

**Mayor and Council
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, with Councilman Faith, Councilman McCusker, Councilman Kerns, and Councilman Lanehart in attendance. Quorum in place.

Approval of Minutes

The May 10, 2022 monthly meeting minutes, and May 24, 2022 Special meeting minutes were approved as presented. Motion made by Councilman Lanehart. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed

Pledge of Allegiance

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATION:**

▪ **New Police Officers**

- Mayor Smith proceeded to swear in Officer Donald O'Brien and Officer Jesse Walls.

▪ **GREENWILL CONSULTING:**

- **Grant Committee-** Mr. Bill Valentine ask that Mayor and Council approve the committee to oversee the Revitalization Grants. The committee would consist of Bill Valentine, Daniel Murphy, John Cohill, and Eric Exline. Motion to approve the committee made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Kerns. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Town Manager/Administrator-** Mr. Valentine informed that the Town Manager/ Administrator position has been advertised.
- **Urban Renewal Plan-** Mr. Valentine informed he has sent Mayor and Council his draft for an Urban Renewal plan.

- **Tonoloway Bridge-** Mr. Valentine informed the wood decking is in need of repair on the bridge and that he has tried to make contact regarding the wood decking with no response.
- **Kirkwood House-** Mr. Valentine inquired from Mayor and Council about the bid packet for the Kirkwood House.
- **Redspeed Camera System** – Mr. Valentine stated Redspeed has questions about the speed signs located in the school zone. Mr. Valentine and Officer Faith are working with Redspeed and State Highway Administration.
- **National Park Service-** Mr. Valentine discussed the Cooperative Management Agreement sent by the National Park Service. Mayor and Council were not in agreement with the terms set forth by the National Park Service.
- **Primitive Park Steps-** Mr. Valentine informed the steps from the Rail Trail leading to Joseph Hancock Primitive Park are in need of repair as previously discussed. However, Mr. Valentine has been unable to move forward with the process due to a lack of response.
- **US Lawshield-** Mr. Valentine ask that Mayor and Council discuss further and consider purchasing the US Lawshield for the Hancock Police Department.

▪ **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- **Vince Colazzi-** Mr. Colazzi expressed his concern about the excess traffic on Maple Ridge. Mayor and Council informed Mr. Colazzi that he would need to contact the County about his concern due to the fact that Maple Ridge is outside of Town limits.
- **Daniel Murphy-** Mr. Murphy informed the Rotary Club is once again planning the “Field of Flags.” Councilman Lanehart made the motion to

purchase 100 flags (at \$5.00 each). Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed. Mr. Murphy stated there is no longer a Parks Board as the members have “aged out.” Mr. Murphy encouraged Mayor and Council to continue the work the Parks Board has done.

- **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Police Commissioners/ Police Dept.**

- **Cadets-** Councilman Lanehart stated now the cadets have graduated, they are required to have 240 hours of FTO.
- **US Lawshield-** Mayor, Council, and Officer Faith discussed the pricing for US Lawshield. The annual cost per officer is \$166.80. Motion to pay the annual membership plus the 50-state made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Lanehart. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Tasers/ Laptops-** Officer Faith stated the new laptops have been installed and are working great. The new tasers have arrived and the officers are working on getting re-trained with the new tasers.
- **Dinner and Movie-** Officer Faith informed the Hancock Police Department is sponsoring Dinner and Movie at Martha’s House on June 17, 2022. The event is free but requires a ticket.
- **Officer resignation-** Councilman Lanehart informed that Officer Brown resigned as of June 4, 2022.
- **PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Mr. John Cohill stated the committee is continuing to work on the Comprehensive Plan.
- **HANCOCK IN MOTION:** Councilman Lanehart informed there will be a Car Show will be June 19, 2022 from 12:00pm-4:00pm in Widmeyer Park, and will include a Power wheels race for the kids.
- **PARKS / PARKS AND REC:** Councilman McCusker informed that Middle School Volleyball is over, and the committee will be meeting to discuss movie nights.

- **ARTS COUNCIL:** Mr. Murphy stated the committee had its first meeting since the pandemic and is planning an outdoor concert.
- **MAIN STREET HANCOCK-** Mr. Thomas Taylor thanked Roger Weller and all those who worked to get the grounds ready for the annual Trails Day. Mr. Taylor also thanked Sergeant Miller and Officer O'Brien for participating in Coffee with a Cop during Trails Day.
- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY-**
 - Mr. Daniel Murphy stated there has been lots of progress with moving the Museum downstairs. Mr. Murphy stated the Museum needs the previously discussed dehumidifier. Councilman Lanehart stated he has received a quote for the dehumidifier and will distribute it to Mayor and Council for review.
 - Mr. Murphy reminded of the history lecture June 26, 2022 at 2:00pm with historian Steve French.
- **Public Works**
 - Councilman Lanehart informed there is an upcoming sewer project.
 - Mayor Smith stated that the fountain is to be set in the former Breathed Park.
- **TOWN ATTORNEY/ Mr. Ed Kuczynski:**
 - **317 East Main Street-** Mr. Kuczynski inquired if Mayor and Council had made any further decisions regarding the sale of 317 East Main Street property. Mayor and Council discussed.
 - **Nuisance Ordinance-** Mr. Kuczynski stated he is still working on the Nuisance Ordinance.
- **MAYOR and COUNCIL REPORT:**
 - **Monthly Reporting-**
 - Mayor Smith stated the new Truck Plaza is moving along. Councilman Kerns wanted to inform that the Town is not responsible for holding up the progress at the Truck Plaza as rumors have stated.

- **Old Business**

- **RK&K Engineering Services Proposal for Pennsylvania Avenue Culvert Repair-** After discussion between Mayor, Council, and attorney Ed Kuczynski, motion made by Councilman Kerns to accept the amendment and to authorize the Mayor to sign documents. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.

- **New Business**

- **Budget-** Motion to introduce, pass and make effective the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 as an Emergency Ordinance made by Councilman Lanehart. Seconded by Councilman McCusker. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Election business-** Discussion took place regarding the upcoming 2023 Election and the need for a three-person Board of Election to establish and enforce ground rules and procedures for future elections. Mr. Kuczynski suggested the Mayor appoint Board of Election Supervisors at the July meeting.
- **Gerber Field Electric-** Councilman McCusker received a quote for the electrical work needed at Gerber ball field. Motion to accept the bid made by Councilman McCusker. Seconded by Councilman Kerns. All in favor. No opposed.
- **Resource Officer-** Councilman McCusker asked Mayor and Council to discuss the possibility of funding two resource police officers for the Elementary and Middle/ Senior High School.
- **Police Officer position-** Mayor and Council stated they will be filing Officer Browns position.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Lanehart, Seconded by Councilman McCusker.

All in favor. No opposed.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:39 pm

Heather Keefer

