

October 4, 2018

Town of Eleanor
P.O. Box 185
Eleanor, WV 25070

A regular meeting of the town council of the Town of Eleanor was held at 7:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Cam Clendenin
Councilman K. Childers
Councilwoman T. Harmon
Councilman J. McLane
Councilman J. Tolley, Jr.

Absent: Recorder L. Casto
Councilwoman G. Hull

Visitors: Martha Fisch, Jim Moore, Lea A. Mitchell, David Rossi, Richard Lindsay and Janet Williams.

The meeting began at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented on a motion by J. McLane, 2nd by J. Tolley Jr. & carried.

The liability forecast was approved on a motion by K. Childers, 2nd J. McLane & Carried. Mayor Clendenin will contact Monogram Plus and discuss the order received before processing their payment.

Council reviewed and discussed the 1st Quarter Finance report. The report noted that the overall yearly budget for the town is \$757,743.00. The budget is based on revenue projections throughout the fiscal year July 2018 – July 2019.

Mayor Clendenin introduced Richard Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay is a candidate for the State Senate 8th District which Eleanor is a part of. Mr. Lindsay introduced himself to the audience and expressed gratitude for them allowing him to speak at our town meeting.

Report From Standing Committees/

The Health Committee met on September 24th. T. Harmon reported that the changes suggested by the Police Committee for the Firework Ordinance were discussed. Changes to the rough copy will be updated and discussed one more time by each group. The draft of the ordinance will be given to council to review at the November 1st meeting.

It was also reported that it would be good to have the new ordinance books by the start of next year. This will make enforcing ordinances easier and allow us to present better information to the public on their responsibilities according to the town ordinances. They also discussed high grass on town property. This will need to be address too before enforcing the penalties that are associated with violating the high grass ordinance. The next Health Committee meeting will be on the last Monday of the month, October 29th, at 6:00pm.

The History Committee met on October 2nd. J. Tolley Jr. announced information regarding the 2019 Town Calendars. They will be sold for \$10 and all proceeds will go towards projects planned by the History Committee. Pre-order forms will be ready soon. It was also reported that the Town Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 13th beginning at 4:00pm at the Town Park. We hope everyone can attend.

The next History Committee meeting will be on the first Tuesday of next month, November 6th at 6:30pm. Mayor Clendenin stated that we hope to see attendance in this grow. Everyone is welcome, it is not exclusive to town residents. It is more of a laid-back setting with everyone telling stories and talking about their memories growing up in or around Eleanor.

Sewer & Storm Water Board/ These boards have not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of this month, October 11th at 7:00pm.

Parks/ The Parks Board met on October 1st. K. Childers reported that the main topic of the meeting was to address high grass issues in the park. The board is aware of the issues and agrees with those who are unhappy with the appearance in several areas. They are doing their best to manage the rest of this mowing season and hoping to get things in good shape very soon. They are also looking at budget options for equipment and additional mowing help throughout next year. They also discussed the need to look into the curb side pickup service that the town offers. Three of the pickup months are in March, June and September. Each pickup pulls the maintenance workers from their mowing duties and makes it difficult for them to complete mowing jobs. It was suggested to rethink how we do the pickups, not to eliminate the service. The next Park Board meeting will be on the first Monday of next month, November 5th at 7:00pm.

Streets/ This committee has not met since the last council meeting. The next meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of this month, October 11th at 6:00pm.

Police/ Mayor Clendenin gave the report for the police meeting from September 24th. The September police statistics were passed out to audience members and council. The Police Committee also discussed the radar detector used by the police department to help identify areas of concern for speeding. The device is placed in discrete areas and will record total number of vehicles, their speed and the time of day. The device does not have a camera and tickets cannot be issued using this device, it is only to collect data to allow the department to better set up their patrols. It is a good tool and additional devices would help if we can budget to purchase more in the future. The next Police Committee meeting will be on the last Monday the month, October 29th at 7:00pm.

Report From Officers of the Town/

J. Tolley Jr. and Mayor Clendenin discussed the town's property on Beech Street that could be sold. Comparable properties have not been fully researched but if these were broken into four properties it could bring in much needed money to repair and improve the Red House. This is still just a discussion and there are no immediate plans to sell this property. Mayor Clendenin stated that there will be plenty of time for a public discussion and community comment before a decision would be made. It was also determined that the town could zone these so only "Single Family Homes" could be built. No duplexes or apartments would be permitted on this property if it is sold. They will also have to be sold through a "sealed-bid". This will be discussed more at future meetings.

J. Tolley added more information on the Town Picnic. He hopes to bring back the Street vs. Street Volleyball Tournament during the picnic. Council also discussed hopes in bringing back many more events that we all remember from years ago.

Action Upon Petitions/ Nothing to report.

Enactment of Ordinance/ Nothing to report.

Filling Vacancies in positions of Officers and Employees/ Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business/

On a motion by J. Tolley Jr, & 2nd by T. Harmon council approved waiving the fee for WVU Ext. Service for Room B on November 7th.

On a motion by T. Harmon, 2nd by J. McLane council approved waiving the fee for Gril Scout Troop 34872 for Room B on Tuesdays from October through December.

On a motion by K. Childers, 2nd by T. Harmon council approved waiving the fee for residents of NorthWoods to hold a meeting in Room B on November 7th.

On a motion by T. Harmon, 2nd by J. McLane council approved \$150 donation to the Buffalo High School Music Boosters "Basket & Bags Bingo" on November 3rd. They will be asked to bring in receipts totaling \$150 in purchases for the event.

A question was asked about the total pool cost this past year. Mayor Clendenin reported he will have those numbers at the next Park Board meeting and will also bring them to the council meeting to discuss.

Another question was asked about the noise ordinance not pertaining to fireworks. Mayor Clendenin stated from his memory of the ordinance it just pertains to any loud or excessive noises in general. He will have to get a copy of the ordinance and read through it to see the exact wording.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.