

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held November 12, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Shilo Richards, Jason Bybee and Travis LeFevre. Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Gaia Greenhalgh, Bob Subweeks, Reed LeFevre, Dennis Pollock, Brook Wiseman, Max Stewart, Mayor Jeff Stock Sandra Francisco, and Clint Pierson.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Jason Bybee

PLEDGE: Mayor Jeff Stock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held October 8, 2015. Second by Shilo Richards. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Shilo Richards to approve the agenda. Scott and Marie Barton and John Holland need to be removed and Max Stewart and Mayor Jeff Stock will trade places on the agenda. Second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

- a. Scott and Marie Barton, removed.
- b. Mayor Jeff Stock – in process of project to extend the bike path from Bryce City through Tropic via Highway 12. The path would extend through Cannonville and Henrieville communities. Mayor Stock is working with Jones and DeMille to engineer a plan. John Holland-Highway 12 Committee, will work on the grant to obtain funding from The State of Utah for the plan and design phase. Funding is available through the Transportation Alternative Program. The estimated cost of the plans is \$50,000. It is a matching grant, split between the three towns if they are all on board with the project. Matching funds can be work in kind. Mayor Stock will be talking with Henrieville tonight. John Holland will present plan to Garfield County and seek help there. UDOT will need to be involved as well. The bike path project itself will just depend on the source they seek after for funding. May need to be an ongoing project, section by section. Motion made by Jason to approve Mayor Stock to proceed with the engineering process on the bike path and the Town will help with funding, motion 2nd by Shilo Richards, Motion carried.
- c. John Holland, removed
- d. Max Stewart- Concerned with our July 4th program, we need to honor veterans at the program. Either focus on one veteran or all during the program. This is what the 4th of July is about, they need to be recognized. Also would like to see a memorial or place to ponder and reflect on veterans. Maybe by the cemetery, a rose garden. Brook Wiseman spoke with Max about the 12 Eagles for 12 Scouts project that has been approved to build a new Veterans Memorial. Process is started on the North/West side of the Heritage Center. Max would still like to see something by the cemetery where you can sit in quiet and reflect, but will be excited to see the new memorial. Brook will have scouts talk with Max and include him in the process if he wants. Gaia concerned with finances for the scouting project, doesn't want to see project half finished.

Fund raisers and private donations are a good source. Bob will add kiosk to the project list and will get working on putting it back up at the Heritage Center. Max also brought up the promise that was made when the Federal Government created the Grand Staircase National Monument. If communities were impacted we should be able to recoup funding from the Federal Government. He believes this applies to Natural Gas, would like to see the Town follow up and find out if the agreement is still in place. Contact local congressmen. Max also concerned with speeding on Main Street/Highway 12. Would like to see more patrol on Main Street. Town has spoken with Garfield County about speeding. Will follow up with the County, maybe need to send a signed petition. Speed signs have helped, but locals become immune to them. Dennis Pollock brought up asking other communities if they need the old Veteran's Memorial, not sure if it can be moved. It belongs to the Lion's Club we will let them decide, but it will come down.

- e. Clint Pierson-would like to purchase/or ask for donation of the roof from the old kiosk in front of the Heritage Center. The kiosk will be put back up at the Heritage Center so the Town will not donate the top of it. Lions Club was concerned about old Veteran's memorial coming down, they were not notified. They are okay with the new Veteran's memorial. Lions club needs help if anyone is interested. Town is supportive of the Lion's Club and will help in anyway. Officer Pierson brought in the Bryce Valley Angel tree information for the Town to head up the project this year. Spoke with Pierson about speeding concerns on Main Street. Brought up speed is 40 MPH on Main Street, which is high. The Sheriff's Office is doing what they can to patrol Main Street. Maybe just have a vehicle sitting on Main Street. Officer Pierson has been sitting most mornings near the school zones, he has been very effective there. In next newsletter please put in it the location of the school zone, it extends past the high school not just the corner. There are signs in place.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Motion made to approve Bryce Valley Booster Club banner renewal made by Shiloh Richards, Second by Travis LeFevre, Motion carried.

Financial Report was given, all was in order; a motion was made by Jason to approve the warrants as read. Motion 2nd by Shiloh, Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

CULINARY/SEWER

- a. & b. Ruby's Inn Sewer Line agreement and Joe Thompson/Skyler Syrett water line agreement- Sydney would like to see signed agreements made with both Ruby's Inn and Joe Thompson/Skyler Syrett put into writing. They are noted in minutes but were never put into writing. Motion made by Shilo Richards to proceed with agreements, second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried. Sydney will work with Marie to get agreements in place. In future agreements, consider depreciation on the lines. Another concern is if impact fees increase do we pay them all or keep a portion. The current agreements state \$1000.00 impact fee. Maybe update in the future. Maybe add an expiration date.
- c. Gary Bybee ½ off water due to leak- Motion made by Shilo Richards, to write off ½ of the water charges since the leak was fixed in a timely manner, motion 2nd by Travis LeFevre, Motion carried.

ROADS/STREETS

Mike sent in a road sample with Bob. Council not sure anything about it, Jason will follow up and find out more about it. Travis concerned with drainage issues by the wash below his property- By Raymond's. It needs to be cleaned out. Travis has checked around to rent a Track-ho. We can rent one or can we check with Garfield County to come and help out. It needs to be cleaned from Highway 12 to the creek.

Blue Stakes will need to be called prior to the cleaning. It hasn't been cleaned in 12-14 years. Brett will need to be involved. Travis will contact Garfield County – David Tebbs and see if they will help. If not he will look into a rental. Any concerns with Core of Engineers? There shouldn't be any concerns since it is not being altered, just maintained. Travis suggests waiting until spring time to do it. Jason requested Bob to fill in pot holes by Bryce Meadows Subdivision, we received a complaint. There are holes by corner by Jason's house that need to be filled in. Bob thinks there are valves there that can't be covered. Need to be covered with gravel for the time being. Bob and Brett have been working on pot holes and have done a great job.

PARKS/RECREATION

Heritage Center- big conference room looks good, men's bathroom light switch is still not fixed. Need an electrician to come and fix it. Travis thinks we will lose the dance members renting the facility if we put in concrete flooring. Maintenance will be reduced if we go with concrete flooring. Maybe we need the public input on the flooring option. The carpet tiles are another option Mike has looked into. Carpet tiles were actually approved in the last meeting. Still waiting on a bid for concrete flooring and carpet tiles. Keep this on the agenda for next town board meeting to get public input.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

N/R

EMPLOYEE REPORT

N/R

MAYOR'S REPORT

Meeting in December do we want to do employee Christmas Party? Decided on Thursday, December 10th, 6:00 PM, look into doing it at Ruby's or at Pines. Syd will follow up on it. Need a notice that there will not be a meeting on December 10th.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by to adjourn made by Jason Bybee – Second by Shilo Richards – Motion carried.

Approved this 12th Day of November 2015
Marie H. Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk