



MINUTES

Regular Town Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Tuesday, July 9, 2024
Council Chambers

The Regular Town Council of the Town of Beech Mountain was called to order on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, with the following members present:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Weidner Abernethy
Vice Mayor Kelly Melang
Councilmember Alan Villanova
Councilmember Art Beckmann
Councilmember M.W. Stanford

COUNCIL EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Bob Pudney
Town Clerk Emily Haynes

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Mayor Abernethy called the July 9th, 2024 Town Council Meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion

Alan Villanova made a motion to adopt the agenda and Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

3. INVOCATION- DEWEY CYCLONE BRETT

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

5.1. Fred Pfohl of 501 Beech Mountain Parkway- Expressed his concern about changes proposed for Shane Park. Mr. Pfohl stated he would like to see the campground remain unplugged, not plugged in. Thank you, Mayor and Town Council.

Theres Barry of 100 Squirrel Lane- Last month I spoke on the idea of creating a system to allow residents to park for free using their convenience center tags and I began receiving numerous emails and text messages. I have directed those individuals to reach out to the council with their concerns. What is being done to stop or slow down the connection of new water lines? Thank you to those who held the Fourth of July Waterslide event, it was wonderful!

Cynthia Harrison of 126 Village Cluster Road- I would like to express my condolences to the mayor and his family for the tragic loss of your son. Thank you each as leaders of the town. My concern today is growth on the mountain. Can the town limit how many new construction permits are issued within a year? Growth is not always a positive benefit. With the Fourth of July just passing I would like the town to consider researching a new type of fireworks display shot with drones that don't scare or harm the animals and environment. Lastly, it would be beneficial to have a designated area for useable items people are throwing away so that others have the chance to get the items before they go to the dumpster.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Adoption of Minutes
- 6.2. Budget Amendment

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to approve the consent agenda Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. Resolution of Acceptance and Assurance

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to approve the Resolution of Acceptance and Assurance Alan Villanova seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 7.2. Proposed Ordinance Amendment to § 71.06 Town Parking Lot Restrictions

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Amendment to § 71.06 Town Parking Lot Restrictions M.W. Stanford seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 7.3. Water Supply Drought Mitigation Capital Budget Ordinance

Motion

Art Beckmann made a motion to approve the Water Supply Drought Mitigation

Capital Budget Ordinance Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

8. TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

- 8.1.** 1.New water rates in effect. The public is encouraged to check their next several water bills for correct information. Call Town Hall with questions.
- 2.Convenience center days of operation will be reduced effective this coming Sunday, July 14th. Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.
- 3.Project updates-
- a.Skiloft Road is on schedule, all sewer lines and taps are in, water mains are installed with testing and disinfecting underway, and stormwater infrastructure is complete. Retaining walls are underway. Dry utilities (electric and communications) is the next phase.
- b.Buckeye Recreation Center air conditioning completed, working on the punch list.
- c.Pond Creek Sewer Plant repairs completed, the plant is up and running.
- d.Town Hall / Visitors Center progress. Work is progressing, September 2024 target. Pardon the dust and construction zone.
- e.Utility project – Meadowview Circle is 95% complete, then will move to Greenbriar Road
- f.Stormwater culverts and road repairs are underway.
- g.Staghorn Hollow Road – asphalt milling used to test another method to stabilize gravel roads, with almost no dust. Will test through the winter as snow plowing is a question.
- 4.The second Farmers Market was a great success including the thunderstorm, well attended, and Santa enjoyed meeting with the kids. Thanks to the whole community for supporting this event. The next market is August 2nd with a “Go Team USA” (Olympics) red, white and blue theme.
- 5.Remind residents that the Convenience Center placards have changed effective July 1st. Call or stop by Town Hall if you have not picked up or received the new placards.
- 8.2.** Finance Officer's Monthly Report
- 8.3.** Fire Department Monthly Report
- 8.4.** Police Department Monthly Report

- 8.5. TDA Report July 2024
- 8.6. DOI Monthly Report
- 8.7. June 2024 Recreation Report
- 8.8. Planning and Inspection Monthly Report 2024-06

9. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 9.1. Councilmember Villanova- Thank you Chief Pudney and staff for coming within budget. I want to take the time to recognize and appreciate the town employees as they work day to day to maintain and run our town. The new water rate plan is intended to promote water conservation.

Councilmember Beckmann- One of the reasons I came to Beech Mountain was the small-town feeling. With the recent passing of community members, it makes me proud to be a part of a community that comes together in difficult times.

Councilmember Stanford- The past few months have been rough for many members of the community and I want the town to know the council is always available to speak to you. I will be at the Coffee Shop on Wednesday, July 17th at 11:00 AM for an in-person discussion. With the recent storms and rainwater run-off issues, I urge homeowners to maintain and keep culverts clear of debris.

Vice Mayor Melang- Thank you to everyone who volunteered or purchased a plate from the Hog Roast. Run the Beech race series spots available please sign up and enjoy a good event.

Mayor Abernethy- The last call and memorial for Pete Chamberlain was a wonderful event please take the time to stop by Wynn Park Memorial. Thank you all for your attendance, comments, and feedback at today's Council Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion for adjournment at 4:51 PM.

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to adjourn at 4:51 PM Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

Town Clerk

Mayor, Town of Beech Mountain