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BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
February 10, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fred Pfohl called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 PM. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Shiela Fletcher, Kakii Handley and Ed Waligroski. Also present was Interim Town Manager Joe Perry. A number of interested spectators were in the audience.

1. Consent Agenda.

Tim Holland moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and the following items were unanimously approved:

- a. Minutes of meeting January 11, 1994.
- b. Minutes of meeting January 27, 1994.
- c. Minutes of Tour DuPont meeting, January 31, 1994.

2. Committee Reports.

- a. Tim Holland reported that the Region D meeting had been cancelled because of snow.
- b. Shiela Fletcher reported that the Watauga County meeting had been quite short with nothing of interest to report.
- c. Kakii Handley reported that, due to watershed regulations, a dike may be built in the Boone area which would reduce the size of two ball fields. The Watauga County Parks and Recreation Committee has expressed possible interest, therefore, in using the Beech Mountain ball field. Mrs. Handley and Joe Perry are going to visit the ball field to see if it is large enough to serve as a soccer field.
- d. Ed Waligroski reported that Avery County had held a lengthy meeting and distributed a copy of a letter sent by them to the N.C. Department of Environmental Management regarding the Pond Creek Watershed classification.
- e. Fred Pfohl reported that he had attended an interesting meeting called by Governor Hunt in Asheville regarding his crime package. Chief Hefner had also attended the meeting, which focused on the various aspects of the program, including boot camps for first time offenders, after school programs for middle school aged students, and so forth. The Governor had indicated that the plan would not cost the taxpayers more money to implement.

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3. Old Business.

- a. Consider SBA Tree Planting Program. Tim Holland reported that he had encountered difficulty in contacting knowledgeable people. He reminded Council that the program is a matching grant type of thing, with a minimum grant of \$1,000. The Town would not be able to use its forces to plant the trees, but would have to hire an outside business to do so. He said, if the Council wished, the application could be prepared and ready to submit, as the deadline is March 11, 1994. Shiela Fletcher moved that the Town go ahead and prepare the application. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion.

Kakii Handley asked if the Town could select where the trees would be purchased, and Mr. Holland said there was no restriction on the source of the trees. Ed Waligroski suggested the Town solicit more information from Greg Stamey at Region D. The question was called and Ms. Fletcher's motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider Use of Bear Paw Path Property for Cemetery. Mayor Pfohl pointed out that the Town had recently acquired a 19+ acre parcel of land off Bear Paw Path, and that suggestions had been received in the past for a Beech Mountain cemetery. He asked Mrs. Handley if she would be interested on serving on a committee to research the subject. Mrs. Handley indicated she would, and asked Mr. Perry if good fill could be deposited on the site for a period of time which would allow it to be used as a cemetery. Mr. Perry indicated he would have to walk the property, and Mrs. Handley said she would be happy to go with him and if it seemed feasible, they would contact Charles Steineger, who had originally suggested the project.

4. New Business.

- a. Consider Merging Beech Vision with Community Information Channel. Mayor Pfohl indicated that one reason High Country Cable had requested the merger was to add another channel to the basic tier of service (Sports South). He thought the merger would be positive, in that Beech Mountain's messages would be carried over a wider area and reach more viewers. He suggested that, if the Council agreed, any merger agreement be couched in words that would return the public service channel to Beech Mountain if it became available, rather than to any other entity.

Le O'Neal suggested that if the Town relinquishes its channel it be in favor of the Fox Network. Tim Holland indicated that the Council had talked to High Country Cable about getting Fox for Beech Mountain, and that needed to be followed up. Rick Miller urged that the Council put a lot of pressure on HCC, since they will be broadcasting half of the NFL games for the next three years.

Tim Holland moved that the Town allow the merger of Beech Vision with the Community Information Channel, but that the Council request that the Fox Channel be added to our lineup. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- b. Consider Donation of Lots. In the absence of David Paletta, the Council tabled consideration of the donation of lots C-545, PA-11, BHW-201 and BHW-50 until the next regular meeting. Kakii Handley moved that the Town accept the donation of lot RVW-421 by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert. Tim Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- c. Consider Offer to Purchase SM-37. Tim Holland moved that the Town accept the highest bid after all of the upset bidding time period has elapsed. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- d. Consider Emerald Mountain Application for Cable Franchise. Tim Holland moved that the Council reject the application from Emerald Mountain for a CATV franchise, but indicated the Council would be open to receiving another application in the future if Emerald Mountain desired to present one. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- e. Schedule Date for Special Meeting to Consider Manager Applications. Council set February 17, 1994 at 7:30 PM as date and time for first consideration of Manager applications.
- f. Budget Amendment - Public Works and Vehicle Maintenance Departments Overtime and Flagpole. Tim Holland moved that a budget amendment appropriating \$9,360 for overtime for the Public Works and Vehicle Maintenance Departments due to snow and ice, and replacement of the Town flagpole be approved. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- g. Discussion of Rental Home Fire Inspections. Tim Holland stated that the Fire Department proposes that the Council pass an ordinance to require smoke alarms in all rental properties. He indicated that both Boone and Blowing Rock have such an ordinance. He said that the procedure would require an ordinance to be drawn up, submitted to the N.C. Building Code Council for their approval, and then a local legislator would have to introduce enabling legislation to allow the Town to pass the ordinance. There is some question as to who would be doing the inspections, either the building inspector or a member of the Fire Department, and permission would have to be granted by either the owner of the property or the renter. There is also some question as to whether the agent for the owner can grant the permission.

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John Hoffman asked if the ordinance would include fire extinguishers, and Reub Mooradian urged that extinguishers be included in any ordinance provisions. Tim Holland moved that the Council approve the concept of proceeding with a smoke alarm and fire extinguisher ordinance for rental homes. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- h. Consider Award of Audit Contract. Tim Holland moved that the audit contract be granted to Holder, Copeland and Associates for FY 93/94. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Staff/Consultant Reports.

- a. Town Engineer's Report. Ed Powell was not present.
- b. Public Works Director's Report. Joe Perry had no report.
- c. Town Attorney's Report. David Paletta was not present.
- d. Chief of Police's Report. Chief Hefner was not present.
- e. Town Manager's Report. Mr. Perry had no report.
- f. Financial Report, Tax Report and Building Inspections Report. There were no questions or comments on the submitted reports.

7. Other Business.

Rick Miller urged the Council to ask Mountain Electric if they planned to cut trees away from power lines, since his area had suffered several long power outages due to downed lines during the coldest portion of the winter, and if they did not have such plans, they be urged to do so. If that effort should fail, he then urged that the Town staff cut and trim some of the necessary trees.

Bill Sposato asked if the Town staff automatically makes a request to the State to make repairs on the Parkway, since it is in such terrible shape due to the winter weather. Mr. Perry said the State had come up and done some cold patching, and that they will return when weather permits to do the necessary permanent patching. Mayor Pfohl said he would contact our Board of Transportation, Fred Eidson, who is also a property owner at Beech Mountain and had been helpful to us in the past.

Reub Mooradian urged that the Town get back into the program of having center and side lines repainted in the spring before all the summer visitors arrive. Bill Sposato pointed out that some of the reflectors had again been removed by snow scraping efforts.

Kakii Handley asked about the Meadows Pumping Station telemetry system,

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and Joe Perry indicated it is due to be delivered February 25th.

Tim Holland asked that all Council members bring their large envelopes in which they receive material from the staff back to the Town Hall for reuse, as they are rather expensive.

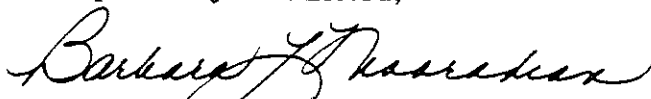
Mayor Pfohl reported that the Local Organizing Committee had received a donation of \$2,500 from First Union to sponsor the Tour DuPont, and that he had received a positive letter from Mr. Feroe of Glen Raven Mills.

Mayor Pfohl thanked the Town employees for continuing to handle Town affairs on a daily basis during the period when we are without a Town Manager.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, Tim Holland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Shiela Fletcher seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,




Barbara L. Mooradian
Town Clerk

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Minutes approved by Town Council on MARCH 8, 1994.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

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February 17 and 26, 1994

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pfohl called a special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 17, 1994, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Shiela Fletcher, Kakii Handley and Ed Waligroski.

Tim Holland moved Council go into executive session under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (8), to consider employment of a public employee. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council came out of executive session at 9:09 PM. Tim Holland moved that the meeting be recessed until 8:30 AM on Saturday, February 26, 1994. Kakii Handley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 PM.

RECALL TO ORDER

The meeting was recalled to order by Mayor Pfohl at 8:30 AM Saturday, February 26, 1994. Other Council Members present were Tim Holland, Shiela Fletcher and Ed Waligroski.

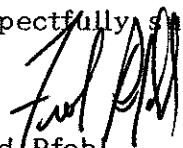
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Council came out of executive session at 9:45 AM. Consensus of the Council was to have the Mayor contact the seven applicants agreed upon for the Manager's position to set up interviews during the week of March 8 through 12.

ADJOURN

Tim Holland moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 AM.


Respectfully submitted,


Fred Pfohl
Mayor

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ATTEST:



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