

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
October 14, 1997

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 Shiela Fletcher, Reub Mooradian, Rick Owen and Ed Waligroski. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless, Town Attorney David Paletta, Town Engineer Ed Powell, Public Works Director Joe Perry, and Chief of Police Jay Hefner. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

Invocation. The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Hayst Harrold.

Pledge of Allegiance. Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

1. *Adoption of Agenda.*

Reub Mooradian moved, seconded the Ed Waligroski, to add one item under Other Business relating to demolition work, and to accept the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Consider Approval of Minutes, September 9, 1997.*

Shiela Fletcher moved, seconded by Rick Owen, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 1997 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Committee Reports.*

Shiela Fletcher reported on the Resort Towns Association, and said she would be attending an RTA Board of Directors meeting at the League of Municipalities.

4. *Persons Wishing to Address the Council: Mr. and Mrs. Scandariato.*

Mayor Pfohl asked Mr. Lawless to give a summary of the events, which he did. The Scandarios presented their case, which was summarized in a letter that had been distributed to the Council. They contested the fact that they had been notified by the Town of their unusually high usage in June. Several Town Council Members had questions and various facts of the case were disputed. Shiela Fletcher moved to split the difference after the sewer credit was made. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

5. *New Business:*

a. *Consider Proposed Lot Trade for Bear Branch Sewer Lift Station.* Public Works Director Joe Perry presented a proposed swap of lots with Mr. El Hajj. The proposed transfer would better serve the Town in the construction of a sewer lift station. Reub Mooradian moved, seconded by Shiela Fletcher, that the transfer be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

b. *Consider Resolution Declaring Cost and Setting Time and Place for Public Hearing on Preliminary Assessment Roll, Christie Way Paving Project.* Shiela Fletcher moved adoption of Resolution 97-10-01 setting 6:00 PM, Thursday, November 13, 1997 as the date and time for

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a public hearing on the preliminary assessment roll for the Christie Way Paving Project. The motion was seconded by Rick Owen and passed unanimously.

- c. ***Consider Closing Road, Southwest Corner of Mariah Circle.*** Seth Lawless raised the possibility of closing the unnamed public road at the southwest corner of Mariah Circle. Upon a motion by Ed Waligroski, seconded by Rick Owen, Resolution 97-10-02 be adopted, and that 6:05 PM Thursday, November 13, 1997 be set as the date and time for a public hearing on the matter. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. ***Consider Economic Development Committee Proposal.*** Calder Smoot, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, presented the proposal for a Ski Free Wednesday Package. He stated that the EDC had been working on a plan with Ski Beech to promote mid-week tourism during the ski season. The Resort had agreed to sell lift tickets for three Wednesdays during the year for the price of \$13.50. The proposal would have participating rental agencies split the cost with the EDC 50-50 on these tickets, not to exceed \$10,000, total. The program would be administered via a voucher system, with different vouchers printed for each Wednesday. The Chamber office would coordinate distribution of the vouchers to the lodging offices. Reub Mooradian moved the proposal be approved. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- e. ***Consider Computer System Contract Award.*** Seth Lawless gave a summary of the computer system upgrade proposal, including a discussion of the establishment of an office equipment reserve in 1996. During deliberations it was suggested by Roger Bullock that the Public Works Director's office be tied into the network. Council questioned Mr. Lawless about the low bidder, Computers in General. Mr. Lawless replied that a client list had been obtained and checked for references, and that the proprietor, Ben Greene, had been interviewed by the administrative staff.

Upon a motion by Shiela Fletcher, seconded by Rick Owen, the low bid was awarded with the inclusion of the Public Works Director's hookup.

- f. ***Consider Request for Appropriation for Tree Planting.*** Mayor Pfohl presented a request to expend \$1,000 out of the beautification reserve for trees. Reub Mooradian moved the request be granted. Ed Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mooradian mentioned the need for some additional trees at the Mountain Electric substation site. He offered to meet with Mountain Electric officials and asked Mr. Lawless to arrange a meeting.

- g. ***Request for Signage.*** Mr. Roger Bullock requested the Town Council ask the Department of Transportation to install a merging left sign on Highway 184 at the passing lane just below the Town limit. Town Council agreed.

- h. ***Public Works Garage Plan.*** Mr. Carl Petersen presented the plans for the new Public Works garage. Comments on the design were favorable with the exception that a wood facade around the entire building was desired. Reub Mooradian moved, seconded by Ed Waligroski, to have Mr. Petersen be instructed to include a wood facade around the entire building. The motion passed unanimously.

6. *Staff/Consultant Reports.*

- a. *Town Engineer's Report.* Ed Powell had no report.
- b. *Public Works Director's Report.* Joe Perry had no report.
- c. *Town Attorney's Report.* David Paletta had no report
- d. *Chief of Police's Report.* Chief Hefner had no report
- e. *Town Manager's Report.* Mr. Lawless notified the Council about emergency response training that four members of the Public Works crew were going to be undertaking. Mr. Lawless mentioned the October 18th deadline on watershed comments.

Mr. Lawless reminded Council about the League Conference the following week, and of the change of date of the November meeting due to Veterans Day

Mr. Lawless informed Council that the Town had received a grant from DENR of up to \$30,000 on a two for one matching basis, for stream bed restoration on West Pond Creek. Mr. Lawless notified Council of a bike race taking place the following weekend.

Mr. Lawless updated Council on events regarding the proposed Chamber of Commerce building and how Mr. Rickard did not receive any bids on the project. He stated that he believed Mr. Rickard was proceeding with a plan to add an addition to the Town Hall and abandon the plan for a stand-alone building. Council asked Mr. Lawless to have Mr. Rickard readvertise the original plans after the first of the year.

Mr. Lawless informed Council of two items to come up at the November meeting: one being the annual audit presentation and the other a nuisance hearing.

8. *Other Business.*

Reub Mooradian initiated a discussion on the recent problems with blasting. Council asked the town Manager to notify property owners in the immediate vicinity of the blasting of the need to inspect their homes. Council further recommended that all contractors be reminded by letter of the Town's blasting ordinance.

A lengthy discussion then took place on what ordinances could and could not be enforced at the ski resort. At the conclusion of the discussion it was suggested that the Town meet with the General Manager of the resort and affirm some understanding as to what was applicable to the ski area.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

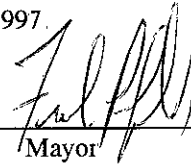
Respectfully submitted,



Seth Lawless
Town Manager

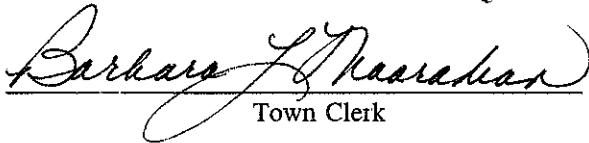
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Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

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Special Meeting, October 23, 1997

CALL TO ORDER

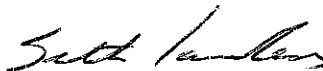
Vice Mayor Shiela Fletcher called a special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 1:00 PM Thursday, October 23, 1997. Other Council Members present were Reub Mooradian, Rick Owen and Ed Waligroski. Also present was Town Manager Seth Lawless.

Council met for the purpose of reviewing the Unmet Needs Community development Block Grant. Upon a motion by Reub Mooradian, seconded by Ed Waligroski, the Grant Budget was approved.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

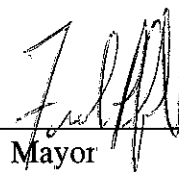
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