

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2019
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Christie Hughes
GUESTS: Jerry Moody, Mike Tolson, Scott Bumgarner, Rick Snyder
STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Chief Byron Clawson, Colby Benfield,
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.

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

Kenny made a motion to accept the July minutes. James seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

In public comments; Jerry Moody from the AG Department of Avery County explained to the board how they would like to help the Town with the Halloween Trick or Trunk. Mr. Moody explained that the Town could use the fairgrounds and not have the children on the streets. Mr. Moody explained how they plan to develop a haunted trail next year. The Board thanked Mr. Moody for coming.

Mike Tolson from Mack Gay Associates presented the board with a AIA program resolution. Mr. Tolson explained how to qualify for the grant and how much it would cost to the board. He stated it was money from the state set aside for updating systems. The grant would not be available until April of next year. The board thanked Mr. Tolson for coming.

Rick Snyder surveyor, asked the board for approval on the site plan on Vale Road. Mr. Snyder presented the board with layouts for 5 stick-built homes. James made a motion to approve this pending that it's within the ordinances and policy of Town of Newland. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson went over all notable calls and department information. Chief Clawson asked the board about selling used body cameras to The Village of Sugar Mountain. Chief Clawson stated that only one camera worked. James asked if they were aware, they did not work and the Chief replied yes. Chief Clawson stated he was asking \$200.00 for the camera that worked and \$25.00 for each one that does not work for a sum of \$300.00. James made a motion to sell the cameras, the one that works for \$200.00 and the ones that do not work for \$25.00. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Lise Meinhardt gave the finance report. Lise gave the board a pre-audit summary. Lise stated the audit was scheduled for August 27th. Lise stated she had moved the money discussed in previous meeting into First National Bank. The board thanked Lise.

Keith Hoilman gave the Administrator and Water Works report. Keith stated he had rented out the other office space to Taylor's Taxes. Keith stated that Nordic PC will now be our IT guys. Keith stated that Crystal Hicks has resigned from the tag office and the 9th will be her last day. Keith wished her well. Keith stated the water department crew replaced some leaking water meters. The new meters should be here the end of August. Keith scheduled a workshop for August 22 at 6:15 to continue the personnel policy.

There was no old business:

In new business: Kenny made a motion to accept the resolution for water/sewer. James seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Kenny made a motion to adjourn. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner