**06/04/2020**

**TC Meeting Minutes**

6:01 PM Mayor Reichart called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Attorney Lyndsey Ryan, Police Chief Lee, All of Council Members, Town Manager Wendy Dixon, Town Clerk Tammy Kelledes, and Finance Clerk Jaime Fowler.

Approval of the past three Town Council meetings minutes. Commissioner Mackey made motion to approve, Commissioner Cunningham seconded it. All in favor “I”.

Lyndsey stated that there was a closed session during May 21st meeting from 6:49 PM – 6:59 PM to discuss contract. And 7-7:20 PM to discuss paper alley. And no action was taken.

Miller: Discussed letter from GNB. Town Manager Dixon stated Scott recommended to choose Option 4 where Bill Lesmires handles running the water @ the plant. Town Manager also stated that it will bring our cost down around $13,000. Commissioner Cunningham said he remembers when he first started here and there was a discrepancy with the water. He stated why not let Miller do it. Town Manager stated that before hand a lot of these agreements made with Miller were based on a “hand shake”. Then lab fees were discussed. Bill Lesmires stated they charge them 15% plus. We will be under $2,500 for lab fees for the year, give or take, Lesmires stated. Commissioner Cunningham brought up the liability side of things. It was stated we need to weigh out how often we actually have those issues. Town Manager Dixon stated it would have to be a pretty ridiculous thing to have a real big issue. Bill Lesmires said our wells are very clean. Commissioner Harrison added in that this would mean we would fire you (to Bill) if you screw up. Rich wanted to know if Miller is going to be involved at all anymore? Bill explained that he is fully licensed. Rich said that’s a 7-day a week job. Rich also said what happens if Bill gets sick or goes on vacation? Scott Getchell is also available or Miller has someone that you can pay hourly. Commissioner Cunningham stated he thinks we are jumping the gun. We need to negotiate with Bill, Cunningham said. We are going to need to compensate him somehow. Commissioner Mackey stated we don’t have someone 7-days a week for water because there are rarely any issues but Miller comes daily to do the sewer. Commissioner Harrison asked what if Bill was in an accident? We would call Scott or Miller to come. Commissioner Mackey also asked would Billy Biddle be interested in getting his license? Bill Lesmires said No. Mayor Reichart stated he is choosing option 4. Commissioner Cunningham motioned it and Commissioner Mackey seconded it. All in favor “I”.

COVID 19 Updates: We are in “stage 2”

Town Manager Dixon suggested when we open Town Hall, we do it by appointment only. Mayor Reichart stated we just need to make sure we take precautions for our employees. Town Manager Dixon stated that Public Works has been fabulous.

Approval of Fees: This was discussed two meetings ago. Commissioner Cunningham stated that he thinks for No Shows on inspections it should be $75. Approving the numbers for rates at hand Commissioner Mackey made a motion. Commissioner Lodge seconded it. Our attorney Lyndsey stated that we need a resolution Ordinance 20-20-O1.

Budget hearing: Reviewed Slide Show with Tammy Kelledes, Town Clerk. Tammy then reviewed the questions that were sent in from Rich and answered all of them. Joe Noon asked if the county is going to give the town a tax differential? Mayor Reichart asked Lyndsey if there was anything else, they needed to do for this. Commissioner Cunningham motioned to close the public hearing; Commissioner Harrison seconded it. All in favor “I”. Ordinance motion for 20-20-O1 adopting budget beginning July 1 2020, Commissioner Cunningham motioned it, Commissioner Harrison seconded it. All in favor “I”.

Department Reports:

Fire Department: Rich spoke since Billy Biddle wasn’t available. He reminded everyone that Sunday the 14th is the Chicken & Dumpling Dinner its $10 cash. Commissioner Loge asked about the drive-in movies. If they are allowed to have them anymore? Commissioner Lodge said it’s a great social distancing activity. Rich said its always out of town people that come to it. Town Manager Dixon asked about the tractor pull and Rich stated that it is still on for Sept 12th. Commissioner Harrison stated that the Carnival has been cancelled.

Planning: N/A

Parks Board: Commissioner Harrison said last he heard was we maybe have two new members? Mayor Reichart told him that is correct. It was stated that next Wednesday they are going to walk the parks for suggestions on how to use the grants. Rich made mention of lights may be something good to add.

Public Works: Bill Lesmires spoke about how they have been adding mulch to the parks. Spoke about the balloons for the seniors and cutting grass. They also had a visit from Suez with the last 50 meters. The towers were fully inspected and washed out. He discussed the new building 30 day wait time and about possibly putting it beside the plant. So that we don’t impose on the Fire Department.

Police: Chief Lee stated they are doing well on there #s. Traffic stats are down. Crime rate is down. Person was breaking into cars in town they caught him. Drug task force agreement is in place. Discussed having a summer intern that is starting since we have always had a PT officer on the book. Need to advertise for it.

Administration: Town Manager report attached.

Baldwin update: Dixon stated the TRC application, timeline eager council to get the prop built. Commissioner Mackey added Baldwin is responsible for the asphalt to the town.

Bills: No questions on the bills. Loge commented on Sam doing a good job in the office. Commission Cunningham commented on how good the decorations look in Town Hall. Commissioner Mackey stated that they are all doing a great job in the office.

Joe Noon asked about the study on pay for the water you use. Mayor Reichart said it is our goal to get away from the type of payment that we are doing now. And look into doing it that way instead. And look into if Henderson & Marydel want to come in.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to conclude the meeting, Commissioner Mackey made motion, Commissioner Loge seconded it.

Respectfully prepared by Jaime Fowler