

**TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 1, 2021

6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROPOSED AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

(CELL TOWER LEASE)

NEW BUSINESS

(RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS)

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MAY 4, 2021

6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes

ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers(absent)

ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson(absent), Lauren Turbyfill, Dave Calvert, Christie Hughes

STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, 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.

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

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

Christie made a motion to approve the emergency meeting minutes. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson expressed his concern for the loss of life in Watauga County. The board discussed different way of protection for the police department.

Colby Benfield gave the public works report. Colby stated he had been catching up on things and it was going well. Colby stated his new employee Jarod King had started working. Dave asked about the sidewalks. Colby stated he had ordered a new tool which would help clean the sidewalks. Colby and the board discussed moving more money over for paving since there is more to be paved now.

Lise Meinhardt gave the finance and administrator report. Lise stated she had hired two girls for the tag office, McKinsey full time permanent, Ginger full time temporary. Lise stated Courtney's maternity leave ends June 25th. Lise stated that she had talked with Phillip Barrier and he has sent Crystal Hicks over to train the girls. Lise read a statement to the board concerning work and stated it was time for her to move on. Lise stated her last day would be June 30th since she wanted to go be with her children and stated her girls needed her. Lise stated she was thankful to the board members and felt she and the board members wanted what was best for the Town. Dave thanked Lise for all she has done. Lise stated Mr. Stephen Clemmons had called concerning the land beside him needing to be cleaned up. After

discussion Lise stated she would check with County to see what they said. Kenny stated you have to go by policy. The board discussed a workshop date for budget and town business.

Kenny stated he had talked with Phillip Barrier at County to see how they collected taxes. After discussion, Kenny made a motion to follow general statues for past due taxes and to give 30 days to schedule a payment if a customer misses a payment, it will be turned over to the Town attorney for collection. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

The board discussed hiring of a Town Administrator. The Budget workshop was set for May 27th at 5:30.

Kenny made a motion to adjourn. Christie seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner