

OLDEST TOWN
IN WEST VIRGINIA
BETWEEN CHARLESTON
AND POINT PLEASANT

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Town of Buffalo

P.O. BOX 307
BUFFALO, WEST VIRGINIA 25033

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Town Meeting
November 6, 2017

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

Leah Higginbotham, Alisa Scott, Barbara Reed, Billy Whittington, and Jenny Leighton were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Special recognition was given to Council for being named "Wonder Women" in WV Living Magazine from WVU President E. Gordon Gee by letter to Mayor Melton.

Michael Griffith, CPA for Buffalo Sewer Dept., was introduced by Mayor Melton. Mr. Griffith encouraged council to hear the proposal from WV American Water. Mr. Griffith mentioned that the water consumption for the town is in fact going down, causing the rates to increase. He also encouraged council to consider all of the facts when arriving at a decision. Mayor Melton asked Mr. Griffith if in his opinion council should pursue selling the sewer system. Mr. Griffith said money is always a reason, but additionally the more restraining regulations become, the more difficult it will be for the smaller communities to comply and that it is always worth it listening to proposals.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to approve minutes as read. Barbara Reed seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Melton contacted the insurance adjuster from Travelers in regards to the town entrance sign. The adjuster sent Mayor Melton a letter stating that the claim paid \$5377.68 for the sign and that \$2500.00 was withheld for the deductible. Travellers will be cutting the town a check for the remaining \$2877.68. Mayor Melton mentioned that Travelers Insurance has not pursued the guilty party involved in the claim and that the matter will still need to be pursued in order to get the deductible reimbursed.

Leah Higginbotham said that she has received several quotes on both signs ranging from \$2400 to \$3400 and that the original artist told her that he needs to know asap due to lack of certain type of wood to make the signs. Mayor Melton said the bricks for the new signs have been donated by Susan Howard and Karen Burdette. He contacted a brick layer who told him it would cost \$600 labor + additional cost for mortar and other materials.

Alisa Scott said that if the original artist is going out of business soon, that they should consider someone else in case they would need to make an additional sign at some point in the future. Barbara Reed said that they should explore to see what options there were for signs, whether wooden or digital etc.

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Mayor Melton said that he had asked the town Attorney concerning the possibility of using signs to pass off liability to the users at the Frog City Park. The Attorney said it would not hurt.

Council decided the ribbon cutting ceremony be held on December 9, 2017 and the time to be announced at next council meeting.

Mayor Melton read a letter from an Eagle Scout candidate, Corey McKinney, who asked council for reimbursement for work he had finished and was going to do. Timothy Conley asked that council would reimburse the money spent by Corey McKinney and pay for additional costs involved with the renovation of the youth baseball park.

Leah Higginbotham made motion to reimburse Corey McKinney all of the money he has previously spent and to give additional funding to pay for the cost of a new urinal, scoreboard, and materials for painting and plumbing of bathrooms and concession stands, which is estimated at the cost of \$1300-\$1600 by Tim Conley. Barbara Reed seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Alisa Scott asks on behalf of the Buffalo Vision Committee, that the town pay \$500 for the lighting of the "town tree".

Billy Whittington made motion to pay the cost of lighting of the town tree. Jenny Leighton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A citizen asked if there was an ordinance against farm animals in town and how to file a complaint, in which Will Jordan informed her that there was a complaint form that she could fill out.

Will Jordan asked that council consider adding or adopting the ordinance "person caught with possession of needles without a prescription could be charged." He said that he would present a copy of Winfield's Ordinance so it could be previewed and written for a reading to be done to be voted on.

Senator Jefferies said he spoke with DOH engineer about getting a stoplight installed at the Buffalo Bridge along with the plans of the entrance and exit ramps coming off of the bridge.

Senator Jefferies said he would look into turning Wrights Lane into a 2-lane road, getting some guardrails put up on corner of Tims Street where it meets Rt. 62, and the possibility of putting up some mirrors at the corner of Stokes Grocery and Cross Creek Road.

Barbara Reed made motion to adjourn. Alisa Scott seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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Attendance: Senator Glenn Jefferies, Clyde & Pat Legg, Sharon Hedrick, Lawrence & Sharon Woods, Amanda Runion, Ronnie Harris, Timothy Conley, Corey McKinney, Will Jordan, Herman Jividen, Michael Griffith, Chad Thaxton

Paul D. Melton Andrew M. Carter

Mayor

Recorder