TOWN OF BEVERLY: TO WIT

The regular meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Monday, January 13, 2020, at 6:30 pm in council chambers of the Beverly Town Hall. Members and visitors stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and were led in prayer by Mayor Andy Burns. Mayor Burns then called the meeting to order in the presence of recorder Barbara Smith, members Debbie Stalnaker, Matt Lewis, Becky Weese and Katie Whittaker. Robbie Moyer was absent. Visitors included Jarrod Phillips, Robin Wilson, Chris Mielke and Barbara McCreary.

With all members having received copies of the minutes, a motion was made by Mrs. Weese to forego the oral reading of the December 9, 2019, minutes and to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stalnaker with all in favor.

Council was in favor of repaying Mayor Burns the additional cost of the Public Square Christmas tree brought last month but he refused payment. Council was very appreciative of his generosity.

## LIBRAY PROJECT AT BEVERLY HERITAGE CENTER

Chris Mielke and Barbara McCreary discussed plans of the Beverly Heritage Center Library Project. The Center in cooperation with the Elkins-Randolph County Library Commission is planning on expanding the library now located in the Heritage Center to include three rooms, with many more books, a children's room and library activities. The project is already in the works and Mr. Mielke reported that the civil war graffiti on the walls of the present library that was used to house the jury room will be covered and saved. The library now has about a 1000 books. Mrs. McCreary said the Elkins library is just wonderful and the new director will help the Center to expand to include community projects. Mr. Mielke said that if necessary, they may ask the town for financial help in February if the Center has not raised enough money to finish the rooms. Mayor Burns suggested that at the next meeting, since it is now budget time for the council, if they could give us their agenda of projects so we can be prepared to help. He stated that so much is allotted for donations and it will be easier if we see the needs ahead of time.

# MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT INCREASE

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to change the state mileage reimbursement rate for town employees who utilize their own vehicles for town business from .545 to .58 cents per mile effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis with all in favor.

#### 2020 HOLIDAYS

A list provided by the town clerk for public holidays taken by the town was submitted for approval by council. A motion was made by Mrs. Whittaker to accept the proposed list, with a second by Mrs. Stalnaker. All in favor. (Copy is included in minutes.)

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# ADD SECURITY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

A motion was by Mrs. Weese to give permission to add a Security Deposit Account for access to transfer online. Motion seconded by Mr. Lewis, with all in favor.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOPS**

Council members were encouraged to attend a State Auditors Budget Preparation Workshop in Bridgeport or Clarksburg in February. If interested, they were told to notify the town clerk, Robin Wilson.

## **INVOICES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to pay the January invoices in the amount of \$3745.20. Second by Mrs. Stalnaker with all in favor.

# **UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

MAYOR: ANDY BURNS

E.L. Robinson found 117 violations when they performed their line smoke testing. The town has fixed all relating to town responsibility. There are a few that are on property that may only need a cap or small fix, the Mayor said the town will go ahead and fix those as well. Mayor Burns asked council to attend the Water/Sewer board meetings on February 6, at 6:30 if possible.

The town has prolonged the Reed case upon advice of the town attorney by three months. The town sent a letter asking for permission for the code enforcement agent to come on the Reed property and was denied. A hearing is set for February 6, at 9:00 in the Circuit Court.

Mayor Burns has not heard from Jamie Rossi regarding the right-of-way property in need of clean up. If necessary, the mayor will contact the DOH in Charlestown.

A copy of an Ethics News Letter was provided to each member. A credit card machine, not being used regularly will be discussed further to determine if it is needed.

Motion made for adjournment made by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Weese. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

RECORDER: BARBARA SMITH

New Year's Day	Wed, Jan 1, 2020
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Mon, Jan 20, 2020
Washington's Birthday	Mon, Feb 17, 2020
Primary Election Day	Tue, May 12, 2020
Memorial Day	Mon, May 25, 2020
West Virginia Day	Fri, Jun 19, 2020
Independence Day	Fri, Jul 3, 2020
Labor Day	Mon, Sep 7, 2020
Columbus Day	Mon, Oct 12, 2020
Election Day (US)	Tue, Nov 3, 2020
Veterans Day	Wed, Nov 11, 2020
Thanksgiving	Thu, Nov 26, 2020
Christmas Day	Fri, Dec 25, 2020