

**REGULAR MEETING**

**STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order with the following Council Members attending: Vice Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilman Duane Layman, Councilman Joseph Mauck and Councilman Douglas Purdham. Also in attendance: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Treasurer Leon Stout, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Parks Director Teri Beers, Kara Winum, Amanda and Jamie Foltz, Diane Wright, Bill and Kathy Lavin with the Where Angels Play Foundation, Rob and Mary Pierro, Patrick and Pamela Sandford and Randy Arrington with Page Valley News. Absent: Councilman Jeremiah Knight.

**Mayor Knight asked for a Moment of Silence for the Bridgewater College Officers that lost their lives in the Line Of Duty on February 1<sup>st</sup> which will be followed by the Invocation.** Vice Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight asked if there were any additions or changes to the tentative agenda presented for this meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Layman to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN JEREMIAH KNIGHT

Mayor Knight recognized Bill Lavin with Where Angels Play Foundation allowing him to make his presentation. Mr. Lavin thanked everyone for allowing him and his organization time to speak. He then went on to describe about the history of the organization and how it was formed. Where Angels Play have built 57 playgrounds since the Sandy Hook shooting which initiated Where Angels Play. The reason for building a playground was first honor Nick Winum and second for Kara for the compassion she showed to the shooter's family. The playground would be in the image of Nick and would be completed within three to four days. Hundreds of volunteers many of them firefighters and police officers come out during this time to help. The plan will be to start fund raising money for the project with the cost estimating to be around \$500,000.00. Jersey Mikes is a big sponsor of these projects. The project is scheduled to in Spring of 2023.

Kara Winum spoke to guest and body noting Nick had such a big heart for kids and was always taking granola bars to the kids. Kara told the body that this would be so special for Nick, his children, grandchildren and the rest of the family. Kara thanked everyone.

With no further discussion Mayor Knight ask for a consensus from the council to allow Where Angels Play and the town to move forward with this project.

d if it is the consensus of this Body to move forward with the playground in memory of Nick Winum.

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**VOTING FOR: :**

Councilman Purdham  
Councilman Mauck  
Vice Mayor Stoneberger  
Councilman Layman

**VOTING AGAINST:**

None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Council Jeremiah Knight

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Mayor Knight noted at 8:30 pm. we will have a 5-minute recess.

Mayor Knight called to meeting to order at 8:41 pm. and noted next on the agenda is the minutes from the previous month's meeting as presented in writing. Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Purdham to approve the minutes as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Mayor Knight noted next is the Treasurer's Report, if there are no questions, we will move on to the Paywarrant.

Vice Mayor Stoneberger asked about Bill #56 (Reed's Tire Center - \$730.44) what vehicle was this work done. Treasurer Stout advised it was the dump truck.

Mayor Knight noted next on the agenda is the Loan Portfolio and does anyone have any comments or questions. There was none, Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Vice Mayor Stoneberger to approve the paywarrant totaling \$171,892.65 be paid.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Mayor Knight recognized Amanda Foltz, allowing her to address this body, she noted she was back about the trash and rat problem that continues right above her house. Mrs. Foltz noted she has pictures of rat holes and trash everywhere and the smell is unbelievable. Mrs. Foltz noted this has been going on for years and it is only getting worse, with rats as big as cats, rats eating buckets of poison and not affecting them at all, being awoken by rats chewing or scratching something under your floor and at least 12 abandoned vehicles full of trash. There has to be something we can do about this; we have been battling this for years and years. Mr. Pettit advised papers were served on Tuesday and they have 10 days to do something. There was discussion about her being in the hospital or nursing home because of an operation. Mr.

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Pettit advised there is a budget workshop in 2 weeks, and this will be discussed further in Closed Session. Mr. Pettit advised the town can clean up the mess and then go after the homeowner. Mrs. Foltz and her family thanked the body for listening to them.

At 8:56 pm. Town Manager Terry Pettit presented his Administrative noting he had spoken with Randy Dominick with DDA the streetlight company, the price he quoted us is with all the extras. Mr. Pettit noted a person wanting to donate a light could not afford that price, so I asked for a price on the pole and plain fixture. Mr. Pettit noted he has not received a reply.

Mr. Pettit noted the Town's new web site is up and running and so far, we are pleased with what we have seen and have received good comments from viewers. Mr. Pettit will be getting Bios from this body to add to the website.

Mr. Pettit noted public work's employee Nick Alger has been entered in the CDL Class at Blue Ridge Community College and will start Wednesday and is expected to finish early April.

Mr. Pettit noted a recent ruling by the IRS has us considering Mayor and Council as employees since they are paid out of payroll. Mr. Pettit noted after checking with other local towns in the area we and one other are the only ones not doing it this way. After a brief discussion January 1, 2023, will be the starting date for taking tax deductions.

Mr. Pettit noted Christi has reported Veteran's Banner Sales are going very well and she has already sold 63. Council was pleased with the banner sales, noting this was such a good project.

Mr. Pettit advised collection of past real estate taxes have begun and many are not happy with us. Mr. Pettit noted the 1<sup>st</sup> payment goes to the attorney and the rest can be made to the town.

Mr. Pettit noted the Joint County and Town Meeting was held last Thursday and a copy of the minutes from that meeting are attached. Mr. Pettit also noted the next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. at Hawksbill Park.

Mr. Pettit noted the new owners of Wisteria are having a Soft Re-Opening on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to stop by.

Mr. Pettit also noted on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am. there will be a Grand Opening at The Total Look and it would be nice if anyone can stop by and welcome them.

Mr. Pettit noted he spoke to Regina with Luray/Page Chamber of Commerce about setting a time to meet with Mayor Knight and Vice Mayor Stoneberger.

Mr. Pettit noted at 9:11 pm. Chief Ryan Dean had to leave the meeting to assist with a call, but everyone has his report and if anyone has a question, he will try to answer it.

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Mr. Pettit noted the service of the 1-year anniversary of the death of Officer Nick Winum is coming together with Governor Younkin planning to attend, as well as several other dignitaries increasing the time to at least 1½ hrs. Mr. Pettit noted Nick's Badge #202 will be retired the dedication of the new Police Department Office Building as well in his name.

Mr. Pettit also had a picture rendering of how the new Police Station looks with the new lettering. Mr. Pettit noted there's are things that need to do such as painting the roof, cut bushes in front of the building, desks for the office and a little renovating inside.

Mr. Pettit noted the new police vehicles are almost ready to be put in service.

Mr. Pettit noted someone broke into Wellhouse #2 and stole about \$3,000.00 of T-Mobile equipment.

Mr. Pettit moved onto the Recreation Report at 9:15 pm. noting he has received a lot of requests about short-term rentals and discussion followed on this issue.

Mr. Pettit noted he was unable to have an estimate for tonight's meeting from PJ Knight on converting the cottages into short-term rentals. Mr. Pettit also advised ARPA funds cannot be used for this project.

Discussion followed about the possibility of renting the large cottage, then put some of that money fixing the other one to use as short-term rental.

Mr. Pettit noted he has filed the Special Use Permit for the proposed Dog Park and the process should take about 3 months. Mr. Pettit noted he and Teri meet with Don Feliciano every

Thursday to discuss the dog park. Mr. Pettit noted Don discussed the possibility of making the proposed dog park a little smaller.

Mayor Knight noted the possibility of adding camp sites at the park for self-contained vehicles.

There was discussion about the noise from the generators being an issue with the neighbors. Mr. Pettit noted about putting in a bridge to access the other side of the property as well as fencing.

Mr. Pettit noted we have switched the phone and internet service to Comcast at Hawksbill Park and the service it is much better.

Mr. Pettit noted the metal ceiling for the Performance Center is being ordered to solve the bird nesting problem and it is supposed to be here in about 2 weeks.

Mr. Pettit presented the Water/Sewer Report at 9:32 pm. noting A-Team has ordered materials to start Well #7 project and like everything else there is a delay in getting the materials.

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Mr. Pettit noted the enclosed draft from Gary Shirley and himself to the Office of Water Programs in reference to our well production verses our water loss. Mr. Pettit continued noting we have reached our threshold where the OWF requires a written plan of action. Mr. Pettit noted the addition of Well #7 and our program of replacing old water lines will help resolve this issue.

Mr. Pettit noted Lane Technology has repaired leaks in several manholes for us. Mr. Pettit continued a few of these leaks were allowing a lot of infiltration in but they were able to seal them. Mr. Pettit noted the cost for these repairs was \$13,130.50 and he would like to pay this with ARPA funds. Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Mauck to approve using \$13,130.50 of ARPA funding to pay this bill.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Mr. Pettit noted he was talking to Burner Well Drilling and they advised him that it takes them 45 to 60 days to get a pump where it use to get one in a couple of days. Mr. Pettit note he would like to purchase a spare pump for Well #6 because if this pump went down, we could not keep up with our water customers supply. Mr. Pettit noted he would like to purchase a spare pump for this reason and the cost of a new pump is \$15,993.00 which can be bought with ARPA funds. After a brief discussion Motion was made by Councilman Mauck, seconded by Councilman Purdham to purchase the extra pump.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Mr. Pettit noted he has talked to Shenandoah about their sewer camera but found another one that he believes will work better for the town which is \$13,747.28 which can also be paid with

ARPA funds. Motion was made by Councilman Layman, seconded by Councilman Mauck to purchase the sewer camera with ARPA funds.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Mr. Pettit noted the need to schedule a time for our Budget Meeting on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. at the Stanley Town Office.

Mayor Knight advised the Committee Appointments seem to be working well will remain the same as last year.

Mayor Knight inquired if there was any Public Comment there being none, Motion was made by Councilman Purdham, seconded by Councilman Mauck at 9:46 pm. to adjourn this meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

ABSENT: Councilman Jeremiah Knight

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MICHAEL KNIGHT, MAYOR

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NORMA CUBBAGE, CLERK

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