

Town of Hillsboro

Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2008

The December meeting of the Town Council of Hillsboro was called to order by Mayor Richard Workman at 7:40pm. Members present were Jim Johnson, Janice Goode, Lois Wilfong, and Anne Walker, acting recorder.

The minutes were passed out and read by members of the council. Jim Johnson moved to accept the minutes as written. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financial report was passed out by Mayor Workman due to Sandy Simmons' absence. The report was reviewed by council and Janice Goode moved to accept the financial report as written. Lois Ann Wilfong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman reported that he was able to secure \$5000 from the county commission for matching funds to be put toward the painting of the interior of the town's water tank. He also reported that he was able to contact Region 4. He will be sending the resolution from the council to seek grant funds and an updated estimate on the cost of painting the tank. They in turn will send someone to sign the agreements. The original estimated cost was \$77-79,000 which included the surrounding fence and outside painting. These items have been completed by Mayor Workman and the new cost will be for the interior painting only.

Mayor Workman asked the council if there were any nominations for the position of Town Recorder. Janice Goode nominated Anne Walker and she accepted the nomination. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman announced that Curtis Pyles will be resigning as sewer manager by December 31, 2008. Richard has obtained a list of individuals to contact for his replacement. Janice Goode inquired about what the training requirements were to have someone trained to fill the position. Richard told the council the requirements were a week long training and a test.

Mayor Workman asked Lois Ann Wilfong to give the council an update on the estimated costs of sign post covers. She read a quote from a company in Roanoke which was for 29 pieces at \$27.55 each for a total of \$871.89. Mayor Workman stated that he did not see why the Town of Hillsboro could not pay half of the bill when the sleeves were ordered. Janice Goode stated that Treasurer Sandy Simmons informed her that money remained from the sign budget. Jim Johnson moved to pay half of the cost for the sign post covers. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman presented the replacement/repair of the flow meter at the sewer ponds to the council. He stated that Ralph Industrial, the Beckley company is familiar with the pond and that the meter needs to be fixed. The estimates for the work from

another company was comparable to Ralph Industrial. Jim Johnson moved to have the repair completed by Ralph Industrial. Lois Ann Wilfong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson stated that he spoke with Robin Dolly about the duckweed going into the Greenbrier River from the sewer ponds. Mr. Dolly stated the duckweed discharge must stop. Jim Johnson also stated he received a complaint about the sewer being put into our system. Mayor Workman stated that disposal of sewer from the outside source has ceased. Jim Johnson also asked that the monthly sewer and water reports be presented at the monthly town meetings. Mayor Workman stated that the town has received a letter about the signage at the discharge pipe down by the river. He also stated the current month showed that the sewage was well within limits and that the previous report showed the sewage was out of limits but it was due to turnover in the pond. The report showed the sewer was high on 3 items. Anne Walker asked Jim Johnson what the proper procedure was to address the duckweed problem. Jim stated that early spring spraying was necessary and that a follow up spraying would kill anything that grew back. Mayor Workman and Jim Johnson discussed the killing of the duckweed. Lois Ann Wilfong concluded that the town is unlikely to be fined for the duckweed until spring and suggested that spring is when the problem needed to be addressed. A discussion proceeded as to the necessary equipment for spraying the pond properly. Mayor Workman stated that a sprayer with a range of 75 feet would be necessary and that a pressurized tank that sprays continuously would properly disperse the pesticide. Mayor Workman stated that Reward was being used to control the duckweed.

Jim Johnson asked who owned the restaurant in town. Anne Walker stated she believed that Lowell Galford owned the building. Jim stated the back door is opened and he wanted to contact the owner.

Lois Ann Wilfong moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Richard Workman, Mayor

Date:

Time:

Anne Walker, Acting Recorder

Sandy Simmons, Treasurer

Council Members:

John Hill

Jim Johnson

Lois Wilfong

Janice Goode

Anne Walker