

REGULAR MEETING
STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
JANUARY 14TH, 2025, 7:30 pm.

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Council Members attending: Councilwoman Robyn Good, Councilman Joseph Mauck, and Councilman Douglas Purdham, and Councilman Jeremiah Knight. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Ryan Dean, Parks Director Teri Beers, Treasurer Leon Stout, Foreman Ryan Gaunt, Randy Arrington with Page Valley News and Lee Zion with Page News and Carrier. Presenting at the meeting is Stanley Little League President Abigail Blosser. Absent from the meeting, Mayor Michael Knight.

Councilman Purdham gave the Invocation and Councilman Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

Vice- Mayor Stoneberger asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as presented. Town Manager Pettit stated Vanessa Lewis has requested to present as well, and Councilman Mauck requested to go into closed session at the end of the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Vanessa Lewis stated that she was banned from all parks due to an incident involving alcohol at the Hawksbill Recreation Park on June 19th. She requested that the council consider removing that ban. Council stated they will discuss it, and that Town Manager Pettit will be in contact. She thanked the Council and left the building.

President of the Little League, Abigail Blosser, brought back the AED to replace with a new one. She stated registration is open with 25 registered so far. They have painted the outside of the concession stand and Blue Ridge Insulation will be donating insulation. They will also be redoing the concession stand menu. They are still discussing the day they will be hosting the Opening Day Ceremony but are leaning towards April 17th or 18th at 10 am. The next meeting will be February 1st, and the next in-person registration will be February 27th.

PASSED MINUTES APPROVAL:

Vice- Mayor Stoneberger asked the council if they had any additions or changes to the past regular meeting minutes. With there being none, a motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER REPORT:

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger questioned Holiday Designs for \$109.68 and \$2811.81 if it was for this for new lights or replacements for what we have? Treasurer Stout stated they are for the Christmas streetlights bulbs and decoration. Vice-Mayor Stoneberger questioned the amount we are paying in grant writing. Treasurer Stout stated she hasn't billed us in a while and it's for multiple grants. With no other questions a motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the Treasurer's Report, Pay Warrant, in the amount of \$241,070.27 and the Loan Portfolio, seconded by Councilman Knight. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Manager Pettit advised the footers and the electric for the new sign at Ed Good Park should begin this month.

He also stated that the cost for the firework show for homecoming was quoted for \$19k. and advised that the contract with Pyrotecnico for a show on July 3rd. will be booked.

Next month's meeting we will discuss the office windows when Mayor Knight will be in attendance.

The contractor to replace the roof at the sewer plant will begin on February 26th.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit stated that the Luray/Page Chamber is hosting a Business Network Breakfast for any Council members wanting to attend.

Racey Engineering has offered to pay the town all costs if we would be willing to put an ad in our water bills for purchasing a brick for the PMH Foundation. The council's only concern was starting this if others would then expect it. The council said depending on how much they are willing to pay us we would consider it.

Mike Salvino, who preserved the documentation and history of Graves Chapel Church, which is a historical site in our town, passed it on to Mr. Pettit. The town office will preserve the documentation until the museum is up and running.

The homecoming committee member requested history of longest serving mayor and council. Douglas Purdham was the longest serving mayor of 27 years, and Louis Bosley was the longest serving council member at 41 years. A complete report of the mayors and council members and their service as passed out.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Dean gave the police report stating there were 363 calls for service, 4 citations, and 302 self-initiated calls for the month of December.

Chief Dean requested shining blue lights for the month of February in Honor of Nick Winum. The family will be having a celebration of life for the 5-year anniversary of Winum's passing and they have invited the Council.

Social Services has been involved in the home on Pond Avenue but may need help from the County to try and help clean it up.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

Park Director Teri Beers stated Story time with Santa had about 10 children due to conflicting programs with the schools.

The cottage renter from woodside is paid and up to date, but Creekside will be 3 months behind on the 15th. Parks Director Beers and Councilman Purdham did a walk through of the property and everything looks good with no damage.

There is someone running the basketball program and she has started the sign-up process. Due to being behind schedule, we will only offer one age group this season but hope to expand next season.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit stated now that the holidays are over, they will start Well #7 to see what effects it has on our system.

Mr. Pettit reported that the sewer plant needs a lot of upgrades. Many of the small items have been taken care of but major equipment that needs fixed or replaced is the digester at a rough estimate of \$90,000, filter press at \$50,000, and the belt press we are still waiting for an estimate.

Mr. Pettit stated he's working on the DEQ VPDES renewal of the wastewater plant permit must be finished June 1st.

The Public Works crew has been certified by VDOT for the snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Stout stated the ballfield loan needs to be renewed. He suggests that it be renewed in a 5-10-year term so there will not be a balloon payment in the end. Councilman Mauck made a motion to renew the loan and allow Town Manager Pettit to sign a 5.63% interest rate for a 5-year term, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Knight made a motion to move that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A 1, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger calls for a Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yay

Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Councilman Knight makes a motion the Council leaves the closed meeting and return to open meeting seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger calls for a Roll Call vote:

Voting Yay

Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger states we are now in open meeting.

Councilman Knight made a motion to give both sewer plant employees a dollar raise from when they passed their exam, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Mauck made a motion to advertise for the Chief of Police position, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Knight made a motion to continue the one-year ban on the parks for Ms. Lewis from the date of the incident which was June 19th., seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger asked to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM, a motion was made by Councilman Mauck seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Bruce Stoneberger, Vice-Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk