

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**STANLEY TOWN OFFICE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016, 7:30 pm.**

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted due to the absence of Mayor Purdham, the Vice Mayor will preside over tonight's meeting. Vice Mayor Mike Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council Members attending: Bruce Stoneberger, Duane Layman, Mike Uram and Martha Graves. Others attending this meeting were as follows: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Town Accountant Leon Stout, Chris Montgomery with YNPB, Chris Slater with Page News and Courier, Jeremiah Knight, Jason Campbell, Georgia Duncan, Supervisor Mark Stroupe and Aaron Sours. Several members of The Blue Ridge Heritage Project were also in attendance and were as follows: Bill Henry, Meg Campbell, Marlene Bell, Rose Ann Smythe, Beth Foltz, Natalie Zuckerman and Betty Booton Grubbs.

Councilwoman Martha Graves gave the Invocation and Councilman Bruce Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment on the tentative Agenda. There was no comment.

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

Town Manager Pettit noted the group with the Blue Ridge Heritage Group would like to make their presentation to the Council at this time. Rose Ann Smythe addressed the body noting they are working to have monuments constructed to honor the people who were displaced during the founding of the Shenandoah National Park. Mrs. Smythe then noted she would like for Bill Henry to explain what we are looking for from this Body. Mr. Henry noted this project started to recognize the citizens that were displaced when the Shenandoah National Park was being established. Mr. Henry noted the Park claimed the land and the homes and they bought out the families thus forcing them to relocate and then the homes were burned to clear the land leaving the most of the stone chimneys standing. Mr. Henry noted over the years the story of these families' plight has been passed down through the generations. Mr. Henry noted many of the surrounding counties have formed chapters and have found a way to pay tribute to these families. Mr. Henry noted these chapters decided to use stone chimneys as monuments to honor these families with each one being different and each with a plaque listing the names of these families. Mr. Henry noted these chapters have formed specific guidelines for the monuments. Mr. Henry noted he was here hoping to get Page County on board and he is here tonight to try to get the Town of Stanley's approval and to help get the word out about this project. Mr. Henry noted he needs people with connections to descendants of, or knows history, about any of these families to have them contact the group. Mr. Henry noted they are also looking for sites for these monuments if anyone knows of one.

Chris Montgomery an Auditor with YNBP & Company was the next to address the Council at 8:00 pm. Mr. Montgomery noted over all the Town was in good shape, there are some new overtime rules pertaining to Salary Employees that we will need to look into, everything seems to be running smooth. Mr. Montgomery noted it was too much to go into detail and if after looking over the report if anyone has any questions please feel free to contact him. Mr. Montgomery thanked the Council and left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Vice Mayor Mike Knight inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Councilman Uram noted on the first pg. of the Public Hearing for the Budget Minutes it did not stated the Mayor told him to sit down and he would like for the record to state it correctly. Mr. Uram also noted typo was spelled incorrectly in 2 places. The Clerk noted she would correct the misspelled words and make the necessary changes. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to approved the minutes as corrected. Passed Unanimously.

The Financial Statement was presented. Councilman Uram inquired about the BMX Account are we not doing anything with the funds. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the funds are still there because we have been unable to find someone to build the ramp to finish the project.

Councilwoman Graves inquired if Mr. Pettit had gotten a price quote for the repairs that needed to be done at the Public Work's Building. Town Manager Pettit noted it will cost about \$10,000.00 for the repairs. The Financial Statements in the amount of \$394,220.83 was approved as presented.

The Monthly Paywarrant was presented with the following inquires:

Recreation Director Chuck Short arrived at the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #1 (Appalachian Equipment) how many traffic cones did we buy. Accountant Stout noted they were expensive and we bought 12 and he also noted they are federally approved.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired about Bill #15 (Lancaster). Town Manager Pettit noted it is a cut-off-saw used to cut concrete when fixing water leaks and is also used for many other different things.

Councilman Duane Layman inquired about Bill #7 (DR's Quick Stop). Mr. Terry Pettit noted it was for meals for the public works' employees when there are working and can't stop for lunch we get them something to eat.

Councilwoman Graves inquired about Bill #5 (D & L Trophy) Accountant Stout noted

they were for Homecoming.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #6 (Breedens' Auto) what was wrong with the Hummer. Police Chief Dean noted it was for a power steering hose.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #23 (Seal's Septic) how many sewer stations were pumped. Town Manager Pettit noted it was for all 3 pump stations.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired about Bill #13 (Kirbybuilt) was this for 1 bench. Recreation Director Chuck Short noted it was for 1 bench and it was quite a bit of engraving on it.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #24 (S & L) what pump station needed repairs. Town Manager Pettit and Accountant Stout noted it was for supplies for all the pump stations.

Councilman Uram inquired about Bill #31 (Utility Service Co.) was this the quarterly fee. Accountant Stout noted Mr. Uram is correct it is for the maintenance fee we pay quarterly.

Councilman Stoneberger inquired about Prepaid Bill #18 (Curtis Kling) why do we pay to have this mowed. Town Manager Pettit noted we mow it because we use the field as a back-up area for the fireworks.

Vice Mayor Knight inquired about Prepaid Bill #27 (Holtzman Oil) are we still paying for office oil. Accountant noted we are on a budget plan that is paid monthly so we don't have big bills to pay in the winter.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill #1 (Luray Copy Service) how many books were sold. Town Manger Pettit noted he was not sure exactly how many but they are still coming in to buy them.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill #10 (CenturyLink) what does the phone maintenance cover. Accountant Stout noted it covers the inside wiring maintenance.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill #19 (VDOT) what permits do we get from VDOT. Mr. Terry Pettit noted anytime we dig near along the roadway we are required to get a permit.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill #30 (Page County) why did he get a permit for the Library. Accountant Stout and Mr. Terry Pettit noted it was a mistake it was the permit for the bridge at the Ed Good Park.

Councilman Uram inquired about Prepaid Bill #18 (Curtis Kling) why do we pay to mow this lot. Town Manager Terry Pettit noted Councilman Stoneberger asked that earlier and it is because we use it for a back-up spot for fireworks.

Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Martha Graves that the Paywarrant

totaling \$121,045.46 be paid. Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Director Chuck Short presented his report beginning at 8:55 pm. noting the pool opened June 9<sup>th</sup> with 6 employees, 2 concession workers and 4 lifeguards. Mr. Short noted he was worried about losing pool water but that has been very little. Mr. Short noted the county is having swimming lessons at the pool for the next 2 weeks and we have 32 that have signed up for the lessons. Mr. Short continued to note the average attendance is 77.7 and the water temperature is 81.4 degrees, the pool was closed 2 days, closed early 4 days.

Mr. Short noted the storm last week at the pool did a lot of damage at the park, 8 trees were uprooted, 3 vehicles were damaged, lost the new roof he had put on the pump house. Mr. Short continued to note there was some trees at the cottages that did some minor damage outside and the field was covered in debris from the trees.

Mr. Short noted he has the Labor Day Fest scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> with at least 1 band playing and hopefully another, selling food and fireworks around 8:15 pm. Mr. Short also noted he thought he would charge \$5.00 a person for the entire day, \$2.00 to watch the fireworks and he will have to sell at least 400 tickets to break even. Mr. Short noted his concern about having this event and end up losing money. Mr. Short noted the 1 band he talked them in to playing for \$400.00, the fireworks will cost \$1,000.00, the food will cost and he has tried to talk the other band into donating their time, but we will need to make at least \$2,000.00 to break even. Mr. Short noted he would need at least 9-10 volunteers to help that evening possibly more. Councilman Uram noted we need to have a plan in place for this event. Vice Mayor Knight inquired if Mr. Short had set a rain date for this event. Mr. Short noted he had not set a rain date and didn't really plan to set one. Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger that Mr. Short come up with an economical plan in order to have this event and give it to Town Manager Terry Pettit so he can get the proper permits to hold such an event. Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Short noted both of the cottage renters have not put the electric bill in their names and both of them owe a bill that is in the Town's name. Mr. Short further noted the Woodside Cottage renter (Breden & Henderson) has already had to go to Page One for help on the rent and they are going to pay \$300.00 leaving him owing \$275.00. Mr. Short noted the Creekside Cottage renter (Deal) still owes \$325.00 on the furniture he purchased from us. After discussion Council advised to serve notice on both renters the electric bill must be paid by July 15<sup>th</sup> or it will be cut off.

Mr. Short noted the mulch has been put down at the playground at Century Station and he has ordered another Merry-Go-Round to replace the one that was destroyed.

Mr. Short also noted he is planning to install the new bench in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Short noted someone sprayed painted the commodes black and damaged one of the outlets at the Ed Good Park. Mr. Short noted the Police Department has looked at the tape from the cameras to see if they can identify the persons that did this vandalism.

Town Manager Terry Pettit advised Mr. Short and Council that he has ordered the lifeguards bathing suits and shirts for the concession workers.

Mr. Pettit also advised the Library has requested One Day Passes for the children that participated in the Summer Reading Program. Mr. Pettit noted we gave them passes last year for completing this program.

Town Manager Pettit noted he was contacted by a senior citizen lady that wanted to know if a small group of elderly people could swim at the Hawksbill Pool early in the morning before the pool opens. Mr. Short advised there was no way he has to clean the pool before he can open at 11:30 pm.

Recreation Director Chuck Short left the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Police Chief Ryan Dean addressed the body noting Homecoming went well and as far as his officers they made no arrests during this week. Chief Dean also noted he had cut the cost for police coverage during Homecoming by \$1,000.00.

Councilman Uram noted fights and domestic calls for service were down. Chief Ryan Dean noted you never know about those kind of calls, one month they are way up and the next you don't have any.

Chief Dean noted they looked at the tape from the cameras and identified the couple as local juveniles between 9 & 10 years old that vandalized the bathrooms and the outlet. Chief Dean noted he and his department are very familiar with these two individuals. Chief Dean noted he thought the best way to handle this situation is to serve No Trespassing Notices on the youths.

Councilman Uram noted he was concerned about our citizens' safety. Councilman Uram noted drug selling and use are bad in our town and county. Chief Dean noted drugs are bad everywhere and they have been for a long time.

Chief Dean commented on what a great job the Public Works' Employees did of cleaning up the debris at the pool from the storm.

Councilman Uram noted we need programs for our youth to give them something to do. Police Chief Dean noted that he and Officer Lisa Atwood will be meeting with Cathy Marston the principal of the Stanley Elementary School, to discuss programs for our youth.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the Personnel Committee met to review the 6-month probation period for 3 employees. After some discussion Motion was made by Martha Graves,

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seconded by Duane Layman to give the following salaries increases retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016:

Chief Ryan Dean - \$2,000.00 per year  
Lt. Daniel Hinegardner - \$1,000.00 per year  
Foreman Ryan Gaunt - \$1.00 per Hour

Passed Unanimously.

Mr. Pettit noted in His Administrative Report that on the Safe Route to School Grant it will be put out again for bids for 2 weeks.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Planning Commission is reviewing the Solid Waste Ordinance and when finished it will be ready for public hearing.

Mr. Pettit noted all of the paperwork for the Water Meter Reading System, Police Car and Backhoe Grants will be ready to be submitted by the first of next week and should be ready to order by September.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted the Library Board is reviewing their expansion project in order to cut cost and will be re-bidding the project in the next couple of months.

Town Manager Pettit noted the Homecoming had a very good year but we are need to have a re-organizational meeting for next years' event. Mr. Pettit noted he is suggesting the meeting be held on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. at the fire department's social hall. Councilwoman Graves noted the Town still needs to be in control of the Homecoming. Council agreed with the meeting date.

Mr. Pettit noted he has received a complaint from a citizen living on Deford Avenue about problems with groundhogs and wanted to know if the town could help them to get rid of them. Council noted they may be able to locate a Humane Trap and have someone to help them set it up.

Mr. Pettit noted he and several others from the Town had gone to Cooperstown on Monday to show support for the Sandlot Baseball Teams induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Mr. Pettit noted they were very cordially welcome to their lovely small town and we were treated like royalty. Mr. Pettit noted it was a very good experience for all. Mr. Pettit noted they are pictures on the town's website. Supervisor Mark Stroupe noted he hoped this would not be the last stop for the teams, hoping this will keep on going through the internet, turning into a documentary or possibly a movie. Mr. Stroupe noted he was really excited about this opportunity and this should make all of Stanley and Page County proud.

Town Manager Pettit noted the only projects the Public Works Department are getting done are repairing water leaks. Mr. Pettit noted with all the rain it takes all we have to keep the mowing caught up. Mr. Pettit noted we have about 20 water leaks, all of the mowing and several

other projects and we do not have the manpower to keep it all going.

Councilman Uram noted he was very concerned about our water loss reaching over a million gallons. Councilman Uram further noted his concerns about the non-revenue loss with all of these water leaks and he feels we need a policy or procedure in place when fixing water leaks. Councilman Uram noted if a leak returns within a certain time period instead of patching (putting on a clamp) it to replacing the pipe. Councilman Uram noted this is our top source of revenue and we need to protect it. Town Manager Pettit noted he would like to look into the possibility of contracting the repairing of water leaks out in order to catch up some of the other projects and to keep up the mowing only until the season slows down. The Council noted maybe it would be better if we looked into hiring someone to do the mowing.

Town Manager Terry Pettit noted with Council's permission he is going to take bids on the Army Dump Truck to sell and bids on the repairs on the Public Works Building. Mr. Pettit noted both of these bids can be opened at the August meeting.

Terry Pettit noted he has two quotes for the replacement of the generator at the wastewater plant and they are almost identical. Mr. Pettit noted Fidelity Power Systems quote was \$28,816.00 and Cummins Atlantic's was \$28,883.00. Mr. Pettit noted we will also have to install ground level fuel tank which will probably cost around \$2,000.00. Motion was made by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to allow Town Manager Terry Pettit to proceed with the purchase of the generator from Fidelity in the amount as stated of \$28,816.00. Passed Unanimously.

Vice Mayor Knight noted it was time for New Business.

Mr. Pettit noted a reminder to Council of the ribbon cutting at the new SVEC Sub-Station Located on HWY #340W.

Town Manager Pettit inquired if Council wishes for him to offer the Hawksbill Park as a possible site to the Blue Ridge Heritage Group. Council advised Mr. Pettit to please make the Offer.

Councilman Uram noted he would to start a Community Enhancement Award in the Town of Stanley. Councilman Uram noted he feels it will make the citizens of our town feel good that we recognize the improvements they make to the outside of their homes or yards and may encourage someone else to do the same. Councilman Uram noted a council person would make the recommendation and bring it before the body. Councilman Uram noted we can have a sign noting this award and place it in their yard for 30 days or so. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Mike Uram, seconded by Bruce Stoneberger to proceed with the project. Passed Unanimously.

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Councilman Uram noted the Unemployment Report for May was included in their packets.

Councilman Uram noted he had old business to bring up and it pertains to him requesting permission to advertise for local town businesses on the website and the need for a disclaimer. After a short discussion, Councilman Uram was advised the disclaimer that we have in place will work.

There being no more Old Business, Vice Mayor Knight noted it was time for Public Comment.

Jeremiah Knight inquired is Chuck Short supposed to have a plan for the Labor Fest In the office by next week. Council advised he is correct.

Motion was made at 10:37 pm. by Duane Layman, seconded by Mike Uram to adjourn this meeting. Passed Unanimously.

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Michael Knight, Vice Mayor

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Norma Cabbage, Clerk

