

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN OFFICE
Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order with the following Council Members in attendance: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Richard Dorraugh, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Also present at this meeting were: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Accountant Leon Stout, Chief Timmy Foster, Phil Silvers, John Robbins and Regina Hilliard with the Chamber of Commerce, Cindy and Robbie Tate, Cheryl Good, Donnie Good, Larry Owens, David Webb, Sharon Housden, Roger Dovel, Larry Smith and Rebecca Armstrong with the Page News and Courier.

Mayor Purdham gave the Invocation and Councilman Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Purdham noted he was going to add Item # 3 Pettit Drive Residents to the agenda and inquired if there were any others additions or changes to the proposed Agenda. There being none Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Richard Dorraugh to adopt the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any additions or changes to the Minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilwoman Graves noted that on Page # 1 the Council is not listed as being present. The Clerk noted she would make that correction. Motion was made by Councilwoman Graves, seconded Bruce Stoneberger to approve the Minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham noted to Town Manager Pettit that it was time for our first presentation for tonight's meeting. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted it was Phil Silvers who lives on Church Avenue.

Mr. Silvers noted his father-in-law had given him land joining his current property which is currently in the county and he would like for the town to take this property into the corporate limits.

Mr. Pettit noted the next presentation is from John Robbins and Gina Hilliard with Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Robbins noted their annual retreat is coming up in February and hopes to see everyone there. Mr. Robbins noted if anyone has any issues to discuss at this event just let him know so it can be added. Mr. Robbins noted some of the topics will be tourism, banner ads and a new campaign they are starting. Mr. Robbins also noted they continue to encourage local business to hire high school students or to allow them to be volunteer interns to help them prepare for the future.

Mr. Robbins also noted a meeting with Cobblestone Hotel representatives about interest in the possibility of building a 50 room hotel in Page County.

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Mr. Robbins also noted upcoming events the Chamber is sponsoring are: Wedding Forum on February 5th, Breakfast at the Mimslyn meeting the new owners of the radio station on February 12th and a Cabin Renting Forum on March 26th. Mr. Robbins also noted that in 2014 there were 18,600 Walk-ins and 57,000 hits on their website and new visitors.

Mr. Robbins noted the Mud Race the Chamber hosted took a lot of work and that you needed many, many volunteers to make this event possible. Mr. Robbins noted they did make some money on the race and would be glad to help support the town in any way if they decide to have one. Mr. Robbins noted to keep them in the loop letting them know as soon as possible. Town Manager Pettit noted the possibility of having a ½ marathon. Mr. Robbins noted this was also a lot of work but he did not know of anyone having one any time soon.

Mayor Purdham then recognized the residents from Pettit Drive and inquired if they had a spokesperson. Cindy Tate noted they are very upset with the situation over the Family Dollar locating on their street. Mrs. Tate noted they want to see the plans for the building, outside lighting, privacy borders, trafficking issues and the biggest issue is the water run-off problem. Mrs. Tate noted most all of the residents have water issues having soft to almost muddy yards and sump pumps running and with this store going in will make them run constantly. Mr. Pettit noted that the County Building Inspector guarantees there will not be any more water after the store is built than before. Mr. Pettit noted he would meet them on Thursday to discuss these issues when they meet with Mr. Fox. Mr. Pettit noted the planned entrance to the store will be off Hwy 340 and that the town can also request this as the entrance for all stores at this location. Mayor Purdham noted if after the meeting on Thursday if they are not satisfied the town will set up a meeting in the evening to address their concerns. Mr. Larry Owens noted the water problems at the corner of his lot, which is in front of Pettit Drive, is because the ditch is not always kept free of debris and it is not large enough to handle the much water. The residents thanked the body for allowing them this time and they left the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Mayor Purdham noted it was time for Old Business.

Town Manager Pettit noted the meeting with VDOT about the Enhancement Grant went well but there are several items we need to get certification that they were made in the USA.

Mr. Pettit noted he has been advised that Virginia Department of Transportation did received the plans for the Safe Route to School Grant and if approved we can proceed with the project.

The January Financial Statement and accompanying Note were approved as presented in the amount \$263,709.24.

The Paywarrant for January was presented with Councilman Stoneberger inquiring of

Bill #18 (Reed's) what was done to the Ton Truck. Town Accountant Leon noted it was for 4 new tires. Councilman Stoneberger also inquired of Bill # 30 (Valley View Golf Car Inc.) what happened to the golf cart. Mr. Pettit and Leon Stout noted it was the charging system went bad and all of the batteries were damaged. Councilman Uram inquired if Bill #22 (Southern Software) was this maintenance agreement worth the cost. Mr. Pettit, Leon Stout and Norma Cabbage advised it was good as well as the response time. Mayor Purdham noted the need for a motion to approve the paywarrant for this month in the amount of \$158,373.56. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the paywarrant. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Pettit presented his Administrative Report beginning at 8:25 pm. noting construction on the new Family Dollar Store will begin on Monday. Mr. Pettit noted as we heard earlier about the concerns about excessive water on Pettit Drive. Mr. Pettit noted there are other areas with water problems such as: Al Good Drive and Roundhead Drive. Mr. Pettit noted VDOT will not help and the town can't help one without helping all. Mr. Pettit noted he would like to find a way to help with this problem. Councilman Uram noted he would look into the possibility of a finding a grant that would fix these problems at no cost to anyone.

Mr. Pettit noted he had received word from Virginia Office of Drinking Water that the Town has been awarded a grant up to \$50,000.00 for the selection of Water Storage Tank No #3 and the design of plans or the water line to Well #7. Mr. Pettit noted Anderson and Anderson Associates helped him complete the paperwork for the grant and it is a 100% grant costing the town no out of the pocket expense. Town Manager noted he would need a motion to accept this grant. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight to accept the grant which is for the design phase only. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted after nearly two years Shenandoah Valley Electric is ready to begin the West Main Street Improvement Project replacing poles moving them out of the sidewalks. Mr. Pettit noted this will open up the entire sidewalk to people walking.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he had been working with the Police Department on three Town Code Violations. Mr. Pettit noted the violations included a barking dog, inoperative vehicles and no zoning permit.

Mr. Pettit also noted we have applied for another grant/loan with Virginia Rural Development for a new backhoe and police car with Council's approval. Mr. Pettit noted these vehicles would replace present ones which are costing the Town high maintenance bills because of their age. Mr. Pettit noted he hopes to hear before the 2015-2016 budget. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Martha Graves to proceed with this process. Passed Unanimously.

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Mr. Pettit noted he had included a sample trash ordinance in the packets for Council to review over the next month or two. Mr. Pettit noted if Council would decide to adopt it would assist the town with the problems we are having with a property owner on West Main Street.

Mr. Pettit noted the 8" water main they were working to repair at last month's meeting was finally fixed about 4 am. Mr. Pettit noted while fixing the water main they found a 2" line and removed it.

Mr. Pettit noted everything is going good at the Wastewater Plant.

Chief Foster addressed the body at 8:40 pm. noting his department did visit Mont Vue last month and gave some donations and discussed the possibility of having an Angel Tree for the residents next year for Christmas.

Chief Foster noted his department was honored at the Stanley Elementary School on January 16th with Appreciation Day.

Chief Foster noted a follow up on the Leo Study for his department and it is way too costly to implement at this time.

Chief Foster noted he had received a couple of complaints about a mess (trash) at 1029 East Main Street.

Chief Foster also noted that he and Officer Courtney would be going to Luray Episcopal Church on Thursday to present an Identity Theft and Fraud program for the elderly.

Town Accountant Stout left the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Recreation Director Chuck Short arrived at the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he had advised Council about the possibility of him having a Mud Race. Mr. Pettit noted the Chamber was here earlier and offered help if we decided to host this event or to have a ½ marathon. After some discussion Mayor Purdham noted he would like to have the Recreation Committee meet with Mr. Pettit and Mr. Short to discuss this matter further.

Recreation Director Short noted he is having a lot of problems at the pool. Mr. Short continued to note the tarp has fallen into the pool because of losing water. Mr. Short noted he was thinking the pool is losing water around the lights. Mr. Short noted if this is happening this can be fixed rather easily with some plaster but it could be a leak in the skimmers which ever it may be we will have to refill, add dye and check. Mr. Short noted it could also be a leak in the

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main drain which runs to the pump house. Mr. Short noted we have to find the problem before this year's season.

Mr. Short noted he has gotten prices on replacing the filters at the pool and the least was from Best Water Solution being \$23,000.00. Mr. Short noted Olympia Pools quote was \$48,665.00. Mr. Short noted he was advised the repairs will take 3 to 4 days. Mr. Short noted he could get a quote from Recreonics before Council making a decision. The Body advised Mr. Short to get this price and then a decision can be made.

Mr. Short left the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Mr. Pettit noted the fence at the Little League Field on the back side of the park has deteriorated to the point where it can't be repaired. Mr. Pettit noted it's a wooden fence and feels like that is what should be put back. After some discussion Council advised Mr. Pettit to get prices and meet with the Recreation Committee to review.

Mayor Purdham noted it is Time for New Business.

Mr. Pettit noted a copy of the new Committee Appointments were included in the packets.

Councilman Stoneberger noted he had been asked to bring several items to the Council's attention and they are concern over the trash situation on property owned by Buster Pettit on East Main Street. Mr. Pettit noted he would look at this problem. Councilman Stoneberger also noted about the terrible condition that VDOT made on Main Street, also was asked about the possibility of guttering and curbing and about town vehicles parked in front of the office and customers having to look for a parking place.

Councilman Uram noted the terrible hole in the railroad track. Town Manager Pettit noted he will call Norfolk Southern about this issue.

Mr. Pettit noted a decision from Council to whether to approve the Southern Software maintenance agreement for 2015-2016. Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Richard Dorraugh to approve the renewal of the same in the amount of \$4,452.00. Passed Unanimously.

Motion was made at 9:30 pm by Martha Graves that the Town Council convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Legal Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A.7.

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

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VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Richard Dorraugh
Martha Graves
Mike Uram

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made at 9:55 pm. by Martha Graves, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger that the Town Council leave the Closed Meeting and Return to Open Meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Purdham states the Council is in Open Meeting.

Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to Adopt a Resolution to Certify the Closed Meeting: the Meeting was held for purposes allowed under the Freedom of Information Act and while in Closed Meeting, only those matters identified in the Motion to hold a Closed Meeting were discussed.

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTING FOR:

Mike Knight
Bruce Stoneberger
Richard Dorraugh
Martha Graves
Mike Uram

VOTING AGAINST:

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Purdham noted action to be taken is for Town Manager Terry Pettit to request the Town Attorney to continue with ongoing negotiations with the County on the New Well.

Motion was made at 10:00 pm by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

Norma Cabbage, Clerk

