

**MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL**

March 1, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes

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Location: Municipal Building Auditorium with Zoom and call-in options.

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

Present:	Sam Felton, <i>Mayor</i>	B.J. Gudmundsson, <i>Recorder</i>
	Scott Gibb	Bill McMann
	Joe Smith	Gail Hyer

Absent: Chris Curry

**Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes**

- Scott Gibb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 02/01/21 as presented; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Mayor's Report**

With waters still receding from the early morning flooding Mayor Felton reported that Shawn Dunbrack, Homeland Security Regional Liason had done an assessment of Marlinton. It showed that 128 homes, six government offices, and 33 businesses were impacted by the high water. All agreed that the town had been very lucky. The Mayor also reported that the flooding had affected the sewer repair work on lower Third Avenue.

Mayor Felton's report is attached to these minutes.

**Public Input**

None

**Committee and Department Reports**

Police Chief Galloway submitted a written Police Report.

Katie Workman, President of the Planning Commission, reported that preliminary data from the HubCap "Marlinton Listens" Survey shows that dilapidated properties are considered to be the biggest threat to recreational development within the Town. She will present a full report when all of the data has been analyzed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss and/or Act on 1st Reading of Municipal Building Commission Ordinance**

Recorder B. J. Gudmundsson and Code Enforcement Officer Zack Graham briefed the Council on the necessity of establishing a Building Commission which is being recommended by the Planning Commission. Its main purpose would be to purchase blighted and dilapidated properties to then be rehabbed and/or resold. The Building Commission would only be permitted to purchase property or incur debt after receiving express written consent from the Town Council. Mr. Graham further explained that property conveyed to the Town Housing Authority may only be used for low-income housing as defined in the State Code.

- Scott Gibb moved to approve the Municipal Building Commission Ordinance on First Reading; B. J. Gudmundsson seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Resolution #55 (to pay invoicing for construction, engineering and administrative invoices) - Water System Improvement Project**

- Joe Smith moved to approve Resolution #55 to pay invoices totaling \$39,170.56 as presented for the Water System Improvement Project pending receipt of the resolution later this week; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

### **2. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Administrative Services Agreement - Sewer System Improvement Project**

Tabled to April meeting.

### **3. Discuss and/or Act on ARC POWER Grant being submitted for the Downtown Appalachia: Revitalizing Recreational Economies program - Amanda Workman-Scott, WV Hub**

Amanda Workman-Scott gave a presentation on the ARC Power Grant and will send information to the Council. She plans to ask for a Letter of Support from the Town.

No Action

## **Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills**

- Joe Smith moved to pay the bills pending review; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

## Adjournment

Joe Smith moved to adjourn. ***The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sam Felton, Mayor

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B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

## MAYORS REPORT FOR March 2021 MTC Meeting:

### February 2021 MTC activity Report.

2/1 - Mayors Corner. Conduct ROC Meeting on Broadband project. MTC in the evening.

2/2 - Attend county commission via Zoom. Calls, emails, filing.

2/3 – Took Day Off -

2/4 – Robin Bruns “letter of support”. Time with Zack/potential BMB members, Tom White/benefit of Building Commission. Discussed Discovery Junction “tentative” dedication plans with Lauren Bennett. Wayne & Orders Construction on cleaning of WP. MFTP zoom. Bicentennial Meeting.

2/5 - Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) letter. PCC/PMH water-sewer numbers. County COVID Task Force zoom meeting, PC Broadband zoom, Juston Iburg on media interview.

2/8 – Mayors Corner, Corp of Engineers channelization/stream restoration conversation went nowhere!

2/9 – Day off

2/10 – Priority Items; DEP Response, Broadband, Economic Development, MFTP Marketing Committee zoom, Prevention Coalition zoom, Conference call; Dinsmore/DEP response,

2/11 – TEAM Manchin zoom, SHARC zoom, JP about Municipal Court,

2/12 – PC Covid Task Force Zoom is every Friday 9am meeting , note; If you are interested, I can forward minutes on many of these meetings, (otherwise; this will not be mentioned anymore),

2/15/ - Personal Day off

2/16 – Broadband zoom/Citynet & Pocahontas County map review), Town of Marlinton Standing call (this may not be mentioned again, all has to do with on-going DEP response.)First call to Governors Aide about DJ visit. County Commission evening zoom meeting.

2/17 – One Zoom meeting per hour from 9AM-3PM, Zack to pick up Jeep, Sign SecuriTech Contract & Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Maintenance Agreement. Note: Men worked over on water-meter reads before coming snowstorm. Design Concept Zoom meeting with Russell Jesse & Rainbow Trout artist Kimberly Johnson-Hafler, for Marlinton. Cindy & Emily about MFT/USDA Grant. Also, RBDG paperwork w/Star. Conduct Region 4 Executive zoom meeting and approval of contribution to ROC.

2/18 – HubCap zoom update, Broadband/ROC zoom with AEP, Pioneer Days Conference call, Planning Commission w/Tom White,

2/19 - PC Covid Task Force Zoom is an every Friday 9am,

2/22 – Safety Meeting at 4th Avenue shop (maintain Defensive driving & careful about slips and falls), snowplow inspections,

2/23 – estimate for stone & prepare for 3rd avenue sewer job,

2/24 – prepare for Region 1 & Region 4 cooperative zoom meeting, PC Broadband zoom meeting, Region 4 zoom with other new member commissioners,

2/25 – “Creative economy” webinar, Day Report zoom, HubCap Coaching session,

2/26 - PC Covid Task Force Zoom is every Friday 9am,

2/27 – with Johnny Moore, checking on 3rd ave manholes, start & run diesel pump at 2nd avenue lift station.

2/28 – Notified of rising water by MFD, left the house at 10pm