

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Purdham called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Mike Knight, Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Also in attendance were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Accountant Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Town of Stanley's EDA Representative Josh Knight, Supervisor Mark Stroupe and son Issac, Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering and Jason Campbell.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Purdham and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Knight.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative Agenda. Supervisor Mark Stroupe noted he would like to be added to the agenda and Jason Campbell noted he would also like to speak on behalf of the PYFL.

Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any other changes or additions to the tentative Agenda as presented for tonight's meeting. There being none Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Duane Layman to approve the Agenda as amended. Passed Unanimously.

Josh Knight addressed the Body at 7:35 pm. noting the EDA is trying to find a buyer for the Wallace Plant Building hoping to bring new businesses to the area, but he just found out it has been sold. Mr. Knight noted it was hard to find property for sale that will draw a business to this area. Town Manager Pettit noted the need to promote the Industrial Site which has access to water and sewer and it has 50 acres of land. Mr. Pettit further noted if a company moved there it would give jobs to the people in Stanley. Councilman Knight noted the old Dollar General building was still empty but was advised the rent was very high. Councilman Knight inquired of Supervisor Stroupe if the vacant building where the Family Dollar Store is still available. Mr. Stroupe noted it was still empty but he was hoping to put the County EMS in that building but will be happy to discuss the possibility of renting it to the Town of Stanley for their office. Councilman Knight also inquired if he thought the County would discuss a lower price. Mr. Stroupe noted he thought it could be discussed. Mr. Stroupe noted he did not know if the town wanted to do the renovations to make this building work. Councilman Knight inquired what he thought this might cost and Mr. Stroupe advised probably around \$300,000.00. Councilman Knight noted this was lot more than we figured. It was also noted Masonite Corporation was in the process of hiring around 100 new employees. Councilman Uram noted he knew of 5-7 places in town with potential for a small business to operate if their land could be re-zoned. Mr. Uram also noted the new SVEC Power Plant on HWY #340 West that they have plenty of power for new business's growth and expansion. Town Manager Pettit noted 2 years ago he checked into these properties and they are not for sale.

Vance Bryant arrived at the meeting at 7:40 pm. Mr. Vance Bryant noted he was here to give the figures from the 5K Run/Walk that was held on Saturday morning, July 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Homecoming Event. Mr. Bryant noted the event went very well noting revenue was \$8,090.00,

expenses \$1,454.78. Mr. Bryant noted after expenses they raised \$ 6,635.22 with an additional \$2,500.00 from Modern Woodmen and \$300.00 total from LFCC and PMH to come in. Mr. Bryant noted a slight decline in participants but the revenue increased. Mr. Bryant noted he worked with a great group of people that worked really well with each other. Mr. Bryant also noted the volunteers of this group try to make each participant feel special and he is very proud to be a part of this team. Mr. Bryant thanked the employees of the Town of Stanley, Stanley Police Department and all of those who helped in any way along with those that gave donations of any kind. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted with the money that is in the account and the money raised this year he feels it will be enough to finish the walking trail. Mr. Pettit noted with Council's approval we will proceed with finishing this phase of the walking trail. Mayor Purdham thanked Vance Bryant, Mike Uram and all those that helped with this event. Mayor Purdham noted it was a fun event that people enjoy and he hopes that they will continue to have this event.

Mark Stroupe addressed the body noting he would like to invite everyone to a Car Show on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Carmel.

Mark Stroupe noted he would like to be able to recognize the Sandlot Ball Players by adding "Home of the Hall of Fame Sandlot Team" to the Welcome to the Stanley Sign. Mr. Stroupe noted he would raise the money to cover all of the expenses associated with this addition to the sign. After viewing computer generated pictures of the proposed addition and some discussion Council advised Mr. Stroupe to proceed. Mark Stroupe further noted he hoped this group of men will put Stanley on the map and may possibly even lead into a museum recognizing their accomplishment.

Jason Campbell addressed the body starting at 8:04 pm. noting that he was here on behalf of the PYFL Football. Mr. Campbell noted their request is if the Town of Stanley would cover the cost of the electric bill at the field on Park Road for the league to practice in the evening for about 2 months. After some discussion the Council advised they would pay the bill for the 2-month period so the league could use the field to practice.

Gary Shirley with Racey Engineering was next to address the Council noting the Safe Route to School Grant has had its ups and downs. Mr. Shirley noted all of the difficulties that come along when applying for a federal and state approved grant such as this Safe Route to School Grant. Mr. Shirley noted we have had more than our share of difficulties with this one from no bidders to finally 1 bidder, had to have approved, not enough money, to finding more money and a whole lot of red tape. Mr. Shirley noted the money is still there and he hopes we are now finally on the right track to get this project completed. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted that Gary Shirley has continued to work for the town on this grant since 2014 and doing a lot of work at home. Council thanked Mr. Shirley for all of his work for the Town of Stanley. Mr. Shirley left the meeting at 8:24 pm.

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Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. There being none Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the minutes as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement and accompanying Note were presented. Councilman Uram inquired about the Audit Bill. Town Accountant Leon Stout advised it was on last month's statement. Motion was made by Mike Knight, seconded by Mike Uram to approve the Financial Statement in the amount of \$433,094.74 as presented. Passed Unanimously.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with Accountant Leon Stout noting on Bill #3 (CenturyLink) that he had duplicated the police department's part when disbursing the bill. Mayor Purdham inquired if there were any questions on the paywarrant and they are as follows:

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill# 2 (Burner Electric) which well were the repairs done to. Accountant Stout noted it was Well # 1.

Councilman Uram also inquired about Bill# 17 (Stanley Auto) what was wrong with the Trash Truck. Accountant Stout noted it was for a PTO Shaft.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Bill# 18 (Treetop Products, Uline) we bought new trashcans. Town Manager Pettit noted we used the Litter Grant to purchase new receptacles for the Ed Good and the Hawksbill Recreation Park.

Councilwoman Graves inquired if Bill# 17A (SVEC) was this for the shelters or the pool. Accountant Stout noted it was for the pool.

Councilman Uram inquired about PrePaid Bill# 13 (Lawrence Equipment) what part was purchased for the Backhoe that was so cheap. Accountant Stout noted it did not really say what it was.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram that the Paywarrant totaling \$121,849.41 be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted at 8:30 pm. we have finally been given permission to get three quotes for the new water meter project and then council will be able to award the contract to one of the bidders.

Town Manager Pettit proceeded with his Administrative Report noting after months of testing, letter writing and providing documentation we are almost finished the VPDES Renewal for the Wastewater Plant. Mr. Pettit noted DEQ will be advertising for comments during the next 30 days and without any major issues arising the permit will be renewed for another 5 years.

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Town Manager Pettit noted he attended a Blue Ridge Heritage Project meeting and offered a site for one of the monuments either at the Hawksbill Recreation Park or the Ed Good Park. Mr. Pettit further noted they will be making a decision at their next month's meeting.

Terry Pettit noted the Library will be advertising for bids within the next several months for the new addition and hopefully one will come in within their budget for this project.

Mr. Pettit noted there will be another Homecoming Meeting on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. at the Town Office.

Mr. Pettit also noted we received an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Baby Moons (restaurant) located in Luray on August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am. Mr. Pettit advised he would be attending and if anyone wants to go let him know.

Town Manager Pettit noted he included information in the packets on Stairway to Success from VML which supports early childhood education and is requesting we pass the resolution supporting this effort. Motion was made by Martha Graves supporting the attached Resolution in Support of Early Childhood Education, seconded by Mike Uram.

Mayor Purdham calls for a Roll call Vote:

**VOTING YEA**

Mike Knight  
Bruce Stoneberger  
Duane Layman  
Mike Uram  
Martha Graves

**VOTING NAY**

None

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted information from the Virginia Department of Health on the Zika Virus was also included in the packets.

Mr. Pettit noted unemployment figures from June, 2016 compiled by Mike Uram were also in the packets. Councilman Uram noted Masonite has jobs and not enough people to fill them.

Town Manager Pettit noted after finally finishing the long saga with the Welcome to Stanley Signs he would like to install signs at the wastewater plant and at all 6 wells. Mr. Pettit further noted he planned to have these made locally ourselves at minimal cost to the Town with no federal or VDOT funding.

Councilwoman Graves noted she thought it would look nicer if they would clean out a

little more around the Welcome to Stanley Signs.

Councilman Uram also noted for everyone's information Southern States is going to have a Collection Day for poisons sometime in September and October.

Terry Pettit noted the Public Works' Crew have been busy trying to keep up with the water leaks and mowing. Mr. Pettit noted along with the twenty-plus leaks, a saddle broke on Aylor Grubbs Avenue and we found another leak in the same area under the road in Deerfield Estates where we just finished fixing a leak. Mr. Pettit noted the office is kept busy when we fix water leaks with customers calling about the water being off.

Mayor Purdham noted looking toward the future he would like to see the ability to notify the public when the water is off. Town Manager Pettit noted we do the best we can to notify the public and we would like to have a system in place to advise water customer when the water will be off but we have checked on it and it is very expensive. Mayor Purdham noted we do owe it to our customers to be notified in advance, unless it's an emergency, of the water being off. Mr. Pettit noted we may need to look at making this a budget item. Town Manager Pettit also noted in areas where most water leaks seem to reoccur we are replacing the pipe instead of repairing with clamps. Mr. Pettit was asked about permits from VDOT when fixing water leaks and he replied we are required to get a permit every time we fix a leak.

Recreation Director Chuck Short arrived at the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Mr. Pettit noted he has been working with Holtzman Oil and Fidelity Power Systems on installing the new generator at the wastewater plant and should be complete in the next couple of weeks.

Town Manager Pettit also noted we had a shaft break loose from its housing in one of the clarifiers. Mr. Pettit noted he contacted Patterson and they advised that we caught it in time and they noted it will cost around \$2,000.00 to have this repaired.

Mr. Terry Pettit also noted LSC (Lift Station C) on Aylor Grubbs Avenue failed on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, after a piece of plastic locked down both pumps and it took most of the evening for the public works' guys to get the station up and running.

Police Chief Ryan Dean addressed the Body noting they had 314 calls for the month of July 2016. Chief Dean noted they received a \$1,000.00 donation from Kaywood Enterprises but had not received anything from Walmart.

Chief Dean noted the juveniles that vandalized the bathrooms and electrical socket at the Ed Good Shelter the police department can't do much with them because of their ages.

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Chief Dean also noted he had caught a man stealing gas from the Public Work's Building and placed in under arrest.

Chief Dean noted he was available if anyone had any question.

Recreation Director Chuck Short addressed the Body noting figures from July 2016 were as follow:

Water Temp.	88.2 degrees
Attendance	78.8
Closed	1 Day
Closed Early	7 Days
Precipitation	15 Days
Pool Parties	6

Mr. Short also noted the night swim did really good with 127 swimmers but then attendance is down the day of and the day after. Councilman Knight inquired if he had tried having night swims when the weather is really hot to see how they would do. Mr. Short noted we had swim classes for 2 weeks and couldn't have night swims.

Mr. Short noted he has not had a lot of luck finding bands to perform either they are booked, on vacation, or have to pay a fortune for them. Mr. Short noted he will put the ad in the paper for at least 2 weeks for the Labor Fest but noted Luray is having a festival the same day as ours. Mr. Short noted he has called everyone he can think of to perform but has had no luck. Councilman Knight told Mr. Short he would give \$150.00 towards a band if he can find one. Council inquired of what food was going to be served and Mr. Short noted he will be serving fried chicken, donated by DR's, and all the things he normally serves at the pool. There was some discussion about allowing food vendors to set-up and charge them a percentage for their sales. After brief discussion it was decided to go with our concessions only. Mr. Short noted he was able to get the moon bounce at a good price. Mr. Short also noted there is a shelter booked for the day of the festival and that will be revenue that we will lose. Mr. Short noted he was going to need volunteers to help with this event and he is thinking he will need about 10-12.

Mr. Short noted the skate park has been vandalized and he has not been able to find the coupling to make the repairs. Mr. Short noted he was going to try to find the name of the company that installed the bowl to see if they still have the coupling.

Mr. Short also noted the PYFL noted the need to use the lights at the ball field on Park Road for practice. After some discussion Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Duane Layman to donate lights for the youth football league for 3 nights a week to practice for 6 -8 weeks. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted the bad paving job VDOT did on Judy Lane and through town and out Chapel Road. Councilman Uram and Councilman Stoneberger noted they thought they did a

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really bad job, as well as the rest of the Body.

Councilman Mike Knight note he had brought a card for Council to sign for Brownie Cave for her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Councilman Uram noted the Community Enhancement Award is being awarded to Carolyn Foster on Aylor Grubbs Avenue. Councilman Uram noted they have done a really nice job enhancing the appearance of their home and yard.

Councilman Uram noted there are quite a few bad signs in the Town of Stanley, making the appearance of our town not so appealing. Councilman Uram noted he feels we need to look at this problem and that maybe the Planning Commission can look at our Sign Ordinance.

Town Manager Pettit noted we only have 1 bid on the Army Truck. Mayor Purdham opened the bid and it was for \$500.00. Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Mike Knight to refuse the \$500.00 bid from Ethan Fox. Passed Unanimously.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he had been contacted by Stanley New Hope Church about using the parking lot at the Ed Good Park to have a trunk or treat in October.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted he feels we have enough funds available to proceed with the paving at the Walking Trail and believes we will have just about enough to complete the job. Mr. Pettit also noted the \$3,000.00 donation from Mrs. Annabelle Hensley we should use that for putting in the bridge. Council advised Town Manager Pettit to proceed with these ventures.

Mr. Pettit inquired if Council wished to accept the Resolution from VML to request that the General Assembly and Governor of Virginia to accept the Federal Medicaid Funding and Implement the Full Expansion of Health Insurance Coverage as provided by the Affordable Care Act Resolution. Council discussed this issue and before making a decision they would like for someone from VML to come speak to them on this, therefore Motion was made by Martha Graves, seconded by Mike Knight to table this issue until they receive more information. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Knight inquired why we did not participate in the National Night Out on

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August 2<sup>nd</sup> like we did in previous years. Councilman Knight noted he enjoyed it and encourages the town to participate again.

Motion was made by Bruce Stoneberger, seconded by Duane Layman at 9:55 pm. to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Douglas L. Purdham, Mayor

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Norma Cabbage, Clerk



