

MARLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

July 11, 2022

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.

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

Absent: Bill McMann

Reading and Approval of Prior Council Meeting Minutes

- Joe Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on 06/06/22 as presented; Chris Curry seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Mayor's Report

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

Public Input

Trish McNaull read a statement regarding the social climate in the Town pointing out that discrimination and harassment may have an adverse effect on economic growth in the community. She asked the Mayor to address the issue in the Mayor's Corner in The Pocahontas Times.

Committee and Department Reports

Joe Smith reported that the Fourth of July Celebration went well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Resolution # 11 - Smoke Testing Project

- Joe Smith moved to approve Resolution #11 totaling \$40,675.00 for the Smoke Testing Project; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- Joe Smith moved to approve Resolution #2 totaling \$17,641.25 for the Storm Water Project; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Region IV requested and received approval to conduct a mandatory archeological study for all three (3) water/sewer projects.

2. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Accounting Agreement, Administrative Agreement, Bond Counsel Agreement, and Legal Counsel Agreement - Water System Improvements Project

- Joe Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to execute agreements with Lowe and Associates; White Law Offices; Spillman, Thomas, and Battle; and Region IV for the Water System Improvements Project contingent upon Lowe and Associates having been approved at the previous meeting; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

3. Discuss and/or Act on Region IV Accounting Agreement, Administrative Agreement, Bond Counsel Agreement, and Legal Counsel Agreement(s) - Sewer System Improvements Project

- Joe Smith moved to authorize the Mayor to execute agreements with Spillman, Thomas, and Battle; White Law Offices; Lowe and Associates; and Region IV for the Sewer System Improvements Project contingent upon Lowe and Associates having been approved at the previous meeting ; Joe Smith seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

4. Discuss and/or Act on Request for 4-H Chicken Project in Town Limits - Luci Mossesso

Luci Mossesso requested a variance to the Town's Animal and Fowl Ordinance to allow for 4-H chicken projects within the town limits.

- Joe Smith made a motion to turn the matter over to the Personnel Committee to draw up guidelines and put on the agenda for the next regular meeting; Chris Curry seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

5. Discuss and/or Act on Scope of Work for Review of the Current Sign Ordinance

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Scope of Work for the Sign Committee so that they can move forward; Chris Curry seconded. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

6. Discuss and/or Act on Re-adopting the Newest Promulgated Version of the West Virginia Building Code effective August 1, 2022 as Required by the State Fire Marshall

- Joe Smith moved to adopt the Revision of the WV Building Code on First Reading; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Special Meetings were set for July 18 and July 25, 2022 for Second and Third Readings.

7. Discuss and/or Act on minimum of 1500 square ft on 1st floor of any new construction in the Town of Marlinton

No Action

- Scott Gibb moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a police matter; Gail Hyer seconded. Motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

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

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

No Action was taken.

Scott Gibb, Compliance Officer, gave a progress report.

Approve Invoices/Payment of Bills

- Joe Smith moved to pay the bills, holding out the invoice for Feamster for questioning; Scott Gibb seconded. ***Motion passed.***

Adjournment

Per motion properly made and seconded, ***the meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted:

Sam Felton, Mayor

B. J. Gudmundsson, Recorder

MAYORS REPORT FOR July 2022 MTC Meeting:

Minutes 07/11/2022

6/1 – (phone service changeover was a challenge), WVML Conference registration, agenda items
6/2 - DHHR notifications, 84 Agency MFT Marketing presentation, Bicentennial Co Meeting
6/3 – MFT Organizational zoom, begin 1st Fridays,
6/5 – Attended Pioneer Days Pageant at PCHS
6/6 – Trail session, complete Mayors Corner, other calls, email, filing
6/7 – County Commission,
6/8 – Meet w/Gail & Scott on signage, Attend & Do Welcome at Opera House Tourism Summit
6/9 – PC Broadband Council, Day Report Meeting
6/10 – Advertised for repair of streetlights, Communicate w/Verizon,
6/13 – (property letters), Conference Sewer Project call (attended by 14), Leslie Bros sales rep
6/14 – DG Construction site, PMH Bids w/Paramount Builders at low,
6/15 – Zoom with New Benedum Officer, Region 4 Comm Meeting, Downstream Strategies,
6/16 - Various projects/complaints/other had me in/out of office most of the day.
6/17 – Affordable connectivity program (Juneteenth)
6/20 – WV DAY Holiday
6/21 – ROC Zoom, PC Housing Task Force Meeting, (Linda Green announced retirement plans)
6/22 – (No response to Paving Bids), Rex Schultz on sewer, (inquiry on housing square footage)
6/23 – 3 zoom meeting, and on-site at DG, SHARC & Marlinton Listens,
6/24 – dumpster search, set up range for IWQ,
6/27 – Employee Meeting at 4th Ave garage, “Extension from a Mayors Perspective”,
6/28 – PSC Communication for distressed utility and economic development/DG site
6/29 – DG Sewer issue, Terri Kiser retirement, Potesta on PMH,
6/30 – In-person HubCap meeting at Cowen w/pond project

From our Comprehensive Plan, the #1 Concern was Law Enforcement - the need to have a better police presence in town. Page 3-5 thru 3-8