



Town of Buffalo

PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA



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Town Council Meeting
May 6, 2019

Meeting called to order by Mayor Cain at 7:00 P.M.

Doug Pierson, Terry Parsons, Leah Higginbotham, Chad Thaxton and Barbara Reed were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara Reed made motion to approve the April minutes as read, Leah Higginbotham seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Doug Pierson made motion to approve payments from April 1st through present date, Terry Parsons seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Will Jordan gave the police report.

Mayor Cain introduced Terry Martin, a Representative of the Regional Intergovernmental Council, who updated Council regarding the Small Cities HUD- Community Development Block Grant previously applied for by the previous administration. He informed Council that we did not receive the funding we applied for. He also wanted to ask Council if they wanted to reapply for the same grant this year and if so, will they be making the same commitment of \$79, 923.00 towards it, if the amount hasn't increased.

Mr. Martin said he will run the ad for it, at no cost to the town, and would give Council until June 3, 2019 Council Meeting to arrive at their decision for reapplication.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to approve running the ad to see if there is any interest, Barbara Reed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Leah Higginbotham made a motion to approve the application of the recreational enhancement grant, Terry Parsons seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain handed Council a "Resolution for Homeland Security Grant" from the Buffalo Sewer Board for their approval.

Doug Pierson made motion to approve the "Resolution for Homeland Security Grant", Chad Thaxton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain handed Council a written request from the Buffalo Library to create a temporary book trail. They are asking for permission to put the first trail from the library, through the first field behind the softball fields, and ending at the new swings near the river. Additionally, they are asking if the Council would like to invest in the project.

Doug Pierson made motion to approve the Buffalo Library request to install the temporary book trail, Barbara Reed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain handed Council three quotes to replace the side door of the old water plant.

Doug Pierson made motion to approve the quote from Oscar Henry Company to replace the side door for the amount of \$488.00 (1 door, 3 hinges, 1 lock, 1 deadbolt), Barbara Reed seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cain brought up for discussion hiring additional town workers to assist the current town employee. In response to our ad we had 4 applicants and 2 interviews scheduled.

Mayor Cain handed Council the current employee handbook to be considered for revision.

Mayor Cain updated Council regarding the Vandalia growers. He mentioned that we are waiting to hear back from them but they are scheduled to break ground around the end of May.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council he is still in contact with Nitro Electric to get them to agree to come into Town limits.

Mayor Cain mentioned to Council that the Yogi Jellystone Park could be an area of interest to get them added in the town's sewer.

Chad Thaxton brought to Council's attention concerning the B&O Tax rates. He is proposing to get rid of the B&O taxes for businesses in town. He mentioned getting the surrounding businesses to agree to annexation and that He expressed his concerns that our B&O taxes discourage businesses from coming into town.

Doug Pierson made motion to adjourn, Leah Higginbotham seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Attendance: Gary Tucker, , Donnie Jordan, Travis Blankenship, Chief Will Jordan, Ronnie Harris, Herman Jividen, Amanda Runion.

Mayor

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