

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Pro tem: Dave Calvert
ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, Donetta McKinney, Thomas Jackson
GUESTS: Greg and Shannon Seiz, Clara Dickson, Sam Ray, Frances Banner, Joleta Wise, Bill Lind, Matt Debnam
STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Byron Clawson, Crystal Hicks, Tammy Gardner, Danny Ray Cole

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

Donetta made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Thomas seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Kenny addressed the proposed agenda letting everyone know that it would enable them to add something if they needed too. Dave stated that they needed to receive the agenda on Wednesday's now in order to change something if needed. Dave read the policy for public comments.

Donetta made a motion to approve the August minutes. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

The mayor pro tem then asked for public comments.

Clara Dickson was recognized. She stated that her street had grass growing on it and asked if the boys could put round-up on it to get rid of it.

Frances Banner was recognized. She asked if the proposed agenda was like the agenda she had. The board answered yes.

The Mayor pro tem then asked for department reports.

Crystal Hicks gave the tag office report. There were no questions for Crystal. Dave asked about the passports. Keith explained how Crystal and Whitney have been doing the on-line classes.

Lise Meinhardt gave the financial report. Lise gave everyone a printout with line items and stated it was the best form for showing everything. The town has 325,000.00 in checking, and around 340,000.00 in savings. Donetta asked about the audit. Lise replied that it should start Monday September 18. There were no other questions.

Byron Clawson gave the police report. He stated the department was still looking at leads for the tractor stolen from the dealership. He stated an elderly woman received a call from the IRS demanding payment or face being arrested. After researching, found it was a computer-generated call possibly not from the U.S. He stated all was going very well with all his officers. Donetta asked if any progress with the evidence. Mr. Clawson stated that there had been some and he was talking with the DA about this.

Keith Hoilman addressed the board and introduced Danny Ray Cole to them. He is the newest employee in the Public Works department. The board welcomed Mr. Cole.

Keith then gave the Public Works and Administrative report. The utilities department has been working to get everything ready for the hurricane, made sure the generators and water treatment plant was set in case of emergency. Keith has been meeting with Phillip Barrier, the county manager, on working together to make the area a better place. They will be trying to get a better traffic pattern set for areas around the courthouse. Keith and James will be attending a re-certification class on September 25th. Keith also stated that a natural gas line was connected to Town Hall building at a waived cost of 1265.00. It will also save on the heating bill of the Town Hall.

Keith gave all the 1-year employees a plaque for their service. Michael Fields, Crystal Hicks, Lise Meinhardt, Tammy Gardner. The employees were very thankful for Keith and the Boards gratitude.

Donetta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thomas seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Town Clerk, Tammy Gardner