

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROPOSED AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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AUGUST 4, 2020

6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes

ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers

ALDERMAN PRESENT: James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Christie Hughes, Dave Calvert

ABSENT: Kenny Caraway

GUESTS: Mike Tolson, Luke Barber (Avery Journal)

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.

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

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

Mike Tolson approached the board about grants for AIA. Mike explained how last time the Town was only 2 points off and felt like the Town should re-try again. The grants are for 150,000.00 for water and wastewater. The Town would pay 2250.00 for each if they received the grant.

James made a motion to adopt both resolutions and let the Administrator handle the paperwork. Lauren seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

Lise Meinhardt gave the financial report. Lise stated that the auditors would be doing the audit on Monday, August 10th. Lise stated she was still working on the credit card system and would be putting it on the bill to see if people wanted to use it. It would cost them 2 ½ percent to pay online.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson went over all notable calls. James asked the Chief if the call volume had gone up. The chief stated it was busier than last year. The Chief then asked to go into closed session.

Colby Benfield gave the public works report. Colby stated the Town used 3.62 millions of water last month. Colby went over leaks and repairs for the Town.

Keith gave the Administrators report. Keith stated he had been getting things ready for audit. Keith stated he talked with the Town Attorney concerning policy on demonstrations, parades and picketing and have proposed a revision of the policy, Keith stated he would like to have a public hearing at 5:50 on September 1. Joe Seegers stated it was for Insurance purposes for covering the Town.

In old business: Christie asked about the Fall Festival. After discussion, the Board members cancelled the festivities.

In new Business: Christie stated she wanted everyone in the Town hall to wear a face mask since she had to at the courthouse. Dave stated that you cannot make everyone. Joe Seegers stated that people may have health conditions and they cannot be made to wear them. Lise also stated that 80 to 90 percent of the people are wearing the mask in the Town Hall.

James made a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Lauren seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

Upon returning from closed session no decision was made.

Keith Stated the new office space had been leased. James made a motion to lease the office to the new tenants. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

James 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