

MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

December 6, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes

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	Joe Smith
	Gail Hyer	Bill McMann

Absent: Chris Curry

Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes

- Joe Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 11/01/21 as presented; Gail Hyer seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mayor's Report

Mayor Felton gave his report which is attached at the end of these minutes. The Mayor also announced that Shane Peacock as been hired as part-time Police Officer and has started work.

Public Input

None

Committee and Department Reports

B.J. Gudmundsson and Gail Hyer have scheduled a phone conference with Tom White on how to proceed with codifying the Town ordinances. They hope to have a recommendation for Council at the January meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Resolution #7 for Smoke Testing - Sewer System Improvement Project

- Scott Gibb made a motion to approve Resolution #7 for smoke testing in the amount of \$14,069.18 for the Sewer System Improvement Project; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

2. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Resolution #3 - Second Avenue Pump Station Emergency Project

- Joe Smith moved to approve Resolution #3 in the amount of \$1,414.09 for the 2nd Avenue Pump Station Emergency Project; B. J. Gudmundsson seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Wayne Hypes gave a detailed report on the smoke testing results for storm water going into the sewer system.

3. Discuss and/or Act on CDBG-MIT Stormwater System Improvements - Opening of Project Bank Account

- Joe Smith moved to open a special bank account for the storm water mitigation funds, account being titled "Marlinton Storm Water Mitigation Account" with John Tuggle, Sam Felton, B. J. Gudmundsson and Theresa Barlow as signatories ; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

4. Discuss and/or Act on Update from Legal Counsel on Pending Litigation

Moved to end of the meeting

5. Discuss and/or Act on Personnel Committee Recommendation for Hiring Floodplain Manager

- Joe Smith moved to hire Tommy Jackson as the new Flood Plain Manager at the starting rate of \$20.00 per hour with a 90-day probation and health insurance to begin at the start of his employment; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

6. Discuss Ideas from Council Members on Investment of CARES Funds with Action on Spending to be Considered at January and February, 2022 Meetings

Council members are to make a list of ideas and bring to the next meeting.

4. Discuss and/or Act on Update from Legal Counsel on Pending Litigation

- Scott Gibb moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Council went into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

- Joe Smith moved to come out of Executive Session; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

No action

Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills

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

Adjournment

Per motion properly made and seconded, ***the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Sam Felton, Mayor

B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

MAYORS REPORT FOR December 2021 MTC Meeting

11/1 – Effective today, Sam Dunn is new CWPO, Discovery Junction has been winterized, 76th MTC

11/2 – Attended PC Commission for PMH selection committee, Sen Capito rep. Todd Gunter, Governor Justice came w/Hazard Mitigation Grant Award of \$8,655,040 for storm water project

11/3 – Meet with Judith Lyons and Conservation Agency reps., walked Smith Lake during inspection of Dam, also revisit the Willow tree near Marlin Run bridge (dia 23'6") and contacted tree cutter, committee meeting to discuss selection of MFT marketing firm, interviewed potential PT/temp code person

11/4 – Meeting w/Councilman Gibb & Shane Peacock/LE, Bicentennial Committee,

11/5 – Inquiry from WV Trails Conference, MFTP Marketing Conversation,

11/8 – Town Conference w/DEP & Dunn Engineers, (return weapon to owner per prosecutor)

11/9 - filing & other. Attended Durbin Town Council regarding MFTP request.

11/10 – More filing and other. Scheduling and Rescheduling meetings. Daily.

11/11 – Celebration of Veterans Day

11/12 – Answer citizen complaints. Circle cemetery.

11/15 – Return Calls. Exchange emails. Other.

11/16 – Dinsmore Conference call. County Commission.

11/17 – Sewer project conference call, ROC Board Meeting to accept 4 other Counties

11/18 – WV Trails zoom conf., county meeting, county broadband zoom, HubCap Team

11/19 – GBT zoom, more filing and deleting of files, Main Street snowflake lights on

11/22 – Sign payroll checks, Worked from home - answer calls/emails, Review Vista Application

11/23 – Worked from home - answer calls/emails, work on this report, work on this report

11/24 - Worked from home - answer calls/emails, work on this report. (Remainder of lights on).

11/25 - THANKSGIVING Holiday

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11/29 – Order drive tires for trash truck, follow up on construction w/o permits, Feamster, 2 hrs. DEP issue prior to issuing \$148,380.00 fine, Personnel committee meeting

11/30 – Scan & respond to emails, revise calendar, Conduct Region 4 Zoom Business meeting. Personnel evening meeting with FP manager candidate. Finish this report, other... as always (each workday schedules include parts of Priority Items): Dilapidated & Abandoned properties, DEP Response, proposed sewer project, and Broadband & ROC communications.

FYI: Regional Optical Communications (ROC) began as an 11-county partnership of R1 & R4. In the last year, ROC was joined by Clay, Calhoun, Roane, then Braxton. More recently, Wirt, Gilmer, Jackson, and Pendleton, making a present partnership of 19 counties, with other county requests pending. (All for the sole purpose of promoting Broadband throughout our rural region).