

## **RANDOLPH TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Randolph Town Office

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January 11, 2022

7:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Weston  
Lana Peart, Clerk  
Mayor Elect Sim Bell  
Melanie Limb  
Frank Sano  
Brandon Hatch

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Heidi Weston, Clay Barker, Cullen Pace, Brandon Hatch's family, Sim Bell's family.

Mayor Elect Bell called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Frank lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We started the meeting with the clerk, Lana Peart, swearing in Mayor Bell and the new board members, Brandon Hatch and Frank Sano.

Mayor Weston was then thanked for his service for 10+ years and awarded a plaque that Heidi and Lana put together. Mayor Bell read the plaque. Mayor Weston thanked the board for all their hard work.

Next, interviews were done for the new town board position that became vacant when Mayor Bell was elected mayor. The applicants for town board were Heidi Weston, Clay Barker, and Cullen Pace. The were interviewed in that order. The meeting was then closed for an executive session so the board could discuss who would be the best person to fill the vacancy.

The Town Board chose Clay Barker to fill the vacancy. He was sworn in at that time.

Lana then read the minutes from last month's meeting and were moved to be approved by Melanie with Sim seconding. Lana also said that Scott will be looking at the road signs and seeing how many will need to be replaced. This will be talked about at our next board meeting. Mayor Bell also said that some of the weight ratings on the bridges are missing.

Lana read the bills. There were a few questions. We need to talk to Russell Thomson from the Irrigation company to see if the ditches can be cleaned out before winter so that we don't have to have J-Bar do this every year after it becomes a problem. Or another option would be to use our back hoe and have Scott do this project. We also need to find someone to be over the Sub-for-Santa program for next year. April will contact KADQ radio to change the name of the Mayor and the Board Members. Melanie opposes the

town going to Bon Rico's for the Christmas work party. She does not believe that we should be using money to do that. She stated that we could do a Christmas dinner here and have someone from town cater the event and then we would also be helping our community. Melanie also had some concern about the boys who work for us in the summer working through out the year. She wants them to be able to focus on school and sports and only work during summer months. The bills were moved to be approved by Melanie and was second by Mayor Bell.

The mayor brought up summer help and said that we could talk about it in future meetings. The two young men that have been helping are Talon Pace and Jaden Cornia.

Melanie asked when Lana's last day would be and she replied that she is still showing April some year end and quarterly reports.

We discussed the Tourism Grant. We were awarded \$50,000 to use for the bowery in the town park. It needs to be used by 10/31/22. Mayor told the board to be thinking about what we want to do in that area. Melanie talked about the possibility of running a gas line from the street to the grills so that propane does not have to be hauled back and forth. We discussed whether we would be building a new bowery or fixing up the old one. The money that we have been awarded will not be enough to totally re-do it. Melanie will work on getting some plans and bids on this project. Melanie also stated that she would like to remain overseeing the Planning and Zoning area. The other town board members discussed who would be over the other areas, Roads, Recreation, and Water. No decisions were made at this time.

We re-did 2 bridges last year and there are 2 more that need to be done.

Melanie mentioned that it would be a good idea to find a committee for the Recreation department and not just one person. Mayor Bell asked the Board to be thinking of some names and let him know.

Phone #'s of the new Board Members were exchanged. Scott will be having surgery at the end of the month and he has asked Brent Thomson to cover for him if snow needs to be plowed. We also need to get some new tires on the back hoe. Clay is going to look at them and see what he thinks.

Town Board Meetings will still be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:30.

The Governor will be coming to Randolph in April for a weekend. We will need to have a representative from each office there. There is a survey for this meeting that has been sent to offices in the community. They want to know what are concerns are for the Town of Randolph. Mayor Bell brought up his concern about Law Enforcement and the need for more.

Frank Motioned to end the meeting at 9:44 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie, approved unanimously.

Mayor John S. Bell Clerk April Guel  
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