

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 19, 2018
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Greg Seiz
GUESTS: Clara Dickson, Jared Jaynes, Colby Benfield, Christy Hughes, Casey
Turbyfill, Vanessa Clawson,
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 the pledge to the American flag.

The Mayor led the audience in a Moment of Silence for Alderman Joleta Wise.

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

James made a motion to approve the May minutes. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for public comments. The Mayor announced the rules for public comments.

In public comments Clara Dickson expressed her sorrow over Joleta's passing.

Crystal Hicks gave the tag office report. There were no questions for Crystal.

Lise Meinhardt gave the financial report. There were no questions for Lise.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson stated that Officer Potter had attended Glock Armorers school. Chief Clawson stated there had been a 1st degree burglary in town which resulted in three people being seriously assaulted. Chief Clawson also stated they were working on three counts of attempted murder in this case. James asked about grants. Chief Clawson stated he still hasn't heard anything. Lauren asked if any officers have applied for a job. Chief Clawson stated he has two recruits after advertising in Indeed. Chief Clawson stated he would like for them to be in contract. Lauren asked how much it will cost to set them up. The chief stated around \$850.00 initially. The board agreed with Byron to go ahead and get them started. Chief Clawson presented the board with two estimates to replace the flooring in the police department. Chief Clawson stated he preferred the first estimate. Chief Clawson and the board agreed on the first estimate of \$3,471.45 to replace the flooring in the police department.

Keith Hoilman gave the Administrative and Water Works reports. Keith stated he had contacted David Hill with Piedmont Triad Regional Council about an estimate for employee comprehensive pay. Keith stated it would be \$79 a person and there are 13 employees. James made a motion to proceed with the estimate. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried. Keith stated the men replaced a pump that cost was \$12,250.00 which they paid for but filed a claim on insurance. There was a \$2500.00 deductible. Keith stated the men had cleaned out the ditch on Old Public Road. Keith stated he and Lauren had met and discussed the Independence festivities for July 7th. Keith stated he and Lise had narrowed it down to the phone companies to use. Greg made a motion to go with Verizon. Lauren seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried. Keith stated he had contacted Lee Ellis about the property next door to Town Hall and the tax value is \$221,800.00. Keith stated he conducted several interviews for the public works worker 1 position and believes that Colby Benfield would be a good candidate. The board agreed and asked Mr. Benfield when he can start. Mr. Benfield stated he could start on Monday July 2nd.

There was no old business:

In new Business: Lise explains how the town needs to adopt a resolution for electronic payments since she has to do most things electronically. James made a motion to adopt a resolution for electronic payments. Greg seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Lauren stated someone approached her about a collapsed house on Summer Haven street that had a mountain of garbage. She asked if the fire department could do a controlled burn. Keith stated he would have to check into it because the fire department has certain rules they have to follow on these things. Keith stated the house could have asbestos also. Keith stated he would send a certified letter to the owner. Greg stated we need to check the ordinances to see how to take care of this matter and others like it. Greg stated we need to clean up our town. Kenny stated behind the board of education is also bad. The board decides to do a workshop to discuss these matters. Workshop will be held on July 14th at 8:00 am. Greg also discussed a street sweeper and maybe getting one from another town to use for a day. Lauren gave a report on the festivities for Independence Day. Keith stated he would like to have a cleanup day on June 30th for everyone who would like to help.

Kenny made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel. James seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Back in open closed session no decision was made.

Greg made a motion to adjourn. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner

