

MINUTES  
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
January 11, 2000

***CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Tim Holland called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Jim Herbert, Rick Owen and Reub Mooradian. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless, Town Engineer Ed Powell, Police Officers R.L. Dunn and Barry Fehl, Public Works Director Joe Perry and Code Enforcement Officer Don Fulkerson. Town Attorney David Paletta was absent. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

***Invocation – Charlie Burleson.***

Charlie Burleson opened the meeting in prayer.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

All present joined in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**1      *Adoption of Agenda***

Mayor Holland asked Council to make the following change to the agenda: Under New Business, remove item “b”, lot offer withdrawn, and replace it with changes to Title VI – Chapter 71 “Ski Pass Ordinance”

**2.      *Approval of Minutes***

Gil Adams requests change to Item #6 – I, consider Mac Mermell Proposal, requested minutes reflect his question to Joe Perry as to the original access to Mac Mermell’s property being Northridge prior to his seconding the motion. Change so noted. Reub Mooradian made the motion to approve, Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**3.      *Old Business***

***Review Recycling Center Options.*** Seth Lawless updated the Council on the mixed paper-plastic recycling dumpster noting the capacity of the 90 gallon bins. The 16 90 gallon bins hold approximately 7 cubic yards. Jim Herbert made the motion to go ahead with the purchase of the new container. Reub Mooradian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**4.      *New Business***

- a      ***Planning Retreat.*** Seth Lawless reported on the yearly retreat the council attends. The retreat is to discuss the upcoming budget, capital improvements, public works plan and the other items. April was proposed as a good time, Seth Lawless has checked and the Broyhill Center in Boone is open. Council will be contacted regarding definite date and agenda items. Seth Lawless will contact Roger Bullock, Planning board member, and invite him to attend.

- b. ***Ski Pass Ordinance.*** The original ordinance was enacted to curtail the use of fraudulent tickets. The proposed amendment prohibits skiing without a ticket. Seth Lawless clarified that the ordinance was not to prohibit individuals from using the slopes for sledding after the season is over. Rick Owen made motion to adopt the ordinance as amended, Rube Mooradian seconded and it passed unanimously.
- c. ***Consider Resolutions.*** Resolution 00-01-01, Certifying Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant Application and Resolution 00-01-02 Certifying Recreational Trails Program Grant Application. The Resolutions indicate the Council's willingness to reapply for state grants and authorized Mayor Holland to sign the applications. The money has been budgeted for the Parks and Recreation Trust grant application in the Buckeye Lake Capital Project Ordinance. If we are awarded the grant for the Hiking Trails the Council would have to be approached for the matching 20%. Last year the refusal of funds for Buckeye Project was due in part to the lack of different activities. With the relocation of the play ground equipment, the new Genesis building, the tennis courts and the development of a new hiking trail down to the falls, our chances for the grant will improve. The hiking trails grant will be solely for the hiking trail. Reub Mooradian made the motion to accept both resolutions. The motion was seconded by Rick Owen and passed unanimously.
- d. ***Budget Amendment.*** Amendment #1 for a plain paper fax machine. Amendments #2 and #3 involve the transfer of funds to the general fund related to the purchase of a new backhoe. The old backhoe was purchased within the water/sewer fund and the proposed amendments transfer the asset to the general fund. Motion to accept budgeted amendments. Rick Owen moved the three budget amendments be accepted. Jim Herbert seconded the motion and passed it unanimously.
- e. ***Tax Releases.*** Motion by Rube Mooradian to accept the tax release. Rick Owen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- f. ***Review D.E.N.R fines for wastewater violations.*** Mayor Holland indicated the town received a fine based on the September readings. Past readings indicate this should be the last one for a while because they have been in compliance. Seth Lawless indicated that the sources of the problems have been identified, part of the problem is the peak flows, and some was the plant conditions and ways of operations. We are doing better. Another source of the problems is the new monitoring regulations. Reub Mooradian made motion to pay fines. Rick Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **Staff/Consultant Reports.**

- a. ***Town Engineer's Report.*** Ed Powell reported that paving was shut down for the winter. He is in the process of scheduling the Grouse Ridge surveying, the intent is to be done in February or March.
- b. ***Public Works Director's Report.*** Joe Perry had no report.
- a. ***Town Attorney's Report.*** Mr. Paletta was absent, no report available.
- b. ***Chief of Police's Report.*** Captain Dunn representing Chief Hefner introduced the new Patrol Officer, Barry Fehl, who will work from October to March. Captain Dunn went over the report submitted. The forced entry case from a storm door being blown out will probably be closed out as unfounded, the larceny was closed out as unfounded, of the two fraud cases one was declared to be civil case the other was settled between the two parties, both are now closed. The aggravated assault was domestic and is now closed. Captain Dunn noted citations are down and accidents are up due to the weather.

- e. **Town Manager's Report.** Seth Lawless had four items to report on. The first being the fact that the Board of Elections has decided to keep the voting prescient on Beech Mountain, thanks to the efforts of Calder Smoot and others who made phone calls. Mr. Lawless indicated the striping of the new pavement on Pine Ridge Road, Village Road, Skiway and Skiway Circle would start tomorrow, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lawless gave an update on the recycling issue. Mr. Baker, who was the bidder on the refurbishment of the existing recycling roll off container, said it would take approximately 5 to 7 days to refurbish. It was decided to wait until the beginning of April to have this done. The snow making update for the sledding hill indicated the new snow machine has run 147 hours, 54 hours of which we used the potable drinking water system. We are using approximately 2000 gallons per hour based on the reduction in the storage tank, no meter reading is available. The cost is less than \$50 00 per 24 hours to run off the potable system.
- f. **Tax Report** is in the agenda packet.
- g. **Building Inspections Report** is in the agenda packet. Don Fulkerson pointed out that there were 32 new houses permitted in 1999, the average value being approximately \$185,000 00. Mr. Fulkerson also stated the watershed WS-2 Regulations could be kept in our jurisdiction, no changes to the amendments passed last month were necessary.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Rick Owen, seconded by Reub Mooradian. All agreed. The meeting ended at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Reba G. Greene  
Town Clerk

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Minutes approved by Town Council on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Town Clerk

MINUTES  
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January 20, 2000

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tim Holland called the special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 3:30 PM in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Jim Herbert, Rick Owen and Reub Mooradian. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless, Public Works Director Joe Perry and Assistant Public Works Director Dolin Carpenter.

- a. Council was asked to consider purchase of new pickup for the Public Works Department. Staff presented three informal bids, they were for a Ford, Chevy and Dodge. A summary of the bids is attached. Gil Adams moved to proceed with the purchase of the 2000 Chevrolet V8 4-wheel drive. The motion was seconded by Jim Herbert and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

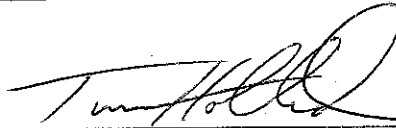
There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reba G. Greene  
Town Clerk

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