

Tropic Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting
Held August 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Tropic Town Heritage Center

PRESENT: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff **BOARD MEMBERS:** Jason Bybee, Travis LeFevre, Dennis Pollock and Brook Wiseman. Marie Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk & Sydney Syrett – Tropic Town Treasurer.

OTHERS: Brett Chynoweth, Bob Sudweeks, Kent & Lisa Johnson, Derrick Pollock, Stetson Pollock, Mike Ahlstrom, Max Ahlstrom, Jared Westoff, Steve Lewis, Monte Griffiths, Steve Hill

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor WaLon Brinkerhoff

PRAYER: Steve Hill

PLEDGE: Bob Sudweeks

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve the minutes of the Tropic Town Board Meeting held July 13, 2017. Second by Travis LeFevre - Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to approve the agenda with the addition of Eagle Scouts. Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

THE COMMUNITY

Kent & Lisa Johnson: Concerns were expressed with the size of ditch that was dug when the culvert was put in; questioned why it had to be so big. Kent stated it has eliminated any parking and he expressed a safety concern reported witnessing a close call with a 4-wheeler barely avoiding an accident. Travis explained the drainage issues, that water needed to be diverted from the west side to center street so that flooding would not occur on the east side, would have the engineers revisit it; another option is to place another culvert – at their expense.

Monte Griffith: A water leak was discovered in the spring, but Monte was in the hospital at the time; it has been repaired. As with other situations, the Town has paid ½ of the overage once the leak has been fixed. A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to split the overage cost ~ Second by Brook Wiseman. Motion carried.

Eagle Scouts: Two eagle-scout projects were presented to the Council for financial support. Max Ahlstrom's project consists of using GPS to located and map the Tropic Town and Bryce Canyon City fire hydrant and available in each fire truck, search and rescue and emergency vehicle in the BV communities; the cost of the project is \$250; which both communities would split the cost. Mayor Brinkerhoff reported a water study is currently being done and this information is possible available; may be possible to have Max work with Sunrise Engineering ~ Town will follow up. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve \$125 needed for this eagle project ~ Second by Dennis Pollock. Motion carried.

The other project was presented by Stetson Pollock; which is to install a Prisoner of War (POW) flag on "T" Hill next to the US and State Flags; representing and honoring the Veteran's and POWs' in our communities. The POW flag is donated by Jerry Pollock. Discussed accessing the location and contacting those property owners needing to have permission from; Stetson reported he has spoken with Tyson Brinkerhoff and McLain Mecham; Travis also gave permission if Stetson needed to use his property as well to access it. A motion was made by Jason Bybee to approve \$350 for the purchase of the flag pole ~ Second by Travis LeFevre. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Travis LeFevre: A building permit application was reviewed for a commercial development of a 6-pump gas & goodie convenient store and gift shop; with a continental breakfast area; site plan was available, but the drainage plan is still being drawn up. Contact has been made with UTOD regarding access off of Main Street; Travis will be responsible for tearing out and replacing sidewalk. Travis spoke with Brett, there are two residential w/s connections, of which the two water ¾' connections will be made into one-(1) 1" commercial connection, using one sewer connection with the remaining sewer connection will be used for future development. A motion was made by Dennis Pollock to approve building permit – Second by Brook Wiseman Motion carried with Travis abstaining.

Commission Members Needed: Council thanked Steve Hill for accepting the invitation to serve on the planning commission. It was agreed that when needed, the Council could serve as alternates.

FINANCIAL/WARRANTS

Sydney reviewed the Town's financial expenditures – all was found to be in order. A motion was made by Dennis to approve the warrants – Second by Jason Bybee. Motion carried.

Garfield Memorial Foundation Dinner will be held at Ebenezer's Barn and Grill August 31st – Sponsor table * \$200. A motion was made by Dennis to approve the sponsorship of a table – Second by Travis. Motion carried.

CULINARY/SEWER

Dennis reported he hasn't received any update on the sewer study. Brett stated he spoke with Carson, waiting to hear from the State on the discharging permit; reported Jared doesn't think the state will approve. Jared stated his engineer spoke with Carson and the State approved the perimeters of the discharge; the Town has not received any formal notification regarding this. Understanding the meaning of perimeters, Brett reported the perimeter is that one can only discharge when there is water in the wash-which happens in winter. Replying Jared stated the State is starting to allow discharging into dry washes.

EGI Planning - Jared Westhoff: Jared reported Carson told his engineers that they are close to finishing the study. Jared inquired and received verification from the Council that a moratorium of w/s connections is in place. Discussion commenced with Jared expanding on the use of the wastewater treating system and allowing it to be used for irrigation purposes. Reviewing Tropic's current scope of work in water/sewer, Jared felt using treated wastewater for irrigation purposes is the best option; and having looked at the Town's resources: water rights, springs, Well, etc. Jared doesn't feel Tropic has a water issue.

From Jared's perspective putting in a treatment plant is better than building a new lagoon; and hope is that by him installing a wastewater treatment system, the Council would offset the cost of impact fees (Referenced State Code Title 11-36a.4.402) – thus being able to move forward with his project. Council expressed concern and had questions regarding the cost to install and run the facility; the cost to run the water uphill and intergrade into the irrigation system, etc. Referencing the Well, the Council agreed there is water, but there are structure problems, pumping and storage capacity issues, testing, costly to operate, etc. Other concerns addressed future growth and not passing the cost on to the residents – this is why there are impact fees; will this system allow for future development, does Tropic currently have the infrastructure for this, how long with the system last and how much demand will it allow, can and will the next developer want to install another system for his project?

Continuing, Jared asked the Council for a commitment of w/s connections needed for his project, allowing him to move forward. It was agreed that a treatment system is an option, but cannot commit to promising connections they do not have and may not have; until the results of the study is available –Brook advised Jared to stop, if him moving forward will cost his money, until the study is completed.

ROADS/STREETS

Travis gave update on the road project; hoping to begin chip seal next couple weeks. The County and Daren have not been on the same page; may need to wait until next spring ~ will have to push hard to get the project completed this year. There have been budget problems ~ cuts made: cemetery road (which was included if funds were available) not all of 950 North, and east side of Bryce Meadows; may receive a fog-coat. Travis reported comp-time would be given to Brett and Bob for the extra time they are putting in.

Drainage Issues: Council expressed concerns frustrations with Construction crew is not properly cleaning the ditches out – they are not draining as needed; work schedule not adequate for the job needing to be done. Council asked Sydney to hold 5% out of the pay draw from Larry; guaranteeing the job will be completed this year and done properly. Discussed tasks/jobs neither Larry nor the engineer are being accountable for – if the Town does them, it will be discounted from the project's cost.

Another item of concern for the Council was the flooding that occurred with this the past rain fall; but due to residents using the wash for personal use caused flooding to the Wagstaff and Sudweeks properties. Discussed the method and process of how the drainage is being worked on; moving around without finishing up where they are. Also, steps needed to keep the wash clear; contact Brian Bremner & the Corp of Engineers- Marie will follow up.

PARKS/RECREATION

A safety issue at the Town Park was brought to Brook's attention, chips are need around the playground equipment; Bob replied he has taken care of this and placed chips in the needed areas.

Veteran's Memorial Statue will be complete in September. Brook and Travis will finish up the conference flooring; hoping to follow up with the contractor to enclose the office area.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sydney reported an accident involving the recently purchased Search and Rescue Truck Ron drives; involved hitting a cow. Insurance was notified - \$500 deductible; replaced the tailgate.

ANIMAL CONTROL

No Report

EMPLOYEE REPORT

There will be no Primary Election August 15, 2017 – only two people filed for the Mayor candidacy, none for council members. A list of renewed business licenses was available for the Council to review – a second notice has been sent to those that haven't renewed.

Council felt the new outline and procedure for Brett & Bob documenting their time and work flow is going well, maybe a few adjustments. Regarding comp-time, Mayor Brinkerhoff clarified that an email notification will be sent from Brett notifying the Council of work done after hours; which will also be recorded on their time sheets.

Brett asked about getting Wi-Fi at the shop, making it possible for him to email and correspondence without having to go to the Town office after it closes. Council felt that it wasn't necessary and to access the Town's wireless on his phone from the parking lot.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A Work meeting was held August 3, 2017 to discuss the purchase of a skid steer; present ~ Mayor Brinkerhoff, Travis LeFevre and Dennis Pollock; with Jason Bybee and Brook Wiseman on conference call.

It was unanimous decision for the Town to purchase the skid-steer. Council asked for safety measures be taken when mowing the right-of-ways, that signs be placed at the end of each block giving notification.

Mayor Brinkerhoff reported Bryce Canyon Partner meetings are held at Bryce Canyon National Park with the superintendent once a month; has been very informative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Travis LeFevre to move into executive session – second by Dennis Pollock ~ Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason Bybee to move from Executive session back to Town Board meeting and adjourn ~ Second by Brook Wiseman. Motion carried.

Approved this 14th day of September 2017
Marie H Niemann – Tropic Town Clerk