for at least two weeks before the public hearing. It was decided that the budget workshop will be April 27th at 6pm.

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 Hank; 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.

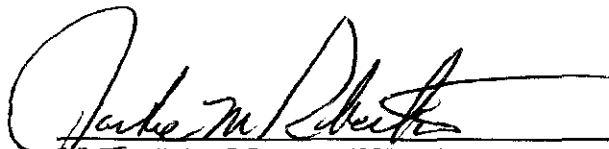
Linda made a motion to appoint David Worth as an Auxiliary Officer to work with George for the specified number of hours to keep his certification and that we will provide insurance, seconded by Jerry; motion carried.

GENERAL

Victoria asked Council if they want to remove the dead tree in front of the park. Hank said he will cut it down and remove the wood. Freddy said that we need a dump truck. Jackie said we will consider that when we have a building to put the truck in.

Linda 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.



Mayor/Vice Mayor (SEAL)

Date: 5/11/2021



Town Clerk

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