

Council Meeting

August 5, 2025 @7:00pm

Council Present: Mayor- Anna LeDuc, Council-Marvin Garding, Sharon Briggs, Betsy Huegelmann.

Mayor LeDuc read the Council Rules of Conduct.

Minutes: Minutes were read by the clerk. Marvin motioned to approve the minutes, Sharon 2nd. All approved.

Claims: Claims discussed in the amount of \$ 363, 271.52. Motion to approve the claims made by Marvin. Betsy 2nd. All approved.

Water/Sewer: Charlei – Tie-ins to the water main were successful. Meadowview/Spring box needed more work than others. The River Edge is exploring using our sewer lagoons for hotel/rv wastewater. Sampled twice for their BOD/BSS – River edge is paying for the sampling. A tank diver cleaned the entire water tank. He fixed the sensor line leak that was under the tank. He also inspected the tank the last two times. The tank inside is in good condition. In 5-10 yr, the outside needs to be power sprayed and repainted. A frost-free water spigot has been installed at the tank so they can access water if needed. Meter install has started. Meters will be set up with software as we go.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Water Project: Paul Montgomery said that RLC was a good contractor, but scheduling can be an issue with them. Not much has changed since the last meeting. Hoping to get a pay app from RLC soon. Chain link at the Spring Box needs to stay per DEQ requirements. There is about \$125,000 left in the contract. The project ends at the end of September. There are no new change orders.

Public Comment: Loreen Felstet asked if where all the hydrants are located and why are they not at the top of the roads instead of the bottom. Paul: Hydrants at the bottom are more effective for equipment usage by the fire department. Paul also stated that former Fire Chief Calhoun said they would not be used if at the top.

Maintenance: Marvin says that the bouncy house guy drove a stake through the water line during Railroad Day. It was fixed. Marvin brought up Troy's estimates on asphalt for the Community Center parking lot. The estimate from Shadow Asphalt was motioned to approve by Marvin, Betsy 2nd, all approved for \$8383.75. And Marvin provided the maintenance plan for approval for a sliding, multi year maintenance plan for the generator. Plan was discussed and motion to approve made by Sharon, Marvin 2nd, all approved.

Public Comment: Kim Garding asked if there were more than one estimate. Marvin said yes.

Quarterly Reports

County Attorney – Not in attendance

Sheriff – 89-97 calls for service. Mostly traffic citations. Not too much activity.

No public comment.

Fire Department – Frenchtown Rural Fire Chief Damian Frisby said they have a fire mitigation program to help reduce vegetation to prevent combustible fuels – funded partially by grants. The program is very busy, and they are booked out into next year. It's a first come, first served program. Call 626-5791 and ask for mitigation if you want more information. There has been an increase in fire activity the past few weeks. There was a use of a newly installed hydrant and frost free on a fire on Apple Lane recently. Also, Chief cautions not burn after a rain the fuels are still not wet enough to not catch fire easily. Talk to you neighbors and tell them not to burn now.

Public Comment: Bob Summerfield asked about the cost of mitigation. Cost varies.

Old Business: Local Government Review volunteers are still needed.

Public Comment: Loreen Felstet asked who we've tried to contact for this. – Mayor LeDuc replied its publicly posted on the town website and have personally asked around town and at the school.

Resolution of Intent 345 to adopt the Bear Aware Management Plan was read aloud by Anna. Some suggestion to the verbiage were made. Bob Sumerfield brought up that only 1 person applied for reimbursement for bear cans. Tim Fox stated that the current management plan was not an actionable plan. The Resolution of Intent of the Bear Aware Plan was motioned to approve by Sharon, 2nd by Betsy, all approved – with two minor word changes in the document to be made.

Public Comment: Loreen Felstet asked if we can adopt the bear management plan right away given the season. Bob Summerfield said that it is just a plan, no rush.

New Business: Mail-In Ballot Resolution was presented for approval, allowing a 'mail-in ballot only' at the local election in November. Motion to approve by Betsy, Sharon 2nd, all approved. Will be sent to Mineral County Elections Office.

No public comment.

New Black Mountain Software addition needed for import/export of data from new water meters for billing. Contract approval for services. Motion to approve contract made by Sharon, 2nd by Betsy, all approved.

No public comment.

Clerk Notes: Budget meeting is coming up soon. The town office will be closed from Labor Day weekend until 9/9 or 9/10.

Public Comment: Amanda Cyr Introduced herself as the new principal of Alberton School. School starts Aug 20.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marvin, Sharon 2nd, all approved. Meeting ended at 8:48pm.



Town Clerk



Mayor