

The regular meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Monday, February 8, 2021, at 6:30 pm in council chambers of Beverly Town Hall. Members and visitors stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and were led in prayer by Mayor Andy Burns. Mayor Burns called the meeting to order in the presence of recorder Barbara Smith, members Debbie Stalnaker, Robbie Moyer, Matt Lewis, Becky Weese and Katie Whittaker. Visitors included Robin Wilson, Kenny Weese, A.G. Vanscoy, Karl Mulac, Phyllis Baxter, and Chris Miekle.

With all members having received copies of the minutes, Mrs. Weese made a motion to forego the oral reading of the January 11, 2021 minutes and to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Moyer with all in favor.

STORM WATER PROJECT – SET COMMITTEE

Skipping to new business, Mayor Burns introduced Karl Mulac and informed council that Mr. Mulac was present to discuss his issues with something that appears in our new business. Mayor Burns said two years ago there was no money for storm water projects but now Region 7 has money available. He asked if council was interested in moving forward on this issue. Everyone was in agreement that storm water is one of the worst problems Beverly is dealing with. The only cost to the town now would be the ad in the paper to get engineers who would be interested in the project. Under the advice of Region 7, council would need to set a committee who would interview the engineers and bring before council their recommendations. Funding hasn't been decided yet but council was in total agreement that we should try to take this project on. Mr. Mulac then shared his concerns over storm water on his property and Mayor Burns listed several other residents that have contacted his office with their concerns. This would be a worth wild project for the town to take on while funds are available. A motion was made by Mrs. Whitaker to move forward with the storm water project and set a committee. A committee was set consisting of Bobbie Smith, Katie Whitaker, Becky Weese, Kenny Weese, Debbie Stalnaker and Andy Burns. Motion second by Mr. Lewis with all in favor.

BEVERLY LANDMARK COMMISSION

Phyllis Baxter gave some background information to newer council members on the Beverly Landmark Commission. Council was provided with the yearly annual report. The commission supplies support and technical assistance for residents regarding historic property. Debbie Stalnaker was introduced as the town's Ex Officio member to serve on the Commission from the Town. Invites were extended to all council members. Mrs. Baxter requested the town to reappoint Joan Pitts whose term is expiring. A motion was made by Mrs. Weese and seconded by Mr. Lewis to reappoint Joan Pitts to the Commission for term to expire in 2024. All in favor. Chris Miekle has been named Executive Director for the Heritage Center. He discussed plans for the library, shelving being a major problem but is now coming together.

POLICE VEHICLE – EQUIPMENT

Chief Vanscoy said radios, except for one portable have arrived and will soon be installed in the cruiser. Two of the firearms are here but the ammo hasn't arrived yet. The data base will be completed today and officer training will be scheduled. A motion was made by Mrs. Stalnaker to purchase duty gear (belts, holsters, etc) for two officers at a cost of \$1030.30. Seconded by Mrs. Weese, with all in favor.

OFFICE RENOVATIONS

The desk for the Police Chief is almost finished. Two lockable filing cabinets need to be purchased but are on hold right now. A small key safe costing \$22.49 and a locked 72" steel cabinet costing \$399.00 need to be purchased. A motion was made by Mrs. Stalnaker to purchase these two items. Motion seconded by Mr. Lewis with all in favor.

ELECTION MAY 3, 2021 –BALLOT POSITION DRAWING 2/22/21

Ballot position will be drawn on February 22, 2021.

HARMAN DAMAGE CLAIM

The water department voted to pay one half of the \$250.00 Harman damage claim discussed at the last meeting to our insurance company. A motion was made by Mr. Weese to have the town pay for the other half of the claim. Motion seconded by Mr. Moyer, all in favor.

COVID RELATED SICK LEAVE 2021

The Family First Coronavirus Response Act that was passed last year by Congress needs to be reinstated for 2021. It provides for employees to be paid up to 80 hours of personal leave if they have been affected by the virus. A copy of the Response Act will be in the employee handbook. A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to reinstate the Family First Coronavirus Act effective January 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stalnaker with all in favor.

ENCLOSE POLE BUILDING – SEWER PLANT

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to pay 1/3 of the approximate cost of \$7000 to enclose the left hand side of the Pole Building at the sewer plant for equipment belonging to the town. This cost will include a roll up door and materials needed to enclose this third of the building. Motion seconded by Mrs. Stalnaker with all in favor.

2021 HOLIDAY LIST APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mrs. Weese to accept the 2021 West Virginia State Holidays for town employees. Motion seconded by Mrs. Whittaker with all in favor.

CHAMBER RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made to renew the Chamber of Commerce membership at a cost of \$180.00 by Mr. Lewis. Second by Mr. Moyer. All in favor.

BUDGET 2021-2022

Packets were given out regarding the budget for 2021-2022 for members to look over. The budget has to be done at the April meeting. A workshop will take place later.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Discussion was held on how many working hours to authorize the police officers. It was agreed upon at this time to start at 40 hours per pay period, and to address more hours as needed. Hiring part time police officers were discussed. Chief Vanscoy will present part time workers names to the personal committee who after reviewing them will present them to council.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financials were reviewed by council.

INVOICES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

A motion was made by Mrs. Whittaker to pay February invoices in the amount of \$4175.78. Seconded by Mrs. Stalnaker with all in favor.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Lewis. Second by Mr. Moyers. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.


MAYOR: ANDY BURNS
RECORDER: BARBARA SMTIH