**REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Leonard Fillyaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 9, 2020. Mayor Fillyaw welcomed everyone. In attendance were Mayor Leonard Fillyaw and Commissioners Ronnie Page, Ethlyen Powell, Jamie Moore, Wanda Henderson and Lois McCartney. Also, in attendance were Fire Chief Richard Williams, James Parker, Donna DeFalco-Dube and attorney Garrett Ludlum. Mayor Fillyaw asked for a moment of silence and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fillyaw asked if there were any changes or addition to the minutes. Commissioner Powell made a motion to change the February minutes to reflect the Mayor’s office to be used for town business only. Commissioner Henderson seconded. All were in agreement.

Mayor Fillyaw asked if there were any correction or additions to the Agenda. Donna said Joe McKemey from McDavid and Associates will not be able to make it tonight. She will go over the resolution to close out the AMR and Sewer project.

Attorney Garrett Ludlum made a request on behalf of the Fire Department. Mr. Ludlum said in December of 2017 the town accepted a parcel of land from the Fire Department, as thankyou from the Fire Department to the town for paying $15,000.00 for a first responder vehicle. Attorney Ludlum was to prepare the deed and Brent was to prepare the survey. The Fire Department has a buyer for the old Firehouse and this property. Attorney Garrett Ludlum said it would be beneficial to the fire department if they could sell the entire parcel.After the sale they would pay the town $15,000.00 for the property. Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the $15000.00 for the sale of the property. Commissioner Henderson seconded. All were in agreement. Attorney Garrett Ludlum spoke with Attorney Bob Ross, who represents the buyers, about closing the Alley adjoining the town hall property. Donna spoke for Joe McKemey from McDavid and Associates about the amendments to the budget for the AMR and sewer along with the resolution. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the amendments and the resolution and Commissioner Page seconded. All were in agreement.

*Public Works:* Mayor Fillyaw thanked James for replacing the “Children at Play” sign in Hanover Place. James and his wife repaired a large water leak on Maple Street. The town paid Marybeth Parker $40.00 for helping James. James received an estimate of $46,504.00 to pave the walking trail with rubber. He will get another estimate.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to apply for the AARP 50/50 grant for the walking trail.

James said he would like to sell our dump truck. Commissioner Henderson asked if we sell it would we lose access to a dump truck. James said no. We would have access to Brocks, or if we needed stone or dirt it would be delivered. Commissioner Moore made a motion to declare surplus and Commissioner Henderson seconded. All were in agreement. We will have a closed bid sale and advertise in the newspaper.

*Firemen’s Comments:* Mayor Fillyaw said the Fire Department had a nice grand opening. At some point Mayor Fillyaw would like to discuss with the fire department about grants.

*Old Business:* Donna researched the town accepting credit cards. She spoke with the company called Government Window. There are no fees or contract for the town to sign. The only fee is 4% to the customer. Commissioner Page made a motion to use this company for credit card transactions. Commissioner Moore seconded. All were in agreement. Mayor Fillyaw explained that the State Consumer Advisory Board would like us to sign a resolution in reference to Mental Health and opioid crisis. Commissioner Page made a motion to accept and Commissioner Powell seconded. All were in agreement. Donna asked if the town was still interested in the Code Red program. Commissioners said not at this time. Donna spoke about the new budget. She asked everyone to think about a salary structure. Several of the commissioners have ideas and the Mayor. We will talk about salaries at the next meeting.

Commissioner Powell thanked Mayor Fillyaw for attending Fanny Dortch’s 90th birthday celebration. Mayor Fillyaw presented her with flowers and certificate and a monetary gift. Commissioner Powell said he did a very good job. Mayor Fillyaw said he likes to give, “it brings joy to his heart”.

Attorney Garrett Ludlum suggested Mayor Fillyaw see if he can get in touch with Michael Jordan to raise money for Teachey Park. Commissioner Page said he would try and meet with Ms. Earlene Jordan.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henderson seconded. All were in agreement.

Respectfully yours,

Leonard D. Fillyaw

Mayor

Donna DeFalco-Dube

Town Administrator/Clerk