

**MINUTES**  
**BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**May 9, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 6:05 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, Town Attorney David Paletta, Town Engineers Ed Powell, Police Chief Jay Hefner, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Building Inspector Keith Cook, and Recreation Director Rosemary Burnett. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

**II. Invocation** – Charlie Burlison opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance** – All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**IV. Adoption of Agenda** – The Agenda was adopted as submitted.

**VI. Consent Agenda** –

**a. Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2006 Planning Retreat as amended, the Regular minutes of April 11, 2006 as submitted and the minutes of the April 27, 2006 Bid Opening as submitted. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**b. Rural Center Resolution**– Mr. Boaz reported that the Rural Center and Council of Government had asked the Council to adopt a resolution in support of a bond referendum to fund state wide water and sewer needs. Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**c. Set Public Hearing on FY 2006-2007 Budget**– Mr. Chamberlin moved to set the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget for June 13, 2006 at 6:04 p.m. and to schedule Budget Workshops for May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> for 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public.

**VIII. Persons Wishing to Address Council** - Mr. Clif Surrency of Your Mountain Realty, addressed the Council with regards to improvements to Wild Iris Lane. Mr. Surrency was representing Mr. Patrick K. O’Neal, Rio Vista Properties, LLC, in the purchase of 98 acres of land adjacent to Wild Iris Lane and Bear Paw Path. After a brief presentation, Mayor Owen indicated that the Council and staff would discuss the issue at a later date.

**VIII. Old Business** –

**a. Coakley Annexation Request** – Mr. Boaz reported that the petition had been investigated and found to be in order. After a brief discussion, Mr. Chamberlin moved to set the Public Hearing for Annexation on Mr. Joe Coakley’s property, Pin #18590518364200000, adjacent to the Klonteska Development on Beech Mountain Parkway, for June 13, 2006 at 6:00

p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **IX. New Business –**

**a. Budget Presentation**– Mr. Boaz presented the Budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007, noting that the total was \$5,408,284 with a proposed tax rate of .585¢ per \$100 of value. Further discussion will take place at the scheduled workshops.

**b. Budget Amendment – General Fund &**

**c. Budget Amendment – Indoor Recreation Center** –Mr. Piquet made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the General Fund to add \$20,000 to the Indoor Recreation Budget for equipment with the funds coming from the Fund Balance of \$10,000 and transferring \$10,000 budgeted for landscaping in the general fund to equipment. Also included in the motion was the Budget Amendment in the Indoor Recreation Capital Project fund to fund landscaping of \$20,000 and a boardwalk of \$7,000. The money came from transfers of under spent items in the Capital Project Fund including the contingency line item. Mayor Owen seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, the motion passed 4 to 1, Mr. Adams, Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. Piquet and Mayor Owen voting yea with Council asking for clarification on the spending of funds. Mr. Corn voted nay.

**c. Bryce Holder, CPA, PA Audit Contract** – Mr. Corn moved to approve the annual audit contract with the firm of Bryce Holder, CPA, PA for the Town's fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**d. Recreation Center Rules and Regulations** – Mayor Owen and the Council reviewed the proposed rules and regulations for the Recreation Center. Mr. Piquet moved to approve the Rules and Regulations with the following changes: *Tennis Court* – Members may reserve courts 1 week in advance, non members are allowed to reserve courts 24 hours in advance. *Building Policies #16* – Service animals are permitted. *Fitness Room Policies – #1* remove from the first sentence “room at any time.” And the addition of item #12 – Off hours of the Fitness Room is limited to pass holders ONLY. Giving other access is prohibited: Doing this will result in the loss of these privileges. *Walking Track* item #4 – Only strollers with rubberized wheels are permitted. Mayor Owen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**e. Recreation Center Contract** –Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the Recreation Center Contract with the following changes in *item #11* Alcohol is Permitted if No is indicated, No alcohol is permitted and the removal of Item E. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**f. Tax Release** – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the tax release in the amount of \$829.51. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **X. Staff/Consultant Reports**

**a. Town Engineer's Report – Mr. Powell**– Mr. Powell reported that the Pond Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant project bids were opened on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Powell noted that the bids were in excess of the cost estimates and indicated that he had discussed this with Mr. Bobby Blowe, Chief of Construction Grant and Loan Section, he indicated that it

would be possible to increase the Town's loan offer from \$1,229,100 to \$1,729,100 without major changes in the process. A larger increase in the loan amount would require rescinding the loan offer and simultaneously re-applying for an increase, Mr. Powell noted that this could be approved in a timely manner. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Piquet moved to accept the low bid from Building Craft, Inc. in the amount of \$1,791,656, pursuant to obtaining funding. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Council directed Mr. Boaz and Mr. Powell to explore the funding possibilities.

**b. Public Works Director's Report – Riley Hatch** – The report is on file with the Town Clerk.

**c. Town Attorney's Report – David Paletta** – Mr. Paletta reported that he was working on three foreclosures, one being a house which he did anticipate would be completed because of the property value.

**d. Chief of Police's Report – Chief Jay Hefner** – Chief Hefner reported that the department had an open investigation on a burglary. The date of incident could not be determined and there were no suspects. The report is on file with the Town Clerk.

**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** – The report is on file with the Town Clerk.

**h. Town Manager's Report – Michael Boaz** – Mr. Boaz reported: a) Mr. Virgil Dykes requested consideration in selling lot A-142. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to continue the retention of Town owned lots for green space. b) Mr. Boaz requested that the Council meeting be changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday allowing him to take a class needed for his MPA degree on Tuesday evenings. Mr. Chamberlin moved to reschedule the regular Council meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers from July '06 through the December '06 meeting. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. c) Mr. Boaz noted that he would be out of town starting tomorrow, May 10<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

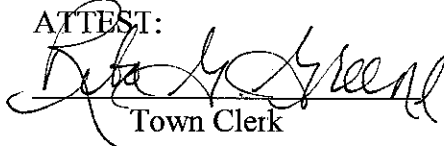
**XI. Other Business** – There was no other items for discussion.

**XII. Adjourn** – Having no other business to discuss the Council adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Piquet at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on June 13, 2006.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Town Clerk



**MINUTES**  
**BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**May 16, 2006**  
**Budget Workshop**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Rick Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice-Mayor Gil Adams, Council members Paul Piquet, Randy Corn, Pete Chamberlin, Town Manager Michael Boaz, and Public Works Director Riley Hatch were present at the Meeting. Dale Waterhouse was also present. Chief of Police Jay Hefner joined the meeting late.

**Budget Discussions**

The Council discussed the Town Manager's proposed budget and asked the manager to increase the appropriation for gravel to \$100,000.

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the meeting was adjourned.

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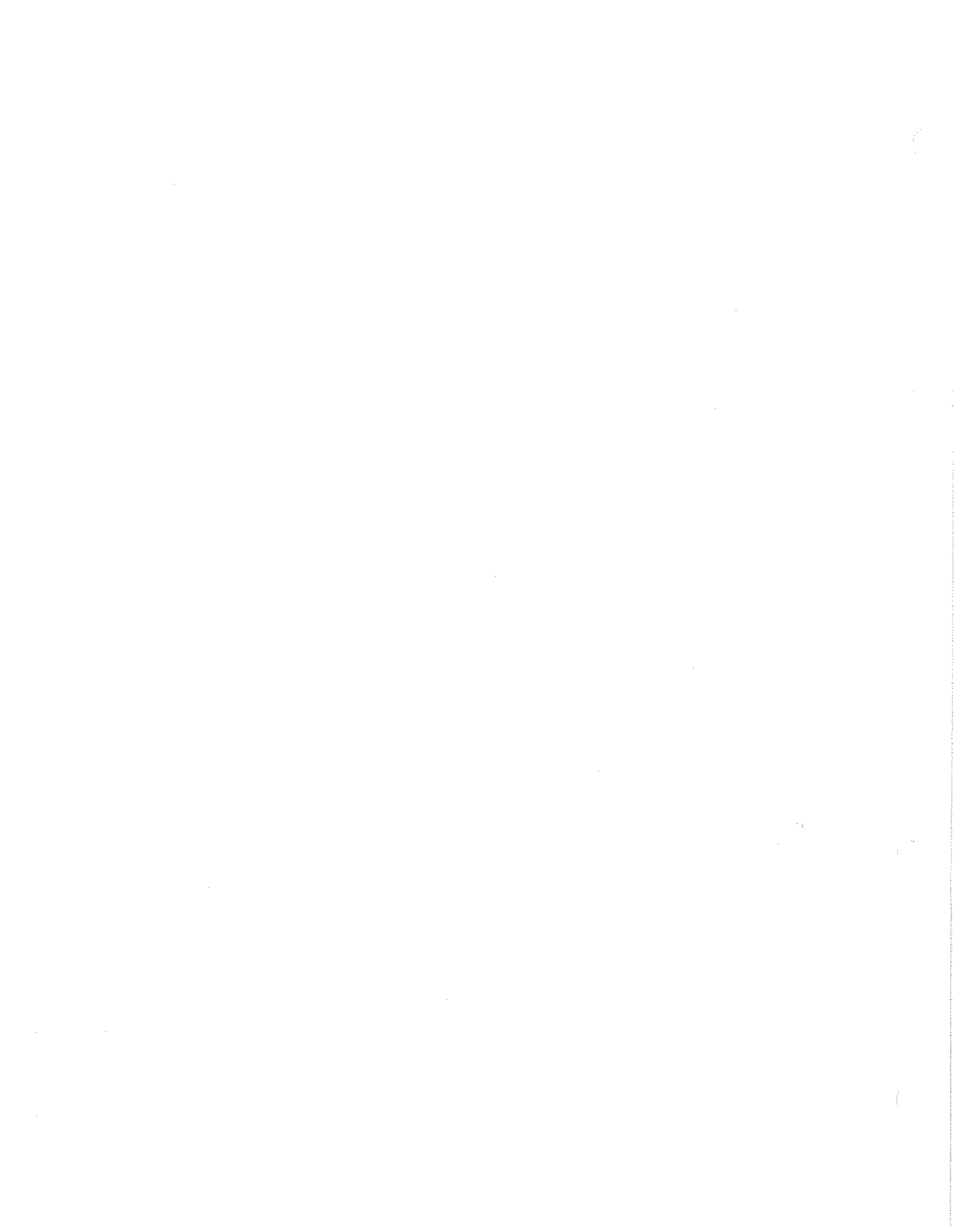


Richard H. Owen, Mayor

Attest:



James Michael Boaz



**MINUTES**  
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**May 23, 2006**  
**Budget Workshop**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Rick Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice-Mayor Gil Adams, Council members Paul Piquet, Randy Corn, Pete Chamberlin, Town Manager Michael Boaz, and Public Works Director Riley Hatch were present at the Meeting. Dale Waterhouse was also present. Chief of Police Jay Hefner joined the meeting late.

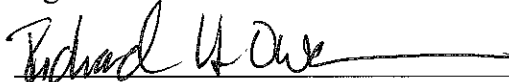
**Budget Discussions**

The Council continued discussion of the Town Manager's proposed budget and made changes to the Indoor Recreation Center budget.

**Adjourn**

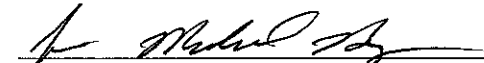
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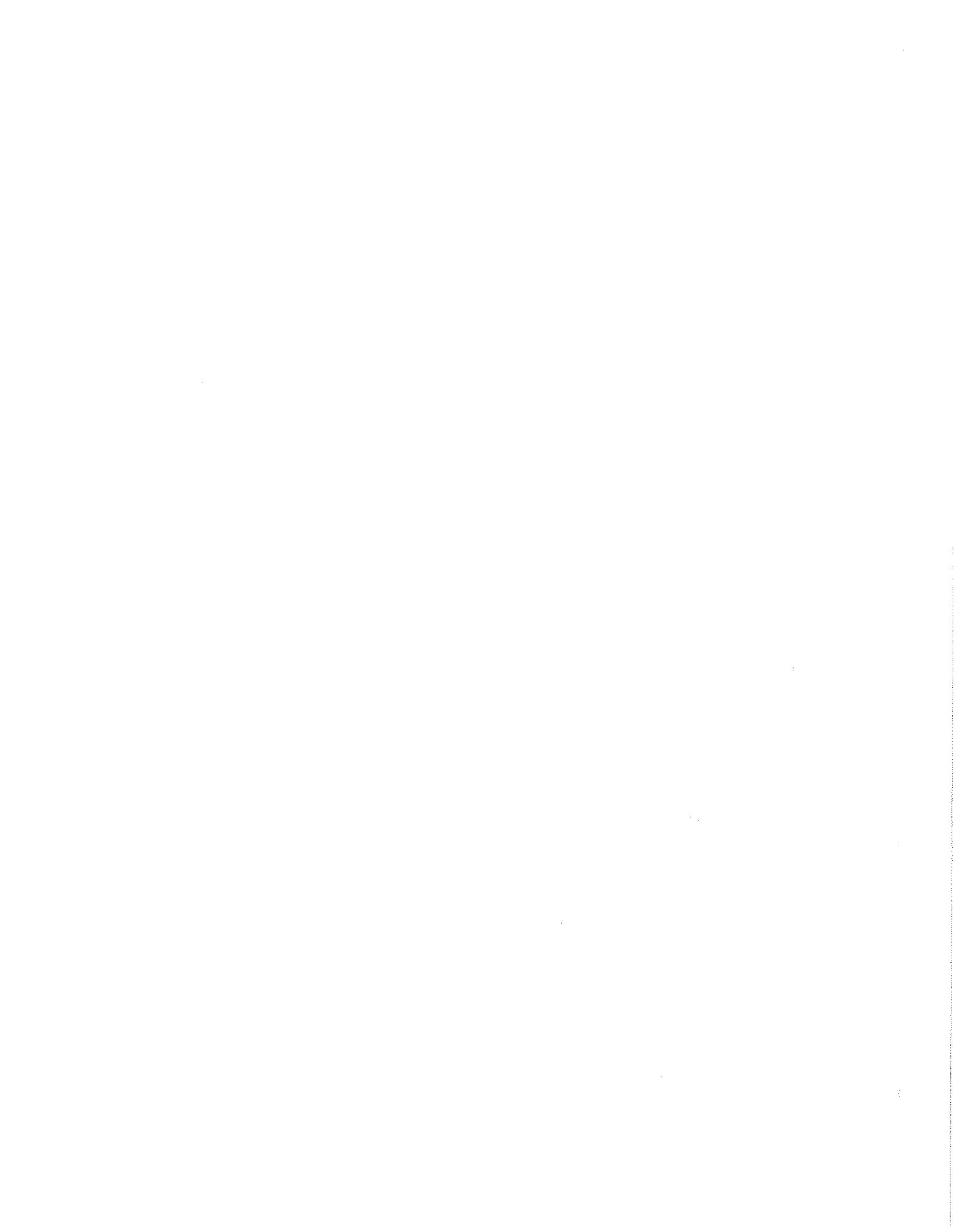
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Richard H. Owen, Mayor

Attest:

  
James Michael Boaz





**MINUTES**  
**BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**May 30, 2006**  
**Budget Workshop**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Rick Owen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice-Mayor Gil Adams, Council members Paul Piquet, Randy Corn, Pete Chamberlin, Town Manager Michael Boaz, and Public Works Director Riley Hatch were present at the Meeting. Dale Waterhouse was also present.


**Budget Discussions**

The Council continued discussion of the Town Manager's proposed budget. The Council also discussed the proposed water and sewer rate structure and a new rate structure that was the result of a study by the NC Rural Water Association. The Council instructed the manager to incorporate the new proposed rate structure into his budget. The Council authorized charging a flat fee of \$60 per quarter to all customers for water and \$60 per quarter for sewer. The Council also authorized a per gallon charge of \$3.00 per 1000 gallons for sewer and \$3.00 per 1000 gallons for water. The Council also instructed the manager to lower the proposed tax rate to 55¢ per \$100 of valuation.

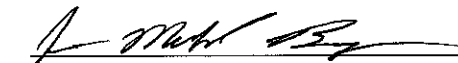
**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Paul Piquet, seconded by Pete Chamberlin the meeting was recessed until June 5 at 10:00 AM.

Signed:

  
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Richard H. Owen, Mayor

Attest:

  
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James Michael Boaz

