

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 4, 2017
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ALDERMAN: Donetta McKinney, Kenny Caraway, Dave Calvert, Thomas Jackson
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
GUESTS: Claude Buchanan, Clara Dickson, Frances Banner, Sam Ray, Steve York,
Greg and Shannon Seiz, Jeanette Calvert, Matt Debnam, Tim Gardner
STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Byron Clawson, Crystal Hicks, Tammy
Gardner

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

Donetta made a motion to approve the minutes for the March regular meeting. Thomas seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Claude Buchanan was recognized. Claude brought trophies and a video to show the board. He asked the board to support his cruise-in in Newland. Claude explained how he would like to get more things going in the Town, and wanted to do the cruise-in once a month through September. The Board discussed a schedule and times with Mr. Buchanan. The Board discussed the traffic of having it in uptown Newland. Donetta asked Mr. Clawson if he has any suggestions on how to help the traffic flow while the event is going on. Mr. Clawson said he would help in any way needed. After much discussion, the board agrees to pay \$250.00 donation to sponsor the cruise-in and to have it the third Friday of the month. Claude Tells the board he will get back with a schedule for them.

The Mayor then read the policy for public comments.

The Mayor then asked for public comments. Frances Banner thanked the board for all they were doing. There were no public comments.

The Mayor then swears in new Chief of Police Byron Clawson.

The Mayor tells the audience Dave Calvert would like to address them. Dave asks that the talking needs to stop in order for the Town to be able to get back to normal. Too much gossip about things that were never brought up has hurt the town and the board. He thanked everyone and wants things to move forward.

The Mayor then asked for department reports.

Crystal Hicks is recognized. She gives the monthly tag report. Valerie tells audience about hiring Whitney Townsend for the tag office.

Keith Hoilman is recognized. He states how hard Crystal has worked the past few weeks and how good she is doing. Keith then tells the board about working on the website for the town, and placing the electronic advertisement screen in front of the clerk's office. He states he has met with Rec-Department about the Easter egg hunt, and they asked if Town would be willing to help pay on an inflatable for that day. Keith then states about proposed building plans and site for Yellow Mountain Enterprise and feed Avery families by David Tate. Keith states officer Keith Reed's last day is April 3rd and has accepted a job in Dixon County Tennessee to be closer to home. Keith also stated the DMV has a new employee, Whitney Townsend who started on Monday April 3rd and has enrolled her in the notary class at Mayland Community College on Monday, April 24th, 2017 and Tammy Gardner at Newland campus on Monday, June 5th, 2017. Keith also tells the board he would like to do a board work session and Town would set up a time. There were no questions for Keith.

Lise Meinhardt is recognized. She gives the financial report. Everything is going well and all is in the computer now.

The Mayor asked for old business.

Donetta explains how the Greater Newland would like to have office space in the Town Hall to advertise and plan events.

The Mayor asked for new business.

Keith explains New Personnel Policy. Donetta made a motion to adopt new Personnel Policy. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Dave recognizes Keith and tells the audience what a good job he is doing.

Donetta made a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Thomas seconded the motion. All Agreed by a show of hands.

Upon returning from closed session, no decisions were made in closed session. Thomas motioned to adjourn. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Town Clerk, Tammy Gardner