

**MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL**

January 3, 2022

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	Joe Smith
	Gail Hyer	Bill McMann
	Chris Curry	

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

- Scott Gibb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 12/06/21 as presented; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Felton gave his report which is attached at the end of these minutes. He also reported that there have been a number of illnesses among Town employees.

**Public Input**

Two residents reported bicycles being stolen from their properties on Second and Third Avenues. The Mayor said that he would contact Officer Peacock and get a status.

**Committee and Department Reports**

Gail Hyer reported on the training plan for Olivia Dean, Office Assistant, taking over the website.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****1. Discuss and/or Act on Investment of CARES Funds**

No Action

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Engineering Agreement – CDBG-MIT Stormwater Project**

It was noted that this agreement is for the Dunn Engineering HUD Mitigation Grant which has been awarded for \$8,000,000.00 to totally fund the Storm Water Project which addresses the problem with storm water going through the sewage treatment plant.

- Scott Gibb made a motion to approve the application by Dunn Engineering for the grant to fund the Storm Water Project; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

### **2. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Engineering Agreement - Sewer System Improvements Project**

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Sewer System Improvements Project; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

### **3. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Engineering Agreement - Water Rehabilitation Project**

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Water Rehabilitation Project; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

### **4. Discuss and/or Act on Request for Proposal from American Legal Publishing Corporation for Codifying Town Ordinances**

- Joe Smith moved to approve requesting a proposal from American Legal Publishing Corporation for Codifying the Town Ordinances; Gail Hyer seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Scott Gibb asked if Council could go into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue that was not on the agenda. The Recorder said that Council could call for an Executive Session but that no action could be taken.

- Scott Gibb moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; Bill McMann seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Council went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:16 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 8:17 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sam Felton, Mayor

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B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

### MAYORS REPORT FOR January 2022 MTC Meeting

- 12/1 – WV ARPA Investment Webinar, Five Star Webinar, (streetlight discussion w/Mon-Pwr).
- 12/2 – Filing, emails, discuss litigations in progress, FP Mgr. said yes, Bicentennial discussions
- 12/3 – MFT/WVU student presentation meeting, Letters, Peacock on BAD properties, Parade
- 12/6 – Mike Hawranick on EPA program, maintenance applicants, reports for (77th of 96) MTC
- 12/7 – Attended County Comm & Andrew Robinson covid on funding, WVU Land use webinar
- 12/8 – CDBG update, filing & other. Communication with Dunn Engineers.
- 12/9 - Broadband zoom while out of Town
- 12/10 – out-of-office (Barbour County for a family funeral)
- 12/13 – Sam Mace found water leak/repairs began after lunch/completed by 830pm/water loss calculated at 816,000 gallons. Sewer project call, attended by 11. Counsel on DE contract.
- 12/14 – MFTP Grants committee zoom, begin archiving files to make room. Letter of support.

12/15 – Return Calls. Exchange emails. Begin letter to the Governor/DEP. Other.

12/16 – Travel to Region 4 office (in CEO vehicle), for Implementation Meeting. MTA update.

12/17 – Virtual Teams meeting to discuss broadband Reconnect options.

12/18 – Attended Pocahontas County Bicentennial Program at Huntersville.

12/20 – various permit/request for utilities. ROC Planning Meeting. L Simmons w/covid.

12/21 – canceled Dinsmore conference call. Filing, emails, other.

12/22 – Communicate with Fred Hypes on various sewer questions.

12/23 – answer calls/emails, work/update this report, Pocahontas County Broadband

12/24 - Christmas Holiday Worked from home - answer calls/emails

12/25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS Holiday

12/27 – Follow up on complaints. Received DJ log to 3rd avenue garage/at no cost to town.

12/28 – DE about slough drainage at Riverside. Talked w/Kendall Ober about future LE.

Note: (Caught Mace, Floyd, and Daniel sitting in shop at 345pm.)

12/29 – working toward 2022 plans and updates. (Malcomb trash test run)

12/30 – Wayne Hypes about pump-around butterfly valves at 2nd Ave lift station. More filing.

12/31 – Continue with filing & transfer of files. Add to Curry narrative on Depot sign to be in Mayors Corner 1/13/22. Finish this report, other... as always

(Each workday schedule includes parts of Priority Items): Dilapidated and Abandoned properties, DEP, proposed sewer project, and/or 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).