

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2018
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
ALDERMAN: Kenny Caraway, James C. Johnson, Lauren Turbyfill, Greg Seiz
GUESTS: Clara Dickson, Frances Banner, Christy Hughes, Thomas Webb,
David Masonoff
STAFF: Keith Hoilman, Connor Ritchie, Chief 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.

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

Greg made a motion to approve the July minutes. James 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.

David Masonoff stated he was happy they removed the old telephone booth. David also stated he had been in touch with DOT and they were going to paint the school zones signs on the highway. Lauren asked David if they call for a follow up to ask if they would paint the crosswalks at the stoplights also.

Clara Dickson also stated the yellow and white lines on the highways were hard to see.

Crystal gave the tag and passport report. Lauren asked if they were down today from the state-wide outage. Crystal stated yes, and hopefully back up tomorrow. There were no other questions for Crystal.

Chief Byron Clawson gave the police report. Chief Clawson stated the recruits are making progress and will submit paperwork for their certification on August 14th. Chief Clawson stated that he rescued a raccoon from a drain. And had several false alarms. James asked since school will be starting the 21st would he be able to have someone at the school zone in the mornings. Chief Clawson stated that he has had a lot of complaining over it and has planned to have it taken care of.

Keith gave the administrator and water works report. Keith introduced Connor Ritchie and stated finance was doing fine right now. Keith stated that David Hill had come by and talked with the employees and would be back in a few weeks. Keith stated he had met with Fortaline, and would be going on Beech Mountain and taking Colby to see how they work there since they have that system.

Keith stated the men had fixed leaks, moved the old phone booth and picked up brush and debris and cleaned culverts. Keith stated Mike Nelson would be paving. Lauren asked if the road by the square and bank would be paved since a few people had asked her about it. Keith stated it would. Greg asked if there was a schedule of what is going to be paved. Keith stated the rain has prevented them from getting it faster. James asked if we have a street list. Keith replied yes. Greg asked if they could clean up the gravel after they fill the potholes. Keith stated they would. Keith stated that Verizon would be installing the new phone system on the 20th. James stated that maybe it should be put on the website or announced since sometimes things don't go as planned. Keith stated they would replace the heating and air in August. Keith stated that himself and the Police Chief went around and looked at properties that had violations. Keith presented the board with two set of pictures to look at. One was for the nuisance violations of the town with a list of names and places. The other were pictures of the drain run off on Wanteska Street. The board discussed both situations. Keith stated that he had spoken with Tommy Burluson, who is with the flood plan management, about the run off and Tommy stated to leave it alone because it was doing what it was supposed to be doing. Keith showed the pictures to Joe Seegers as well. After much discussion the board then stated to write the people with nuisance property a letter with the ordinances and to reply within 15 days. After that explaining it needs to be corrected within a time frame. After September 30th if no response they will send out a certified letter. Frances stated she thought Bud Trice would be willing to haul off old vehicles.

In new business: Greg stated he had spoken with Mr. Phil Trew for High Country Council of Governments about the planning board and he wanted to come meet with Keith and do a presentation. James asked if they were going to use the ones that had applied for the planning board and reminded the planning board that the Town board would have to vote on them first.

Lauren stated she was approached by Dawn Dellinger about putting a bench with no cost to the town, on the river walk in remembrance of Joleta Wise. Lauren made a motion for Dawn Dellinger and friends to place a bench on the Riverwalk in remembrance of Joleta Wise. James seconded the motion. Kenny reminded the board that a memorial still needs to be placed for Jake Owens also. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Lauren stated she would like to have a fall festival and name it Home and Harvest Festival on October 6th on the square, with farmers stuff, vendors, a kid's corner and apple butter and blacksmith demonstrations. After discussion the board approved the festival. Lauren made a motion to have a fall festival. James seconded the motion. All agreed by stating I. Motion carried.

The Mayor stated the meeting for September will be changed till the 6th on that Thursday, and the meeting for October will be on the 4th which is the following Thursday also. Joe Seegers stated he would be out of Town for October meeting but would be able to answer by his cell phone.

Kenny made a motion to adjourn. Lauren seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands and stating I. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Clerk, Tammy Gardner