

TOWN OF NEWLAND  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017  
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes

ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, Dave Calvert, Roxanna Roberson, Greg Seiz.

GUESTS: Roy Reynolds, Clara Dickson, Bill Close, Frances Banner, Shannon Seiz, Casey Turbyfill, Matt Debham, Tim Gardner

STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Byron Clawson, Michael Fields, Crystal Hicks, Tammy Gardner

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Mayor then led the audience in the pledge to the American flag.

Kenny made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Dave made a motion to approve the October minutes. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands. Greg Seiz then stated that the last meeting got out of order somewhat and the minutes might be out of order of how they actually occurred, and he just wanted that on the record. He also wanted to make sure the board stayed on point of order. Kenny stated that at times it gets loud and the clerk can't always hear what's being said. He feels the clerk is doing a good job.

The Mayor then asked for public comments and to stay within the 3-minute zone. There were no public comments.

The Mayor then asked for department reports.

Crystal Hicks gave the Tag Office report. Dave asked Crystal if she could get last year's reports to compare to this years. Crystal told Dave she should be able to do that. There were no other questions for Crystal. Kenny then stated to the audience that Crystal and Whitney had been doing art work for Christmas decorations and what a good job their art work is. He told everyone to stop by and see what they had done.

Lise Meinhardt gave the financial report. She stated things were going well and on track. Lise stated she had gone back and prepared the sales tax refund for 2016-2017, and it came out to \$4800.00. Lise stated she was going back prior years and do it from where it had not been done. There were no questions for Lise.

Byron Clawson gave the police report. He stated that they had seized a vehicle from a drug case and will be asking for the vehicle for the town once the case is finished. The Police department was audited and received 100% compliance for the records of the officers. Both officers, Fields and Lambert completed the basic radar school.

Keith gave the public works and administrative report. They had to fix a few leaks and fix some things from the flood. Keith also stated the town purchased a used truck a 2012 Ram 4x4 for \$31,150.00 that was budgeted for. Keith then explained to the board how He and Lise had saved \$5000.00 on insurance through Fortner by reducing some plans. Also, Keith and Lise had a meeting with Verizon to see about savings. Frances stated they should check with Charter. Keith then stated there were around 1500-2000 trick or treater's this year and the float that the town entered in the homecoming parade was a big success with cupcakes that Lise made and were handed out to everyone. Kenny then stated to Keith he wanted to hear more about the vehicle he just purchased. Keith explained it was a 2012 he found in Huntersville. The truck has 76000 miles at a cost of \$31,150.00. Greg asked if it was outfitted. Keith explained it would need a snowplow at a cost around \$6850.00 and tire chains would cost around \$300.00. Dave then asked Keith about the old TRW being bought and if water goes out that far. Keith explained there is a well near there and the sewage runs up the High School Road, that will be something they will look in to. Dave then asked Keith if there were any ways taxes could be reduced in the next year. Keith explained it's hard to know that until budget and expenses are gone over first. Greg then asked about certain lights not working on the river walk. Keith explained that the flood had caused some damage and they knew about it and were working on it.

There was no old business.

The Mayor then asked for new business.

Greg told the board he had talked with Stephanie Paglen about setting up Town of Newland email accounts for the board to be reached by instead of using their personal email. Keith explained to Greg there would be a cost for the town. Lise explained to Greg that sometimes it's hard to get your emails since Stephanie is the only one with the password since she is the administrator. She stated you would have to bring your phone and laptop in to the town hall to have the emails set up. Valerie stated she did not think it was a good ideal since the board can only communicate by three only in a meeting. Shannon Seiz stated she thought Greg meant it only for reaching out and not discussing things. Valerie stated she misunderstood and was sorry. Keith stated he would talk to Stephanie about it and get back to the board at the next meeting.

Joe Seegers then talked to the board about the Board of Elections bill, which is \$3077.25 from County Attorney Michelle Poore, where Joleta Wise was contested about living in the city limits. Joe stated the statues stated to pay the board of elections and not the attorney. Mr. Seegers stated he had discussed this matter with the town administrator and the county manager. Joe Then stated to the board that the Town could pay three/fourths of the bill if paid now. The town would pay \$2302.50 plus a filing fee of \$7.25 which would make it \$2309.75 total. Clara then asked if the taxpayers are responsible to pay the bill and who hired an attorney? Joe stated it had nothing to do with that. The board did not contest Joleta. Frances Banner then stated that people did not believe Kenny lived in the city limits. Clara then stated that a lot of people believed Kenny Caraway did not live in the city limits and that she wants a map of every board members house to see if they live in the city limits. Clara then asked who has to pay? Joe stated the town was responsible. Dave made a motion to pay the three/fourths which is \$2309.75. Greg seconded the motion. The mayor then asked for discussion. Greg then asked if that would settle the bill. Joe stated it would. The Mayor asked all in favor to pay the \$2309.75 to vote. Dave, Greg, Roxie raised their hands in favor. Mayor then asked all opposed to pay the \$2309.75. Kenny raised his hand. The Mayor stated that the motion carried.

On the moratorium, Dave stated he had sent emails out to the planning board members. Greg asked if anyone turned in an application. Keith responded no. Kenny stated they were waiting for more responses. Kenny made a motion for 60 days moratorium on home site dwelling from the date of the meeting in which such time for the committee to come together. Greg seconded the motion. Mayor asked for discussion or no discussion. The Mayor then asked for all in favor vote. All agreed by a show of hands. Mayor asked for opposed. No one opposed. Mayor stated motion carried.

Kenny made a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

On returning from closed session the mayor announced no decision is made.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Greg seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner