

**MINUTES
BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL
March 13, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 2:05 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, Engineer Ed Powell, Public Works Director Riley Hatch, Building Inspector Keith Cook, Assistant Building Inspector Bobby Dziejewski, and TDA member Charlie Burleson.

II. Invocation – Charlie Burleson opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

IV. Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Piquet asked that agenda item e. Personnel Ordinance Amendment be added under old business. With this amendment the agenda was adopted unanimously.

V.

Approval of Minutes – Mr. Piquet moved to approve the Regular minutes of February, 2007 as submitted. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Persons Wishing to Address Council – No one wished to address council.

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

VII. Old Business –

1. Modular Home Ordinance Changes – Staff asked Council to reword the ordinance so it read working days when it referred to days. Mr. Piquet suggested that the term days to business day in all sections of the modular home ordinance be changed. Mr. Chamberlain suggested that the Town disallow transportation and storage of modular homes around the July 4th holiday. Mr. Corn suggested that the Town disallow transportation and storage of modular home units five business days on either side of July 4th and December 25th because those are the two times of the year the town is most busy. Mr. Corn then asked if the Town should restrict the number of days a sign related to modular home transportation and setting should be up. Mr. Corn moved to set a public hearing for the next council meeting April, 3 2007 to discuss disallowing transportation of modular homes on or around July 4th and between the Monday preceding December 25th and the Friday after New Years Day. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Contractors to Set Construction Corners – Staff asked Council to reword the ordinance so the foundation survey was conducted after the footer is dug so discrepancies in foundation location and setbacks could be realized sooner. Mr. Piquet wanted to have the foundation survey only after the footer is poured. Charlie Burleson voiced his consent for requiring a survey after the footer is poured and before block is laid. After a brief discussion Mr. Corn moved to hold a public hearing concerning the

proposed requirement for contractors to survey after the footer is poured and before block is laid. Mr. Piquet seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. *Connect CTY Reverse 911* – Manager Boaz explained that he got a quote from CTY, a company that conducts reverse 911. For \$4,000 per year the Town would have the ability to contact all Town residences in case of emergency. Mr. Corn explained that he would be unwilling to support the program unless money allocated by 911 funding was used to pay for reverse 911. After a short discussion Mr. Corn moved to enter a contract for reverse 911 provided by CTY to be paid by 911 funds. Mr. Chamberlain seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. *Setback Requirement Changes* – The proposed change would require new construction to be located 20 feet from the roadside property line or 32 feet from the center of the road; whichever is greater. Mayor Owen voiced his concern that the center of a road may be difficult to determine. After a short discussion, Mr. Chamberlain moved to require new construction to be located 20 feet from the roadside property line or 32 feet from the center of the road; whichever is greater. Mr. Corn Seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote 2-3 with Mr. Adams, Mayor Owen, and Mr. Piquet voting nay. Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Corn voted in favor of the motion.

5. *Changes to Personnel Ordinance* - Manager Boaz explained that he may be put in a situation with a conflict of interest if Town employees had relatives on the Town Council. Mayor Owen said he felt the Town was small enough that hiring employees that were related to Town Council members may be necessary at times. After a brief discussion Manager Boaz said he would look into the most appropriate ordinance to limit conflict of interest but allow relatives of Town Council members work for the Town under certain circumstances.

IX. New Business

1. *Summer Interns* – Manager Boaz asked council if they intended to allocate more money toward paying interns in the next budget because he wanted to hire two interns. Mr. Piquet said that after reviewing the list of duties and projects for interns to be involved in, he felt that one intern would be sufficient. Mr. Corn said he was in favor of hiring interns at any opportunity because he felt that they were highly skilled and inexpensive labor. Mr. Adams said he felt that they were not necessarily highly skilled and that he felt the list of projects and duties was incongruent with his idea of the role of an intern. After a short discussion Manager Boaz withdrew his request for a second summer intern.

2. *Sanitation Fund Budget Amendment* – Manager Boaz asked the council to approve a budget amendment increasing the Sanitation Fund by \$3,000. Mr. Piquet inquired why the request said that the money would go toward to dumpsters at \$1,200 a piece and that totaled only \$2,400. Manager Boaz and Public Works Director Hatch explained that the replacement of the dumpsters was part of a larger project to beautify the recycle center. The additional \$600 will go toward paint and other supplies. They further explained that April 19, 2007 would be a day for volunteers and town employees to work together to make the recycling center as nice as possible. Mr. Piquet move to

approve the budget amendment. Mayor Owen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. General Fund Budget Amendment – Manager Boaz explained the cost of repaving Welding Weg was approximately \$25,000 more than the estimate. Therefore \$25,000 would be required to complete the scheduled paving project. Mayor Owen asked if the water line beneath Welding Weg were in satisfactory condition. Engineer Ed Powell, explained that the original estimate on the pipe size was wrong and that it is now known that the pipes are of adequate size and condition and that scheduled replacement of the water lines beneath Welding Weg isn't for another 10 years. After a brief discussion, Mr. Chamberlain motioned to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Corn seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

X. Town Managers Report – Manager Boaz reported the following to the Council:

1. The Town will hold a cleanup day on April 19 at the Recycling Center. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should feel free to do so.
2. The Planning Retreat is scheduled for April 30. If any Council members have topics they would like to discuss, they should provide them to the Manager as soon as possible so that an agenda can be prepared.
3. The Parks Committee has recommended that the Town develop a Recreation Master Plan. Craig has experience in doing Master Plans and is willing to do the work if the Council thinks it would be useful.
4. There is an updated draft of the strategic planning survey. If there are further comments, please forward them to Bobby.
5. The gym floor at the Rec Center will be repainted March 19th-24th. The gym will have to be closed during that period. The fitness center will be closed on March 19th and 20th due to the noxious fumes from the painting.
6. A bill has been introduced in the General Assembly that would limit the percentage that a property's value could increase during a county-wide revaluation to the CPI during the corresponding period. This would have a negative impact on the Town's ability to meet its financial obligations. Manager Boaz gave the Council a letter opposing the Bill. The Council after much discussion asked Manager Boaz to revise the letter and present it to them for further comment.

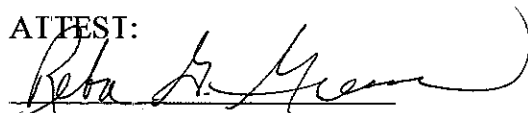
XI. Adjourn- Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobby Dziewulski


Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk

