

**MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL**

March 7, 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

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 02/07/22 and the Budget Meeting on 03/04/22 as presented; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Felton gave his report which is attached at the end of these minutes.

**Public Input**

Valerie Monico made a presentation on the Marlinton Little League and asked the Council to sponsor the team for \$500.00. Item is on the agenda.

**Committee and Department Reports**

B. J. Gudmundsson gave a report on the Ordinance Codification Project which is proceeding on schedule.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****1. Discuss and/or Act on Steve Wilson Request for Alley Property to Allow for an Expansion of the NAPA Building at Riverside**

No Action

**2. Discuss and/or Act on Requests for Fourth Avenue Street Lights**

No Action

**3. Discuss and/or Act on Purchasing a Lawn Mower for the Cemetery**

- Joe Smith moved to purchase a 4-wheel drive diesel mower for \$14,999.00; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**4. Discuss and/or Act on Fourth of July Fireworks or an Alternative**

- Joe Smith made a motion to look at alternatives versus fireworks for the Fourth of July; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Discuss and/or Act on First Reading of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1 and 2, Title IV, of the Town Code of the Town of Marlinton to Adopt the State Building Code as Amended in 2020**

The Ordinance was read by Title Only.

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 1 and 2, Title IV, of the Town Code of the Town of Marlinton to Adopt the State Building Code as Amended in 2020 on First Reading; B. J. Gudmundsson seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**2. Discuss and/or Act on Review of Budget for 2022-2023 with Option to Approve**

- Joe Smith moved to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget as presented; B. J. Gudmundsson seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

**3. Discuss and/or Act on Placement of Mark Kearns Camper Trailer in Riverside**

Tabled to April meeting

**4. Discuss and/or Act on Resolution for Administering Funds for the Overlook Trail**

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Resolution for the WVDOT Recreation 12 Program to administer the funds for the Overlook Trail; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

## 5. Discuss and/or Act on Little League Donation

- Gail Hyer moved to support the Little League with a \$200.00 donation; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

## 6. Discuss and/or Act on Personnel Committee Recommendation for the Hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

- Joe Smith moved to go into Executive Session and asked Scott Gibb to leave the room; Bill McMann seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Council went into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

- Gail Hyer moved to hire Scott Gibb full-time as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector at \$18.00 per hour to start, with an increase to \$20.00 per hour upon receiving full certification through the State Fire Marshall's Office; Bill McMann seconded. **Bill McMann and Gail Hyer voted YES; B. J. Gudmundsson voted NO; Joe Smith ABSTAINED. *Motion carried 2 - 1.***

## Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills

- Joe Smith moved to pay the bills; Gail Hyer seconded. ***Motion passed.***

## Adjournment

Per motion properly made and seconded, ***the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sam Felton, Mayor

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B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

MAYORS REPORT FOR March 2022 MTC Meeting:  
February 2021 MTC activity Report.

2/1 – Filing, emails, other, PCC via zoom, Inquiry from Town of Clay about our splash pad.

2/2 – Groundhog Day, MFT budget zoom, Robin Crowe on SPP & (2) projects, Counsel has filed a Motion to Dismiss regarding Wilbur Wright vs Town . (He fell in front of Richardson's 8/2020)

2/3 – PLOTBOX webinar, Bicentennial Committee update, Update MFT project spreadsheet.

2/4 – Hubcap/Vista Orientation Zoom, Directed replacement of Stairwell lamps & cleaning

2/7 – Mitigation Strategy meeting, 10th Avenue sewer complaint, Regular MTC 79th of 96,

2/8 – February Council meeting follow up, and other

2/9 – Onoto for road-bore & line measurement, R4 Mitigation priority,

2/10 – MFT non-profit Dev meeting, PC Broadband zoom, EMS per camera upgrade for NWS, special Discovery Junction Sound & lighting Zoom, Planning Commission Meeting

2/11 – 2015-2021 I-code Flood Provisions & the NFIP zoom (w/Tommy), Day Report Zoom

2/14 – Complete Mayors Corner, update mayors report, Tom White on flood management issues

2/15 – follow up on mower quotes, follow up on DE contract, DR evaluation, PCC zoom mtn

2/16 – MFT Grants Committee, Legislative update, PC Broadband Re-connect, SHARC zoom

2/17 – Feamster on budget, Landscape Architecture Magazine interview, evening HubCap Team

2/18 – Emails, calls, filing, and other. Update this report. (Visit Ray's Mountain Bike Park online)

2/19 – First of Maple Days

2/21 – HOLIDAY – email and responses from home.

2/22 – For Council info- Feamster had high and low flows from 2021. He asked Star for info for a PSC Report; What was the actual dates? Via Sam Dunn, CWPO/WW; The min flow in May was 14,185 on Monday 5/17/21, The max flow in March was 511,770 on Thursday 3/4/21.

Also, Mr Dunn has added 36 continuing ed training hours in water and 24 continuing ed training hours for wastewater. Hear concerns, Rural investing webinar,

2/23 – Pocahontas County Reconnect Zoom. (Left at noon for Francis Miller graveside service).

2/24 - (3 Zooms) MFT, SHARC/IMBA, Pocahontas Broadband. w/Tommy on forms and other.

2/25 – Tommy & I held conference call w/Counsel. Tommy joined in with me & Commissioner Helmick concerning authorization of Region 4 application to address BAD buildings, in the region. Spoke with Cowen Mayor on his wetland project. Assessed values in FPI

2/28 – Interview Scott Gibb for CEO, Rural Tourism webinar. (Leave for R. Armstrong Service).

Reminder - (Each workday schedule includes parts of Priority Items): Dilapidated and Abandoned properties, proposed sewer project, and/or Broadband and/or ROC communications.

FYI: 1/27 MFTP is looking into developing framework for becoming a sustainable stand-alone 501.c3

Regional Optical Communications (ROC) is a multi-county partnership, which exists for the sole purpose of promoting Broadband throughout our rural region.