Committee Meetings
March 11, 2008

PRESENT	STAFF
M. Dearing	Lauri A. N. Sigler
M. Isom	M. Christopher Sigler
D. Kite	James A. Morris
M. O'Neill	Clairen Sipe
W. Printz	Allison Morris

ABSENT
T. Pence
S. Sigafoose

The following items and issues were discussed:

- Mock billing information for tier water and sewer rates.
- Generator discussed.
- Switching station and transformer for generator discussed.
- Generator purchased from Carter Machinery.
- $5,000.00 for the transformer and $1,000.00 for delivery for use with generator.
- Caterpillar to be contacted regarding the transformer.
- Carter Machinery had agreed to a 60 day pay plan.
- 10 year warranty provided.
- Engineering plans to be received from Downes and Associates by March 20, 2008.
- Delivery dates for generator discussed.
- Road closure for George Hensley discussed. It was determined Mr. Hensley had not completed or filed a formal application for the closure. Therefore, the issue was removed from discussion.
- Zoning procedures discussed briefly.
- Benny King real estate matter discussed. Vacation of alley and addition of only one parking space.
- Town Attorney Sigler addressed the parking issue by stating the Town's code requires two parking spaces per unit.
- FEMA map of Mr. King's proposal viewed briefly.
- Public Hearing on Mr. King's proposal to be held on March 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.; no vote required. Planning Commission to meet before the Public Hearing.
- New dentist's office to be built. Nothing approved at that time.
- David Williams is 150' short in order to build two sets of townhouses. No action at that time. Town Attorney Sigler noted a request for a variance had been submitted.
- Danny Goodson to be reappointed to Board of Zoning Appeals. An alternate had been contacted.
- Jeff Dean had requested to vacate a lot line and build a garage. Recommendation forthcoming from the Planning Commission.
- George Hensley matter to be sent to Planning Commission.
- Waiver of dump fees; location discussed.
- Fence at Kite House.
- Faster pump for water haulers discussed.
- Parking at Town Hall; tennis courts could be used as parking lot; referred to recreation department.
- Stuart Avenue property discussed in reference to street closing.
- Draw on approved funds from bank loan for generator.
- List to be generated regarding electrical use.

Water and Sewer

- Sewer line at Newtown Road; 1,100 ft of pipe to be installed.
- Town had requested an easement across Barry Ecroyd's property. Mr. Ecroyd granted the Town an easement if he were sold three acres of land. Vice Mayor Dearing noted the project went around Mr. Ecroyd's property.
- East side of Newtown Road; Town working to be granted easements.
- March 14th, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. was the Centennial Celebration.
- Town maintenance department performed paving and cleaned up the Town.
- Caboose painted.
- Work to Town Hall being performed.
- Grates in Town to be repaired.
- Concrete poured for repair at Blue Ridge TV.
- Scott Knight violation discussed briefly.
- Any discussions with County officials regarding the wastewater treatment facility or the new schools should be handled by Town Attorney Chris Sigler per Vice Mayor Dearing.
- Vice Mayor Dearing noted his frustration with the number of people involving themselves in a legal matter concerning the schools.
- Tier Water and Sewer Rates discussed. Council member O'Neill requested to speak with Council on the matter at the next Regular Council Meeting. *(Agenda)*
- Tier rate test 1 – showed a $122,000.00 increase in revenue; test 2 - $154,000.00; and test 3 $79,000.00.
- Manufacturing charge for water and sewer rates discussed. Town Attorney Sigler noted rates could be charged according to classification. Residential / Commercial – Retail / Industrial categories discussed.
- Businesses could be classified via BPOL records from the Treasurer's Office.
- Council member O'Neill stated that some senior citizens using 1,000 – 2,000 gallons could pay less according to some of the test structures.
- Summer sewer cap to continue.
- First reading on proposed water and sewer tier rate to take place soon.
- Meals tax increase discussed briefly.
- $300,000.00 deficit in budget next year without capital projects.
- Profits reduced from generator due to delays.
- Town Attorney Sigler noted there were federal and state funding programs for improvement to the wastewater treatment facility. However, for the Town to qualify it would need to show that the current rates could justify the loan.

Recreation

- Council member Kite spoke of new instructors for the gymnastics program.
- Background checks discussed.
- Batting cages.
- Lease of Town property; utility charges discussed.
- Town Attorney Sigler to discuss lease matter with Jerry Shifflett.
- Kite property renovations discussed; no activity at property permitted.
- Zoning change of Kite property.
- Inspection to be performed regarding new sign at the community center.
- Parks open at the end of March, custodial issues may arise.
- Bids still sealed regarding cleaning position.

Miscellaneous

- Liability insurance regarding Centennial Celebration discussed briefly. Town Attorney Sigler to review and advise Council on the matter.
- Events insurance coverage discussed regarding future centennial events.

- Questionable if ripped/torn banner could be repaired.
- Centennial Celebration on Friday at 5:00 p.m.
- Road block discussed.
- Rick Workman to prepare agenda for Centennial Celebration.
- March 29, 2008 spaghetti dinner at the Community Center.
- Farmers Market to begin soon.
- Skateboarding issues discussed.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor: _____
Wayne E. Printz

Recorder: Denise R. Monger
Denise R. Monger, Clerk