



MINUTES

Regular Town Council Meeting

4:00 PM - Thursday, June 13, 2024
Council Chambers

The Regular Town Council of the Town of Beech Mountain was called to order on Thursday, June 13, 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 June 13th Town Council meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion to amend the agenda to add a tax release for parcel #19411700834100000 to item 7.4.

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to adopt the amended agenda and Alan Villanova seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

3. INVOCATION- DEWEY CYCLONE BRETT

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING

5.1. Public Hearing Annual Budget FY:2024-25

No public elected to speak during the Annual budget FY:2024-2025 public hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6.1. Theres Barry of 100 Squirrel Lane- Full time residents should be able to use the paid public parking lot for free. A system needs to be created to use the trash tags as a "permit" for the parking lot as well. I also don't want to purchase a bear-resistant trash bin or see any changes happen at the Convenience Center.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1. Adoption of Minutes
- 7.2. Amendment to the 2024 Budget Ordinance
- 7.3. Solid Waste Franchise Agreement
- 7.4. Tax Release & Refunds

Motion

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance

Motion

M.W. Stanford made a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Budget Ordinance Kelly Melang seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 8.2. Consideration of the 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion

Alan Villanova made a motion to approve the 2025 Fee Schedule and Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

- 8.3. Request for Revision to Camping Ordinance for Shane Park

Motion

Kelly Melang made a motion to approve the request for revision to the camping ordinance at Shane Park and Art Beckmann seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

9. TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

- 9.1. Town Manager comments

1. Water rates for single-meter multi-family. We plan to move them to commercial for the short-term while we develop an account category. No changes in current bills.

2. New water rates and notifications will go out in the water bills and online. Encourage conservation.

3. Project updates:

a. Skiloft – on schedule and going very well.

b. Buckeye Recreation- A/C will be completed by June 30th.

c. Town Hall/Visitors Center – back to work, progress being made.

d. Buckeye Bridge – utility project – Meadowview 50%,

e. Holding a Skiway Neighborhood Meeting on July 31st at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers.

f. Pond Creek sewer plant repairs are underway.

g. Tamarack Road- Paved, there will be striping and reflectors soon.

h. Storm water – culverts replaced.

4. Convenience center hours will change the second week of July, (7/8) after the holiday, signage will be placed, and new placards and operating day. Closed Sunday and Wednesday.

5. Fishing derby a success. June 1st at Coffey, thanks to Parks and Rec.

6. The 1st farmers market was a great success (6/7), thanks to Sandy Carr and the volunteers. The next market is July 5th.

7. Summer camp starts next week at Buckeye Recreation Center.

8. The volunteer fire department open house at Fire Station #2, Saturday, June 22nd, 2-4 pm. Free hotdogs and cotton candy.

9. The Fire Department will hold a memorial for Pete Chamberlin, on Sunday, July 7th 2:00 pm at Wynn Park, all are invited.

10. Congratulations to Jimmie Accardi and Meckenzie on the birth of their new son, Daniel

9.2. Monthly Finance and Budget Reports for April 2024

9.3. DOI Monthly Report

9.4. May 2024 Recreation Report

9.5. Police Department Monthly Report

9.6. TDA Report June 2024

9.7. Fire Department Monthly Report

9.8. Planning and Inspection Monthly Report 2024-05

10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 10.1. Councilmember Alan Villanova- I want to thank Bob Pudney and his entire staff for the budget they have created for the FY2024-25. Please reach out to the Council or Town Manager for the correct information on any town topic.

Councilmember Art Beckmann- Thank you Manager Pudney and staff for presenting a budget that was exactly what this Council directed to be done. Thank you Sandy Carr for the hard work and dedication that is put into the Farmers Market.

Councilmember Stanford- The hours of staff time that is put into building a budget is difficult, thank you, staff, for your time and work. Summer is now here and the Council looks forward to hearing from those residents.

Vice Mayor Melang- The budget is available to view online on the town's website. I want to remind people that the ad valorem tax rate remained the same. The annual Hog Roast needs volunteers to work the event. The Historical Society will be having an open house on June 19th at 5:00 pm. I attended the Farmers Market and it was wonderful!

Mayor Abernethy- I want to thank the Council for the opportunity to serve as Town Mayor. I have found it beneficial to represent Beech Mountain in the many meetings available to attend. The Meet and Greet function that was held at my house went very well and I would like to thank all who attended. I appreciate each councilmembers continued support.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1. Mayor Abernethy requested a motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm.

Motion

Art Beckmann made a motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm and Alan Villanova seconded the motion. CARRIED. unanimously.

Town Clerk

Mayor, Town of Beech Mountain