

The regular monthly meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Monday, February 11, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the council chambers of the Beverly Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cindy Karelis. Those present were Recorder Barbara Smith, councilmembers Connie Pingley, Matt Lewis, Becky Weese and Rodney Cooper. Tena Pritt was absent. Visitors included Troy Ware, Kenny Weese, Donnie Pritt, Deb Farrell, Barbara McCreary, Chris Mielker, and David Sturdivant. Rob Chenoweth, town attorney, was also present.

Chris Mielke reported that the Beverly Heritage Center has a new director. Christopher Taylor, a three year AmeriCorp volunteer, was named director January 1. Barbara McCreary passed out the new Heritage Center tack cards that will be on display this year. She asked council to be thinking of new ideas for the public square Christmas displays this year.

Troy Ware had questions about the monthly pay for the Utility Board Chairman for the present and in years past. Mayor Karelis explained council approves the compensation for board members, and Mayor Karelis' pay was approved at the February 26, 2018, council meeting. Town Attorney, Rob Chenoweth confirmed in a March 2, 2018, phone conversation that the mayor can be paid as an employee under Ethics Commission Advisory opinion 2016-04, dated February 4, 2016. Before that date, the Ethics Board ruled it was unethical. Mr. Ware continued to debate the issue until the Mayor asked him to cease.

Mr. Ware also asked about our Utility Board Ordinance. Mayor Karelis explained that up till 1979-1980 there were two boards, water and a sewer board. Sometime after that, the two were combined to make one, Beverly Utility Board. No ordinance can be found that legalizes this. She reported that she wants to have everything correctly done and a new ordinance will be discussed tonight.

Minutes from the January 14, 2019, were read and approved.

IPMC UPDATES

IPMC updates were to be discussed. Due to talk concerning the upcoming trial with Brad Reed, a motion was made by Mrs. Weese to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper. Discussions lasted over an hour when Mrs. Pingley made a motion to come out of executive session; motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper. All in favor.

UTILITY BOARD ORDINANCE

The Utility Board ordinance was tabled until Attorney Chenoweth can investigate some issues that were discussed during the executive session.

ARMSTRONG COST SHARE

When council was first approached by Armstrong Flooring to pay a cost share on the water line work involved during the Armstrong expansion, they were with the understanding that the

reimbursement was to Armstrong Flooring. Since then, the Mayor has found out that \$18,850 is the cost share and it is actually to be paid to Randolph County Development Authority. Mayor Karelis has Cory Weese researching prices of pipe used during the change. The matter has been tabled until next month.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

A Code of Conduct and Ethics for Officials and Employees policy was discussed. As Mayor and Chief Executive officer, Mayor Karelis said it is all officials and employees duty to protect the town and residents with standards of appropriate conduct. A motion to adopt the code of conduct and ethics was made by Mrs. Weese and seconded by Mr. Cooper. All in favor.

LIGHTS AT BEVERLY SCHOOL

The caution lights at Beverly School are now blinking to remind motorists to slow down while children are present. The light has an inside switch that controls blinking for after school activities that the school was not aware of. John Monk, WVDOH, informed the Mayor that the Board of Education should be aware of this.

GASOLINE PURCHASES

Ms. Smith has been in contact with the ethics board regarding gasoline purchases at her business and is hopefully expecting a letter from them this week. She has requested council to postpone a decision until she hears from them before making a decision. The matter has been tabled till next month.

PART-TIME TOWN MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to hire a part time town maintenance employee for 2-3 days a week at an average cost of \$1200 a month. This would be paid out of the Beautification Account. Motion seconded by Mrs. Weese. All in favor.

SUDDENLINK PAYMENTS

Suddenlink payments were discussed. The town now collects suddenlink payments and will continue to do this.

PERSONNEL BOARD ORDINANCE

The personnel board ordinance was tabled till later.

SIDEWALK TO BEVERLY MANOR

The WVDOH will be contacted about placing a sidewalk along Files Creek Road between the Beverly Manor and the post office to see what issues there may be.

AUTOMATIC VENDOR PAYMENTS

The WV State Police barracks located on the north end of Beverly has requested to pay their utility bill through automatic vendor payment. A motion to allow them to do so was made by Mrs. Pingley and seconded by Mr. Lewis. All in favor.

PROJECT SAFE GRADUATION PARTY

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to give \$250.00 to the EHS Project Safe Graduation Party. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis, with all in favor.

NORTHERN TOOL AND EQUIPMENT CREDIT APP

No action was taken at this time on a credit application with Northern Tool and Equipment.

MI-TEC IT SUPPORT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Pingley to have Mi-Tec IT to estimate the cost of the support agreement again. Motion seconded by Mrs. Weese with all in favor.

NOMINATE POLL WORKERS

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to nominate Sheila Scott, Mary Pritt, Sue Hatley, Martha Hart, Joan Pitts and Jeanette Lewis as alternate for poll workers for the upcoming election. Motion seconded by Mrs. Pingley, with all in favor.

EHS 125TH ANNIVERSARY AD

No interest was showed in placing an ad in the Intermountain for the EHS 125th anniversary.

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

A motion was made by Mrs. Pingley to purchase carpet for the town clerk's office and flooring for the foyer and hallway at a cost of \$3580.96 from Bates Carpet. Motion seconded by Mrs. Weese. All in favor with Mr. Lewis abstaining.

INVOICES

A motion to pay the invoices in the amount of \$5366.34 was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Weese. All in favor.

It was announced that Tena Pritt has pulled her name out of running for Mayor. Mrs. Pingley has pulled her name out of running for council and will be a write-in candidate for Mayor.

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday at 11:30 am to discuss zoning and corrections to the Town of Beverly Comprehensive Plan.

Motion made by Mr. Cooper to adjourn, second by Mrs. Pingley. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

MAYOR: CINDY KARELIS

RECORDER: BARBARA SMITH



