

MINUTES  
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL  
April 1, 2003

***CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Pete Chamberlin, Tim Holland and Dr. Ed Waligroski. Also present were Town Manager Seth Lawless, Town Engineer Ed Powell, Police Chief Jay Hefner, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Town Attorney David Paletta, Tax Administrator Missy Norwood and Building Inspector Keith Cook. There were a few interested parties in the audience.

***Invocation*** –Dominic Simon opened the meeting with prayer.

***Pledge of Allegiance***

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

***1. Adoption of Agenda***

Mr. Lawless requested a budget item be added under #3 New Business as item g. Mr. Lawless also presented a Budget Transfer from sludge tank repair to capital project then a budget amendment to start the improvements to the water plant.

Mr. Lawless then requested that a budget item be added under #5 Other Business. The agenda was adopted as amended.

***2. Consent Agenda***

Mr. Chamberlin moved to accept the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as submitted. Mr. Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

***3. New Business***

***a. Resolution 03-04-01 Requesting Small Urban Funds***

Mr. Lawless reported that this resolution had to be to the Department of Transportation office tomorrow, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The resolution was a requirement in order for the state to make the storm damage repairs from August 2001 to the area across from O'Shaughnessy's Restaurant and Pub. Mr. Holland asked the Resolution make mention of the repairs being made prior to the peak summer season traffic in July and August. Mr. Chamber moved to accept Resolution 03-04-01 as amended. Mr. Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

***b. Instruct Tax Administrator to Advertise Outstanding Tax Liens***

Mr. Adams made a motion to direct the Tax Administrator to advertise outstanding tax liens. Dr. Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Lawless asked Ms. Norwood what the deadline to make payment and have a name removed from the list. Ms. Norwood indicated that the Watauga Democrat would take changes to the list up to 3 days prior to publishing.

c. Review TDA Quarterly Report

Mr. Lawless reported that the TDA was very close to meeting their projected Occupancy Tax Revenues for the year. Mr. Lawless also indicated that the TDA was planning to review their proposed budget at their May meeting and hold a public hearing at their June meeting.

The TDA Quarterly Report was accepted as submitted.

d. Consider Appointment to Avery County Recreation Authority

Mr. Lawless reported that the Avery County Recreation Authority had requested that another representative from Beech Mountain be appointed to take his place. Mr. Lawless indicated that he had resigned from the Recreation Authority. Officer Bob Johnson agreed to serve on the committee and had prior experience with the Fair Board, which is working to organize the annual fair.

Mr. Holland moved to appoint Bob Johnson as the Town's representative on the Avery County Recreation Committee. Dr. Waligroski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. Beech Mountain Club Request for Campfires

Morgan Beck Herdklotz, representing the Beech Mounting Club, asked for permission to have a campfire by the day camp area between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

After a brief discussion Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> campfire request and also to allow future request to go through the police departments special events permit. Mr. Holland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Consider Bert Sherman's Offer to Donate LG-173

Mr. Lawless reported that Bert Sherman was interested in donating LG-173 to the Town and that the Town taxes were paid, Watauga County was owed approximately \$6 00. Mr. Holland made a motion to accept the donation of LG-173. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

g. Budget Amendment

Mr. Lawless presented a budget amendment that would transfer \$12,000 from the Sludge Tank Repair line item to the Capital Project to start the improvements to the water plant. Mr. Adams moved to accept the Budget Amendment. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### 4. *Staff/Consultant Reports*

##### a. Town Engineer's Report

Mr. Powell reported: 1) The bids on the Grassy Gap Effluent Relocation upgrades were coming up soon. 2) As a result of Friday's Planning retreat they were working on getting resurfacing estimates for Grassy Gap Loop, a section of Beech Mountain Parkway from Pine Ridge Road to N. Pinnacle Ridge, Lake Road and Summit Circle. 3) The sludge discharge area will be identified. 4) A meeting was planned with Mr. Smith of Smith & Son's Paving with regard to the Skiway Circle paving situation.

Mr. Lawless asked about the SOC public notification process and Mr. Powell stated that he did not have any information on the notification process but he would place a call to the D.E.N.R. office in Raleigh to find out the process. Mr. Powell's report was accepted as submitted.

##### b. Public Works Director's Report.

Mr. Hatch reported: 1) The flow meters have been put back in place and we will await a rain event to obtain more data. 2) The Buckeye Construction crew is currently working on sealing the manholes. 3) Some of the part time help started today and we currently have 3 vacancies to fill. Mr. Hatch's report was accepted as submitted.

##### c. Town Attorney's Report.

Mr. Paletta reported on foreclosures. He indicated he had a house sell scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>, however he did anticipate that the owner would pay off the foreclosure prior to that date. Mr. Paletta also indicated that he had 9 lots set to sell in Watauga County on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A summary sales list would be forthcoming.

##### d. Police Report.

Chief Jay Hefner gave an overview of his report noting that a vehicle hitting a deer was listed as damaged property for an insurance report and there were a few traffic stops. Chief Hefner's report was accepted as submitted.

##### e. Quarterly Financial Report – Sally Rominger

Mrs. Rominger's report was accepted as submitted.

##### e. Town Manager's Report.

Mr. Lawless reported the following: 1) Community Day is Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, if a change of date is required because of weather it will be rescheduled to the 12<sup>th</sup>. 2) April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for requesting to hook up the Grassy Gap sewer system. 3) Town Hall will be closed April 18<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday. 4) The final meeting with the architect for the Buckeye Recreational Committee is Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 5) The North Carolina League of Municipalities Regional Meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Boone. 6) Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Beech Mountain Clean Up Day. The Managers Report was accepted as submitted.

- g. The Tax Collector's report was accepted as submitted.
- h. The Building Inspection's Report was accepted as submitted.

5. ***Other Business***

a. Budget Request

Mr. Lawless reported that the Town still had \$2,250 in the line item for an intern due to the splitting of an internship with the Village of Sugar Mountain last summer. Mr. Lawless asked the Council to add an additional \$2,250 to the budget line item for the July 1<sup>st</sup> 2003-04 budget which would allow the Town to have another intern. Mr. Holland made a motion to commit \$2,250 to the budget for an intern. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. ***Adjournment***

Mr. Adams moved for adjournment at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

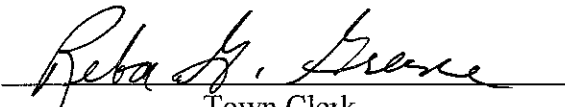
Reba G. Greene  
Town Clerk

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Minutes approved by Town Council on May 13, 2003.

ATTEST:

  
Mayor

  
Town Clerk