**Town Council Meeting**

**April 13, 2022 7:00 pm**

**Zoom meeting for the public**

**Agenda**

**ROLL CALL**

Wanda Gofforth Gill Saunders

John Paton Ralph Clark

Mike Tiedeman Jeff Peed

Chris Johnson Bruce Bair

Cally Gallegos Jessica Hart

Tim Pobirk

1. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - John Paton makes a motion to approve the agenda, Jeff Peed seconded. Motion Passed**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes -John Paton makes a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Ralph Clark motion passed.**

**Disbursements - None**

1. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Engineer Steve Labonde will discuss the water project to provide redundancy add valve and incorporate SCADA. Bruce spoke to Steve yesterday asked Steve to explain to the council and the audience. Water storage the highest priority on the Capital improvement plan was to replace the tank in the capital improvement plan. 50/50 grant $25000. The town will use the money to finish water storage tank readiness we will proceed when town receives the signed contract. Next step how to fund the construction $800000 dollars project. Dana encouraged us to use DOLA, August is next award for Tier 2 which is a 50/50 grant. This is where the town would try for other $40000 come from Drinking water revolving fund, if deemed Disadvantage community SRF program will allow us to can reimburse ourselves. Now that grant is in place SRF prequalification for parallel design on water tank if we qualify for disadvantage community $10000 awarded immediately. Next step bi partisan (BIL) funnel $11.7 billion available. 49% loan principal forgiveness, must spend $$ in 5 years. If we are ready to proceed in the water and sewer. Bi partisan money might fund all of it. One caveat project needs assessment $15000 project. Looking for principal forgiveness or 1% loan 110% revenue study if Wintertime frame to get all the funding mechanisms in place in the spring we should be up and ready to go. Wanda asked if Steve would be able to help us with the grant process. Yes he would, We would attend a prequalification for meeting. Thank you, Steve,

Question was asked by Adrian Heisey about the reason of the tank project. Bruce responded Extra storage and the tank is old and need to be replaced, also will allow the town to take the tank offline for repairs and maintenance.

If the town drained the tank the water system would not work.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – History Channel will feature Ira Housewort, a local blacksmith, Quilt Retreat April 21,22,23, Upstairs. Chamber music in the park May 21.**
2. **OLD BUSINESS\***

Needle Rock Mountain Realty Property near water dispenser. The town agreed to purchase the property on Dogwood near the dispenser for $1500 and the Town would pay $370 for the title insurance and Needle rock realty will donate the other hundred dollars to cover the title insurance fee. Mike Tiedeman makes the motion and Jeff Peed seconds the motion. Motion passed. John Paton opposed.

Pay for insurance for Alan Wanda suggests that the Town pays for his insurance, and it would reduce his PERA and federal wages.

Mike Tiedeman has a problem with the money, it should be used for insurance, not wages. Chris wants to know what Bruce thinks.

Bruce, we have money in reserves, he thinks Alan is a great worker, he allows Bruce the time that he needs to do paperwork and grants.

Tim asked what the town will be out if we don’t agree.

Cally adds that Alan is asking for an extra $300 plus the $500.

John thinks we should pay for the $300

Wanda needs someone to tell us what we are going to do.

Chris Johnson asks about where he found insurance that cheap? Bruce added that we need to revisit rate increases in the water and wastewater funds.

We added 20000 out of reserves to balance the budget in the sewer fund and water fund.

There is no doubt in his mind that the town needs to raise rates. Utility have gone up in the last 6 months. Trying to keep the town solvent and the water flowing and the sewer treated.

Jeff asked do other towns have these same issues Bruce said that Paonia and Hotchkiss have both have been looking for employees.

Bruce adds that he would be willing to sacrifice a $1 from his wages just to keep Alan.

Jeff Peed makes a motion that the Town pays for Alans $300 insurance. John seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ralph Clark asked Tim Pobirk and Jessica Hart what they thought since they would be on the council.

Tim thinks we should do it. Because it is impossible to hire good help right now and

Jessica Hart agrees.

1. **NEW BUSINESS\*** Swearing in new trustees Jessica Hart, Chris Johnson, and Tim Pobirk. Cally swears in the new trustees.
2. **Wanda makes assignments -**John Mayor pro-tem and code enforcement, Jeff building code, Jessica Juvenile diversion, Gill Delta Planning, Chris Johnson Delta housing authority, Tim streets.

Rate increase water & sewer $2 on base rate and reserve $2 and $2 on sewer. We need more information. We are having council training. Cally suggests that Bruce and Cally do the research and then at the public hearing. Jeff said that Bruce and Cally are doing a great job.

Tim is asking if the new meters will help with the cost. Saves water loss and his opinion is that a base rate and then pay for what you use. The cost is still We need to pay expenses.

Chris thinks that we need to have a meeting in May and then have the public hearing in June.

Lower the monthly minimum May 13th on the agenda public hearing for June. That is what they base your rate does.

Cell plan for the Town – Talking the other day always used Bruce’s cell phone, Bruce has the tablet on his plan. Bruce is installing smart meters the tablet that cam with the meter to upload the information using his phone and tablet as a hot spot. Government plan. around $170 per month. Android. Motion was made by John Paton to get cell phones Tim Pobirk. Motion passes

1. **PUBLIC NON - AGENDA ITEMS -** Tristen is not happy that the meetings are the same night asthe fire board
2. Public Works having to replace some meter pits, takes about an hour. T mobile is not completely up and running. Bruce read some new ones. Scheduled training for installation tech training. Snowplow is put away off loaded the sander and welded. Also been out on the sweeper. Park and cleaning and mother nature made a new mess. Weed control started. Co-warn statewide water and wastewater emergency to find assistance in the emergency. DC Great training forest service lease expires this fall, Wanda signed the start of the lease. We may have to pay for that lease.
3. Board Members – Tim April 20 council training.
4. Clerk – Applied for a grant to replace telemetry. Telemetry doesn’t work at all.
5. Mayor’s Report – Municipal quarterly, 1000-gal propane tank but the county is not filling it yet. Meeting procedures are on the wall. Welcomes new trustees read minutes and read ordinances.
6. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING council training April 20th**

**May 13, water service fee for community room. Hourly rate for things that Bruce has done.**

1. **ADJOURNMENT 9:00**

**\*POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED\***