

MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
December 13, 2005

I. 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 Town Hall Council Chambers. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Pete Chamberlin, Randy Corn and Paul Piquet. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Police Chief Jay Hefner, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Indoor Recreation Director Rosemary Burnett and Town Attorney David Paletta. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

II. Invocation – Charlie Burleson opened the meeting with a prayer.
Pledge of Allegiance – All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

III. Adoption of Agenda – The Agenda was adopted with the removal of VII. item b. Klonteska Agreement

IV. Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor – Mr. Adams moved to reappoint Rick Owen as Mayor. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Chamberlin moved to reappoint Gil Adams as Vice Mayor. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda – Minutes of November 8, 2005 Regular Meeting – Mr. Chamberlin moved to adopt the minutes of the November 8th Regular Meeting as submitted. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment –

Peggy Coscia, 100 Hemlock Circle, asked if the Council received her letter to which Mayor Owen indicated that the Council had received the letter. There were no other comments from the public.

VII. Old Business –

A. Personnel Ordinance Amendment – Mr. Boaz reported that the Personnel Ordinance Amendment had not been necessary for the hiring of the Utility Clerk. Mr. Chamberlin moved to keep the job description for the Utility Clerk as it was. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business –

a. Resolution 05-12-01 – Dr. Ed Waligroski – Mr. Piquet moved to approve Resolution 05-12-01 honoring Dr. Ed Waligroski for his 10 years of service to the Town Council. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Resolution 05-12-02 – Carolyn Smith – Mr. Piquet moved to approve Resolution 05-12-02 honoring Carolyn Smith for her 18 years of service to the Town. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Board Appointments – Mr. Piquet moved to reappoint George Buesser to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mayor Owen indicated that the Council would continue to discuss the appointments to the other committees at the January 10, 2006 meeting.

d. Amendment to the Planning – Zoning Ordinance – Mayor Owen noted that the Council had previously received recommendations from the Planning Board to make changes in the Zoning Ordinance and recommended that the Council set a date for a Public Hearing. Mr. Chamberlin moved to hold the Public Hearing on January 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

e. Budget Transfers – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the budget transfer of \$2,490 from the contingency line item in the Indoor Recreation Capital Project for floor sleeves for tennis court and mirrors in fitness room. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

f. Tax Releases – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the tax release for the Beech Mountain Resort, Inc. in the amount of \$484.89 and Emerald Opportunities, Inc. in the amount of \$3,322.44. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IX. Staff/Consultant Reports

a. Town Engineer's Report – Mr. Boaz – Mr. Powell was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Boaz reported that Mike Slusher was negotiating with the state for the Pond Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant project and anticipated that the bid process would take place in early January '06 with construction beginning in the spring.

b. Public Works Director's Report – Riley Hatch – Mr. Hatch reported: a) The public works trucks were set up to deal with the anticipation of inclement weather. b) The additional dumpster has been ordered for holiday time period. c) Mr. Hatch noted that Lakeview Construction had left their equipment on the mountain in hopes of having a day warm enough to do some more paving on Beech Mountain Parkway. The ditch lines would be completed in the spring. Mr. Chamberlin reported that Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Brett appreciated the sanding on Pinnacle Ridge Road.

c. Town Attorney's Report – David Paletta – Mr. Paletta reported that he was still working on the delinquent tax payments and anticipated a foreclosure sale on one lot. Mr. Paletta indicated that he would start on the unknown owner lot next.

d. Chief of Police's Report – Jay Hefner – Chief Hefner reported that the department had recovered a stolen vehicle and the arrest in the incident resulted in a concealed weapon and drug possession charge. Chief Hefner also reported that the department had another stolen vehicle recovered this morning and the incident resulted in the arrest of a suspect in a convenience store robbery in Carter County Tennessee. Mr. Corn asked that Chief Hefner add the 911 activity to the report. Chief Hefner indicated that he would see if the software could provide the information on the report.

e. Tax Report – Missy Norwood – The report is on file with the Town clerk.

f. Building Inspection Report – Keith Cook – The report is on file with the Town Clerk.

g. Recreation Center Director – Rosemary Burnett – Ms. Burnett reported that the exercise equipment would be delivered on January 9th and tables and chairs were being stored at Fire Station #2. The multi purpose flooring has not yet been installed due to the humidity level, which is being checked on a weekly basis.


h. Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz – Mr. Boaz reported: a) The survey had been ordered for the Memorial Park area. b) The utility line agreement between the Town and the Ozman's lot, PA-61, for a 2" sewer force main n Hawthorne Road had been approved. Mr. Piquet questioned the 2" line and Mr. Hatch indicated that it was to service one house and cautioned the Council about the possibility of having a number of individual sewer lines in the road. c) Mr. Boaz noted that the Town would surplus the 1999 Jeep. Chief Hefner noted that govedeals web site had proven successful for selling vehicles in the past. d) Mr. Boaz also noted that he would like to start looking into the Charter cable contract with the Town. Mr. Chamberlin indicated that he would like to discuss the funds owed to the Town by the cable company. Mr. Boaz noted that the discussion would be continued in closed session.

Mayor Owen noted that there was no other business to discuss and asked for a recess before entering into Executive Session.

X. Executive Session – NCGS 143-318.11(a), (3). - Upon a motion by Mr. Piquet, seconded by Mr. Chamberlin the Council entered into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. under NCGS 143-318.11 (a), (3) to consult with the Town Attorney. Upon a motion by Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr. Piquet the Council came out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. No action was taken.

XI. Adjourn – Having no other business to discuss the Council adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Piquet at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on January 10, 2006.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
December 13, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Owen called the special meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Pete Chamberlin, Randy Corn, Paul Piquet and Town Manager Michael Boaz. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

- 1. *Mayor and Vice Mayor*** - Mayor Owen announced that the Special Meeting was an organizational meeting. Mr. Adams nominated Rick Owen for Mayor. Mr. Chamberlin nominated Gil Adams for Vice Mayor.
- 2. *Planning Board*** - Mayor Owen indicated that the Planning Board had a number of openings; Marge Bailey had resigned with a term that does not expire until December 2007, Clint Iles and John Hoffman both have terms that expire in December 2005. Mr. Chamberlin indicated that he would prefer that Council members not serve on the Planning Board, noting that Mr. Corn, newly elected to the Council, was a member of the Planning Board. Mr. Piquet and Mayor Owen agreed with Mr. Chamberlin's statement. Mr. Corn expressed his desire to continue to serve on the Planning Board; Mr. Corn's term ends in December 2006. Mr. Piquet recommended Alan Holcombe and Reub Mooradian as candidates for the Planning Board. Mr. Corn questioned whether or not Mr. Mooradian could serve on the Park's Committee as well as Planning Board to which Mayor Owen noted that it was not a conflict. Mr. Chamberlin recommended Jim Weaver and Paul O'Connell, Mr. Piquet agreed that they were both excellent choices. Mr. Corn recommended Fred France, to which Mr. Adams noted that he was not in favor of the recommendation. Mr. Corn asked about Mr. Holcombe and Mr. Mooradian's experience in planning to which Mayor Owen responded that both had extensive knowledge of the workings of the Town and had served on other committees, as well as the Town Council. Mr. Corn then noted that Mr. Weaver was very busy with his volunteer work, which might conflict with meetings. Mr. Corn would not support the reappointment of John Hoffman to the Planning Board. Mayor Owen advised the Council to consider the names recommended and indicated that it would be further discussed at the next Council meeting.
- 3. *Board of Adjustment***- Mr. Chamberlin recommended that George Buesser be reappointed to the Board of Adjustment and noted that he was interested in serving another term.
- 4. *Tourism Development Authority*** - Mayor Owen indicated that Calder Smoot, Charlie Burleson and Jim Brooks terms expired this year. Mayor Owen indicated that Mr. Smoot had indicated a desire to remain on the Authority and the Council agreed that

this was a good recommendation. Mayor Owen indicated that he felt there should be more separation between the Chamber and the TDA and would not support the reappointment of Mr. Brooks to the TDA Board. Mr. Piquet reminded the Council that 4 out of 5 of the TDA members had to be involved in the collection of the occupancy tax. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

5. **Adjourn** – Mr. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk