

The Pearisburg Town Council met in Regular Session on December 8, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Pearisburg Municipal Building in the Council Chambers and via electronic meeting using Zoom technology hosted by Town Clerk Harless. Present for the meeting in the Council Chambers Mayor Dickerson; Vice Mayor Eaton; Council Members Williams, Journell, Ballard and Clark; Town Manager Meredith; Town Clerk Harless; Police Chief Martin; Director of Public Works Wilson; and Recreation Director Collins. Present for the meeting via Zoom Town Attorney Hartley; Nicole Haskins, citizen; and Amelia Whittaker, Virginian Leader.

Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular November 10, 2020 Council meeting as written. Ballard seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Harrell, Ballard, Clark and Journell. The motion carried 6 to 0.

Nicole Haskins addressed Council concerning the Recreation Department Sports. She stated that, as a parent, she is disappointed that we will not be having winter sports. She stated that some surrounding areas are offering sports. She felt that kids needed an outlet and sports helped to accomplish that. She stated that it was not like the Town would be forcing kids to participate in sports. She stated that parents have the option to opt out or opt in for their child to participate. She stated that she had spoken with parents that want their children to participate. She stated that they trust the health officials, the Recreation Director, and the State Director for VHSL. She mentioned that, even with school being all virtual, they are still having sports. She just wants to see kids be able to participate in sports, it's been a very difficult year for the kids and parents. She stated that she understood the fears of some individuals and parents. She would like to see Pearisburg give the choice to either opt in or opt out. She is more than happy to support sports for kids to have an outlet.

Eaton asked Collins if Narrows was able to start their program. Collins answered that Narrows didn't have enough participants, at that point in time, signed up to have teams. Narrows may combine the age groups and let them play each other in order to give the kids an opportunity to play a few games. She stated that Narrows plan to be playing, if the high school plays. Collins stated that Coach Potter at GHS was holding their tryouts tonight. Haskins stated that she would like to see the Town of Pearisburg be a leader in providing sports and not just look at what our neighbors are doing. Those of us that live in Pearisburg will go participate at

the Pearisburg Recreation Department first. She stated that the schools were going 100 percent virtual due to staffing issues and not having enough substitutes. Ballard stated that he had talked with the Narrows Recreation Director, Dakota Shrader, and they were moving forward with sports. The Narrows Council approved of having sports. Collins stated that she had talked with Shrader today, and he indicated that he would cancel sports if the school system does so at any time. Clark asked exactly what VHSL meant. Collins explained the guidelines that VHSL established the rules required for the schools to follow in order to hold sports.

Ballard asked Collins if other localities in the New River Valley were having sports. Collins stated that Radford had enough teams to play, Montgomery County didn't feel it was safe at this time and were unable to use any local gyms, and Blacksburg didn't have enough participation to play. Ballard stated that if we follow the Governors guidelines the Recreation Department can hold sports. She stated that we don't have to go by VHSL. Collins stated she had been in contact with Mr. Brown and could have limited access to the gym at Macy McClagherty. Collins stated that she wouldn't need to use the gym at Macy unless she had a lot of kids sign up to participate. She feels that she would only need to use the Gym at the Community Center. Collins will work with the Daycare on scheduling to use the gym for sports. She stated that if Pearisburg held sports, she would not be able to allow parents to attend practices or games. The seating in the gym will not hold the number of parents per players allowed. She would only have the players, coaches and Recreation Staff in the gym. She will work with Jamie Snider to live stream the games to allow parents to watch their children play. She stated that she was comfortable with completing the screenings and sanitation procedures needed for holding sports.

Journell reported on the Public Safety Committee. The Fire Chief reported that the HVAC system at Fire Department is working properly now. Police Chief reported that decals should be installed on the new police vehicle this month.

Ballard reported on the Property and Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed new projects in Town. They were informed that a Dominoes would be in the space located on Kinter Way, the Storage Buildings on N. Main are nearly complete, and Appalachian Eye Care

building will be complete in 2021. The Committee was informed that AEP had completed their work on providing power for the Christmas decorations on the utility poles.

Council discussed whether to hold sports at this time. Collins stated she was comfortable with holding sports, if Council found the plans she submitted to them last month acceptable. Ballard stated that Collins can make whatever decisions she deems necessary pertaining to Covid-19 at her discretion.

Ballard made a motion that Council approve the Recreation Director to organize and proceed to host the winter sports programs immediately and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders. Williams seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Ballard, Eaton, Williams and Clark. Voting no: Journell. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

Eaton reported on the Finance Committee. The Committee reviewed the Annual VRSA Report that summarizes the training/engagements that have been conducted for Town employees. The report also provides annual total cost of risk reductions.

The Committee recommended that Council approve and adopt Budget Amendment FY 2021-03. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Clark, Ballard and Journell. The recommendation carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

EXPENDITURES	Current Budget	New Amount	Difference
10.1100.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 5,250.00
10.1100.4100 FICA	\$ 16,287.00	\$ 16,688.63	\$ 401.63
10.1400.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
10.1400.4100 FICA	\$ 8,988.00	\$ 9,236.63	\$ 248.63
10.1500.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,250.00
10.1500.4100 FICA	\$ 31,284.00	\$ 31,915.13	\$ 631.13
10.1700.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00
10.1700.4100 FICA	\$ 1,676.00	\$ 1,723.81	\$ 47.81
10.1800.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
10.1800.4100 FICA	\$ 18,287.00	\$ 18,746.00	\$ 459.00
10.2200.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10.2200.4100 FICA	\$ 4,398.00	\$ 4,474.50	\$ 76.50
10.2400.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
10.2400.4100 FICA	\$ 2,941.00	\$ 3,017.50	\$ 76.50
10.2600.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
10.2600.4100 FICA	\$ 6,685.00	\$ 6,780.63	\$ 95.63
10.2700.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
10.2700.4100 FICA	\$ 9,864.00	\$ 10,170.00	\$ 306.00
21.2000.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
21.2000.4100 FICA	\$ 7,174.00	\$ 7,269.63	\$ 95.63
21.3000.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00
21.3000.4100 FICA	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 4,086.31	\$ 124.31
22.2100.0510 Bonus Pay	\$ -	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
22.2100.4100 FICA	\$ 10,139.00	\$ 10,387.63	\$ 248.63
<b>REVENUE</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 39,561.38</b>	<b>\$ 39,561.38</b>
		<b>%Change</b>	<b>0.867%</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
\$ 4,640,968.00	\$ 4,564,702.00	\$ 76,266.00
\$ -	\$ 39,561.38	\$ (39,561.38)
<b>\$ 4,640,968.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,604,263.38</b>	<b>\$ 36,704.63</b>

For Council Action on December 8, 2020

Eaton reported on the Public Works Committee. The Committee was informed that the Public Works staff had repaired three water breaks. The position of Street Superintendent was filled by Mitchell Neice. The UV System at the Sewer Plant has been online for one week.

Meredith updated Council on the Sewer Treatment Plant and UV/Sewer Project. He stated that they had received the results this afternoon. He reported the results of the E. coli samples that were taken. The results were 79 and 133. He reported the geo-metric mean was 103. He stated the Town was compliant with Virginia Department of Health. Clark asked if the Town would look at going back to the older system. Meredith replied that at this time he is unsure what the answer to resolve the matter included. He stated that staff is looking at a polymer or filter system. The filter system will cost several hundred dollars. He stated that the geo-metric mean for one month should be 126 max. If the Town gets a heavy rain, then this would in turn effect the disinfection system.

Journell inquired as to whether there were any problems in town with water yesterday. Meredith replied the town crew had repaired a water leak last night on Mountain Lake Avenue. They were quickly able to make the cut and repair. They only had to patch a very small area and did a nice patch on the pavement.

Meredith updated Council on the PSA. He reported that two PSA customers were identified by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as having exceeded the copper and lead levels. VDH will require the PSA to identify the source. The options are to put Aqua-mag in the water supply. This would require an 18-month study by the PSA. The PSA indicated the Water Treatment Plant was not the cause of the increased levels. The PSA has determined the cause is inside the residence's homes. The PSA is looking at whether the lines in the homes could be corrected and the PSA would not be required to treat the water source with Aqua-mag . He reported that the VDH/ODW project was 90% complete and they would be finalizing things in January. Journell asked how this was discovered. Meredith was under the impression the residences collected the samples and had them tested.

Ballard reported on the New River Valley Regional Commission. He informed Council of a zoom Meeting Thursday at 3:30 pm on the proposed New River Valley passenger rail system to connect the NRV with DC. He stated that Radford would be the end point going to DC.

Meredith discussed the surplus of two Police vehicles. The Police Department is looking to surplus 2012 Dodge Charger and 2011 Dodge Charger. He briefed Council on using GovDeals website to sell the vehicles. GovDeals has someone that will train staff on how to manage the Town account on the website. He stated that by using this organization the purchaser is required to pick up the surplus item. He stated that moving forward in the future staff plans to start listing more items. Meredith stated GovDeals will be a good source of revenue. Eaton asked if a minimum amount could be set. Meredith replied that it was optional. Chief Martin will use the low-end estimate from Kelly Blue Book to set a reasonable asking price. Meredith and Martin will set the minimum cost.

Ballard made a motion to authorize surplus of Police Vehicles at the Town Managers discretion for a 2011 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3CL1CT5BH583715 and 2011 Dodge Charger VIN#2C3CDXAT9CH282839. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Ballard, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

Williams made a motion that Council adopt and approve Ordinance 20-06 Fire Department, Established, Composition. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Eaton, Williams, Ballard, Journell and Clark. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.

**ADOPTED: December 8, 2020**

**ORDINANCE NO: 20-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT ARTICLE II, SECTION 34-31 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PEARISBURG TITLED "FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHED, COMPOSITION"**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Pearisburg, Virginia, 6 of the elected members concurring, that:

**Section 1.** That Section 34-31(c) of Article II of the Code of the Town of Pearisburg titled "Fire Department, Established, Composition" is hereby amended and re-enacted to provide as follows:

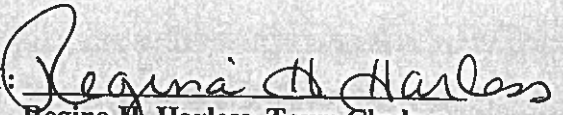
The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Town Council in January of each year that follows a November election of Town Council for a two-year term. The first appointment made in January 2021, shall be for a one-year term. Notwithstanding said two-year term, the Fire Chief shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Council pursuant to Section 6 of the Charter of the Town. The Fire Chief during his term shall appoint such additional officers of the Fire Department as the Fire Chief may choose from time to time to serve during the term of the Fire Chief.

**Section 2.** The remainder of Section 34-31 is re-enacted as it currently exists.

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by Town Council.

This 8th day of December, 2020.

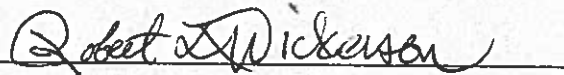
APPROVED:   
Robert L Dickerson, Mayor

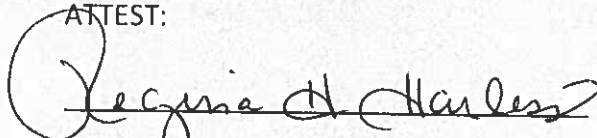
ATTEST:   
Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk

Meredith updated Council on the UV Sewer Project sewer line going across Main Street. The Town had obtained video footage of the inside of the line. He stated that Dennis Amos had reviewed the footage and indicated the Town needed a higher quality video. Meredith stated that he planned to contact Red Sulphur and ask them to come back and record the footage. He hopes to work with Red Sulphur and get the footage at no cost. He stated that if we hire Hurt & Proffitt to do the video we would obtain the footage prior to paying the \$1500 fee. The Town Staff had informed Hurt & Proffitt they were not running the sewer line jetter as it needed to be in order to get the footage.

Meredith informed Council that the Postage Machine lease is up for renewal. He would like to move this time to the January meeting to allow him time to look at other sources as recommended by Hartley.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:  
  
Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:  
  
Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk