

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 2018
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Joleta Wise,
GUESTS: Claude Buchanan, Clara Dickson, David Masonoff
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 let the audience in the pledge to the American flag.

Joleta made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

Kenny made a motion to approve the March minutes. Joleta seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

The Mayor asked for public comments. The Mayor announced the rules for public comments. There were no public comments.

Claude Buchanan asked the board if he could do the cruise-in like he has done in previous years. Claude asked if he could have the car show on the fourth of July. Claude asked if the Town would still be able to give him the \$250.00 they usually do to buy the trophies for the winners of the car show. Claude stated the money stays in the Town. Claude stated he gets the trophies from Yellow Mountain Enterprises and gets T-shirts from Brodies. Claude stated he would like to start the cruise-in the first Friday night in May. Chief Clawson stated it would be fine with him. The board agreed. Claude asked the board about a parade for the Fourth of July. The Board stated he would need insurance, to organize it and to talk to the events committee since they were now over those things.

Crystal Hicks gave the tag office report. James asked how many passports they had done. Crystal stated about 10. James asked if Crystal could have a report of the passports next time. Crystal stated she could. There were no questions for Crystal.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson stated that Officer Fields attended the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators Conference. Chief Clawson stated that the training went well and Officer Fields brought back valuable information to benefit the police department. Chief Clawson also stated that he was waiting on Dominic Parker's paperwork to return so that he can be sworn in. Chief Clawson stated that he now has the employment contract for his employees. James asked about the evidence room, whether they had started working on it yet. Chief

Clawson stated no because they have been very busy. Keith stated that since we were short a worker and his men have been so busy with picking up all the debris, they have not had time to start on it.

Keith Hoilman gave the Administrative and public works report. Keith stated passports were going well. Keith stated they were still getting resumes for the public works job. Keith stated the men have been really busy with cleaning up the debris the ice storm caused. Keith stated he has started the list for paving and patching, and to replace the light bulbs in the street and sidewalk lights. Keith stated he had met with Debbie Sexton on Tuesday April 3rd to discuss a low interest loan for a new backhoe and the search grant. Keith stated he and Lise had been continuing to research phone systems and he was still trying to get the DMV 5 days a week. Keith stated he would like to schedule a workshop for April 21st at 8:00 am-12:00. The Board was good with that date and time. James asked who does the website. Keith stated The Computer Studio. James asked that she update the site because several things needed updating. Keith stated he would look into it. James asked which streets were affected by the ice storm. Keith explained there were several. Keith stated how he and James came in and worked on Saturday to clear some of it out. James thanked them for doing that. Lauren asked what the protocol was when asked about who and how to handle debris. Keith stated that they need to cut it up in 4-foot lengths and stack it up and the men pick it up as soon as they can. Kenny stated that out on Vale Road, behind the old school bus garage there was a lot of junk piled up with cars that have flat tires and old buses they're using for a junk pile. Kenny asked if maybe the town could ask them to clean up the mess. Keith stated he would find out.

There was no old business

In new business James stated he would like to get contractors for mowing started. The board discussed where they had checked on it before but it was going to cost a lot to do that. Keith stated he had been helping cover on weekends. James stated that he thought contracting was the best way to go. Keith stated that they were already budgeted for another worker and they needed someone soon. Kenny stated that previously when they checked into it that it was going to cost a whole lot more than it was worth to contract out verses hiring another worker. After some discussion the board decided to discuss in the workshop.

Kenny made a motion to adjourn. Joleta seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner