



MINUTES

Regular Town Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Council Chambers

The Regular Town Council of the Town of Beech Mountain was called to order on Tuesday, September 10, 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: Attorney Stacy Eggers, IV
Town Manager Bob Pudney
Town Clerk Emily Haynes

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Mayor Abernethy called the September 10th Council Meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion amend and adopt the agenda adding new business item 7.4 Paving Beech Mountain Parkway in conjunction with Eagles Nest Alan Villanova 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- As a resident of Beech Mountain

it dawned on me just how lucky I am to live on the beautiful mountain. Thank you to every person who plays a role in the continuous work required to maintain the beautification of this mountain. I would also like to invite everyone to the Fellowship Feast Potluck dinner on September 26th at the Buckeye Recreation Center.

Urs Gsteiger of 124 Raven Road- I would like to speak on item 7.4 under new business that was added to the agenda. No one who lives on Beech Mountain Parkway will want that section of the roadway paved. I ask that you open that item up for a Public Hearing before making any decision.

Bill Tyndal of 1406 Beech Mountain Parkway- The gravel that is currently on Beech Mountain continuously blows dust onto our property and vehicles. I paved the 600 feet of pavement in front of my property and would like to see the rest of Beech Mountain Parkway paved. I would also like to see the speed limit enforced in that section of the parkway.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1. Adoption of Minutes
- 6.2. General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies
- 6.3. Partial Close out Capital Project for Pinnacle Ridge Well
- 6.4. Order to Collect 2024 Taxes
- 6.5. 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the consent agenda Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 7.2. Call for Public Hearing on Kitchens and Guest Suites amendments

Motion

Alan Villanova made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM** Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 7.3. Call for a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to Off-Street Parking and Loading

Motion

Alan Villanova made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 4:00 PM** Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 7.4. Paving Beech Mountain Parkway in Conjunction with Eagles Nest.

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the next regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, October 8th, 2024, at 4:00 PM** Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

8. TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Town Managers Report

1. Projects:

a. Skiloft Road – paving is underway this week with 10 days of completion. All utilities are complete. Kate Gavenus is writing a checklist for homeowners to restore all services to their homes.

b. Utility project – Greenbrier progressing as planned.

c. Town Hall/Visitor Center is moving towards completion, finishes, and final paving underway. All major systems are up and running. The project is at 90% completion.

d. Lake Coffey – met with the Beech Mountain Club to go over the project as it relates to the irrigation system for the golf course. We are being required to conduct a Bat Study over the next 6 months to determine what impact, if any, will be made on the bat migration.

e. Traffic counters are installed and running, we are tweaking the reports before winter to accurately collect data. Selected the Oz weekend, the gross volume was 21,000 vehicles past the town hall. (funded by TDA)

f. Traffic study is out for bid, the Town Planner is reviewing the submittals, and we expect to have the study underway for this winter traffic. (funded by TDA)

2. Would like to pursue a comprehensive strategic plan for the commercial corridor as well as surrounding private properties. Include the Buckeye Creek Rd area as a second plan. This is in response to the discussion by the council regarding the town-owned properties and the old public works buildings. Permission to send out an RFP to gain a cost estimate. Council gave Town Manager permission to send out an RFP.

3. The town has been gifted a search and rescue scent dog (k9) for use at the town's discretion. I would like to bring a formal proposal before the town council in October to include scope, legal requirements, and insurance.

4. Farmers Market #4 went well- This event has been off the charts each month, I would like to publicly thank Sandy Carr for her time and dedication to this successful Farmers Market. The Town Council won the cornhole challenge against the Fire Department. The next and last market for the year is October 4th and will feature Live music from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM, 35 types of local apples, free apple cider, and of course pumpkins.

5. The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a “Fellowship Feast” (potluck) event on Thursday, September 26th 5:00 PM at Buckeye Recreation Center. Encourage all residents and visitors to attend.

6. Discuss the recent EMS call and the funding for the ambulance. Dispatch, Lucas, ambulance, Mountain Ambulance Foundation, (helicopter) 18 town employees and volunteers handled the call. The life was saved using the system that taxpayer dollars fund and this call was just one example of how beneficial this has all been to our town. As Dr. Murray Miller stated previously, “The life we save may be yours.”

- 8.2. Monthly Finance Report
- 8.3. Fire Department Monthly Report
- 8.4. Police Department Monthly Report
- 8.5. August 2024 Recreation Report
- 8.6. DOI Report August 2024
- 8.7. Planning & Inspections Monthly Report 2024-08
- 8.8. TDA Report Sept. 2024

9. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 9.1. Councilmember M.S. Stanford- I encourage everyone to learn CPR. Also would like to remind everyone of the flu and cold season coming up, please get your vaccinations.

Councilmember Alan Villanova- Thank you to our first responders, Fire, and Rescue the actions taken saved a life. The maintenance and attention taken to continuing the progress in our town looks great the mountain is beautiful.

Councilmember Art Beckmann- Thank you to our Fire and EMS departments. The cornhole challenge at the September Farmers Market was great. I encourage everyone to attend this great event.

Vice Mayor Kelly Melang- Autumn at Oz will be open the next two weekends and I would like to invite residents and visitors to the Historical Society Museum to view the original Oz exhibit. Calendars are available with a \$5 donation.

Mayor Weidner Abernethy- The landscaping around the mountain is changing, and the town is more vibrant and proper. I believe the mountain looks more

inviting to visitors. I want to thank and state that the Beech Mountain Police Department does a fine job protecting and representing Beech Mountain. Thank you all for your attendance to today's council meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION - . ATTORNEY-CLIENT MATTERS PER §143-318.11(A)(3), INCLUDING TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN V. GOLDSTEIN, TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN V. WONDERS, TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN V. RIGSBEE.

10.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion to enter into closed session.

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion enter into closed session M.W. Stanford seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

10.2. Mayor Abernethy called the Regular Town Council Meeting back to order at 5:56 PM.

10.3. Attorney Eggers reported that the court entered judgment in the Skiloft matter of Town of Beech Mountain vs. Montgomery and Cannon in the amount of the deposit by the town. There was not an answer filed by them and the court entered a final judgment in that matter.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

Town Clerk

Mayor, Town of Beech Mountain