

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JULY 11, 2017
6:00PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ALDERMAN: Donetta McKinney, Thomas Jackson, Roxanna Roberson,
Kenny Caraway
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
GUESTS: Emily Singleton
STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Byron Clawson, Crystal Hicks, Tammy
Gardner, Matthew Lambert, Daniel Denton

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

Donetta made a motion to approve the minutes for the June meeting. Roxie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Donetta made a motion to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing to approve the budget. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

The Mayor then asked for public comments. There were no public comments.

The Mayor then asked for Department Reports.

Crystal Hicks gave the Tag Office report. There were no questions for Crystal. Donetta expressed her gratitude to the ladies for their hard work and working on the 4th of July.

Byron Clawson gave the Police Report. He told the board how him and the Town Police officers have been working with the DA to better assist them in drug investigations and prosecution of their cases. It was a positive meeting. He stated that himself, Officer Denton and Officer Fields attended the “active shooter” training at the court house. He stated Mr. Denton has started field training, and his paperwork has been submitted, and is working on Mr. Lamberts paperwork which will be submitted as soon as it is completed. Mr. Clawson then introduced the two new officers to the board, Mr. Matthew Lambert and Mr. Daniel Denton. The board expressed gratitude for them and the job they were doing. Donetta stated she really appreciated all they did to make the 4th of July eventful.

Lise Meinhardt told the board that everything was going well. She had no reports at this time.

Keith Hoilman gave the administrative report. He also thanked everyone for the participation in the 4th of July events. He explained to the board how he would like to get an event planning committee together to help with future events. Keith then explained to the board he had received 4 applications for a permanent public works worker 1 position. After discussion Donetta made a motion to hire Danny Ray Cole for the position. Thomas seconded the motion. All agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

Keith then explained hiring for the audit. After discussion, Kenny made a motion to hire Misty Watson for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Donetta seconded the motion. All agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

Donetta then asked why Combs, Tennant, and Carpenter reflected two different amounts. She asked if in the past they had been paying for two different people to get the audit ready. Lise explained yes that the Town had paid an additional cost last year for Combs, Tennant and Carpenter to prepare an annual financial statement in addition to the audit amount. When she started it took her several months to get things in perspective and now she has everything that should needed to help with the audit and has the QS1 system also. Lise then asked the board where they wanted the funds from the dunking booth to go. They collected \$137.00. They decided to put them into restricted funds, for future kid's park equipment purchases.

Donetta then told Keith that they have gotten emails complaining about trash behind Buddy Williamson's car wash and junk around Gerald Browns. Keith stated he would look into this.

Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Donetta seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Valerie Jaynes, Mayor

Tammy Gardner, Clerk