

The regular monthly meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Tuesday (due to laying the levy), April 21, 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 Burns. The Mayor called the meeting to order in the presence of recorder Barbara Smith, members Debbie Stalnakar, Robbie Moyer, Matt Lewis, Becky Weese and Katie Whittaker. Visitors included Kenny Weese and Robin Wilson.

With all members having received copies of the minutes, Mrs. Weese made a motion to forego the oral reading of March 9, 2020 and to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Lewis. With all members having received copies of the minutes, Mr. Lewis made a motion to forego the oral reading of March 27, 2020 and to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mrs. Weese.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF WATER RATE INCREASE ORDINANCE

Mayor Burns asked council if they wanted to move forward with the reading of the water rate increase or wait another month before making a motion due to the COVID- 19 virus that everyone is concerned about. Members compared rates and discussed ways of sharing this information with customers. A letter and a public meeting will be held before the ordinance passes. If we wait till the May meeting to have the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, it will be close to three months before the increase takes effect. Council is in hopes that the country will be in a better state at that time. Motion made to table voting until May meeting made by Mrs. Whittaker and second by Mr. Lewis. All in favor.

#### LAY THE LEVY

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to Lay the Levy as follows:

Class II 17.260/100

Class IV 35.520/100

Motion was seconded by Mr. Moyers. All in favor.

#### MOWING TOWN SQUARE

Council was informed that a town employee will mow the Town Square and yards of residents who do not mow instead of paying another business to do the job. After the town employee mows the yards, customers will be billed and if the town is not reimbursed, legal steps will be taken.

#### NEW CUSTOMER SAFETY WINDOW & DOOR

Town clerk, Robin Wilson, asked permission to check into a security door and window that separates visitors from the clerk's office. Council told her to get pricing for the May meeting and decision will be made at that time.

PURCHASE NEW VEHICLE

Mayor Burns said that part-time maintenance employee, Allan Hawkins, is being moved to Preventive Maintenance causing the town to be short one vehicle. He is looking into prices on a vehicle that can be used for regular maintenance and trips for training, etc. Mr. Hawkins can then use the maintenance truck for the preventive maintenance since it will have tools needed for his job.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD ADDITION MEMBERS.

There had been concern at the water and sewer board meetings when only two members were present causing the meeting to be rescheduled with the absentee of the other member. Mrs. Stalnaker gathered information from the town clerk that states water can/sewer can't have any more members. She said Beverly Sewer Board is following state code which states the mayor is the chairman of the board plus two members. Jim Weimer, P.E., said this is how all boards operate; the chairman is a voting member. The Mayor is a member of both boards and has a vote. Information obtained will be put in the board's minute book.

INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to pay the April invoices in the amount of \$4,179.91. Seconded by Mr. Moyer. All in favor.

INFORMATION

The Reed IPMC case has been continued because of the COVID- 19 virus courthouse shut down. It will continue by phone and SKYPE.

DOH, John Munk, is making progress on the street signs and the speed issue. He said street cleaning will be done soon.

Jeremy White, a part time maintenance employee, has been hired for mowing and weed eating.

A police cruiser has been donated. Mayor Burns is checking with the town attorney that all ordinances are in order for an officer before moving on to the next step.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Moyer. Seconded by Mr. Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

  
MAYOR: ANDY BURNS

  
RECORDER: BARBARA SMITH