

Town of Hillsboro

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

Members Present: Lois Wilfong, Sandy Gladwell, Janice Goode, John Hill, Sandy Simmons, Anne Walker and Richard Workman

Mayor Workman called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. He opened the meeting expressing his thanks to the IOOF 386 Lobelia Lodge and the Hillsboro Fire Department for their work putting up the posts. Citizen and Odd Fellow Barry LaRue expressed the group's desire to finish the street signs. Mayor Workman also expressed appreciation to Jim Johnson for helping to spray the sewer pond this past weekend.

The minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting were emailed to council members prior to the meeting and passed out to those members who do not have an email address. Sandy Gladwell moved to accept the minutes as written. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes for the May 22, 2009 special meeting were also emailed to council members and passed out. John Hill moved to accept the minutes as written. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandy Simmons passed out the Treasurer's report. Lois Wilfong moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Sandy Gladwell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman reported to the council that he wishes to purchase a new pump for the water system. The chlorine pump dumped excess chlorine into the water system and the reserve pump needed to be installed and used. The chlorine did not exceed the maximum allowed amount and that fire hydrants had to be opened to drain lines and dilute the water. He stated that this brought the levels down to 1.8 to 2.0 from 3.5. He also contacted Philippi to ensure the town was still in compliance. Mayor Workman reported that a new pump would cost \$362.00.

Under Old Business, Mayor Workman discussed the progress in the legal challenge against WV DEP and the phosphorus plant. He reported that the lawyers have filed a motion to remove the phosphorus removal plant from the town's sewer permit. The challenge has been filed on the basis of legal grounds and the lack of proper studies completed for the requirement. He went on to state that he would need to request another \$4000 for legal fees. Mayor Workman reported that an agreement would need to be signed by him in order to join in with White Sulphur Springs for the legal challenge. The agreement states that the Town of Hillsboro has the right to bail out of the challenge at any time. The towns involved are Ronceverte, White Sulphur Springs and Hillsboro at this time. Mayor Workman will need further contact with Alderson in order to determine if they will be joining the legal challenge. He suggested that the legal fees may be pro-rated. John Hill moved to have Mayor Workman sign the agreement and approve

additional \$4000 for legal fees if needed. Lois Wilfong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was New Business and Nancy Martin's presentation of the www.hillsboro.wv.gov website. She presented the website to the council. She requested that Recorder Anne Walker review the website for any corrections and make the decision to accept or reject. The council agreed to have the recorder make this decision. Nancy will also continue updating the www.hillsborowv.com website.

Natasha from WVMR approached the council concerning the purchase of addition radio spots on WVMR. She passed out information concerning the festival packages. Lois Wilfong moved to purchase 5 spots for \$25 that would run approximately 2 weeks before the Little Levels Heritage Fair. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ruth Taylor spoke with the council concerning the "Welcome to Hillsboro" signs. She stated that there would no charge for etching but the sheet of plastic would cost approximately \$260. She would also be contacting the DOT man in Elkins to approve the lotion of the signs. The group discussed plastic sleeves for the signs. The specifications from the state DOT are needed. Ruth stated the signs are to arrive Thursday night. Recorder Anne Walker asked about splitting costs with LLHF for posts and other supplies. The council felt that purchasing the plastic sheets was sufficient contribution by the town. Lois Wilfong is to check with her husband Charlie concerning the purchase of 5 addition plastic sleeves.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of an increase in water and sewer rates. Treasurer Sandy Simmons passed out a financial report outlining the deficiencies on the sewer account. Mayor Workman is proposing an increase over the next 3 years that would be small. The increase is needed to maintain the sewer renewal account and maintenance on the system. He proposed reviewing the finances with Sandy Simmons and they would write a rate proposal for the July 2009 meeting. The increases would be for both water and sewer. Mayor Workman believed the increases to water would be around 1 to 2 %. The sewer will need to repay the water the amount short as shown on the Treasurer's financial report. Recorder Anne Walker stated that she believed public meetings would be required.

Recorder Anne Walker requested the council approve additional weed eating from George Gladwell for the area between the street and sidewalk on West Nicholas Street from the Presbyterian Church west to the McNeel home two times per year. Lois Wilfong moved to approve the additional weed eating. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Workman and Sandy Simmons requested the council approve the purchase of 3 additional gallons of Reward pesticide. Sandy Simmons also discussed renting a sprayer from the Soil Conservation District for the pesticide application. She received prices on the mist sprayer which was \$68/day and the pull behind sprayer which was \$48/day. Sandy Simmons also indicated that Dustin Simmons was working in Lewisburg at the

Soil Conservation District and he may be able to bring the sprayer to Hillsboro for the town. Lois Wilfong moved to purchase the additional 3 gallons of Reward. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sandy Gladwell moved to rent a sprayer from the Soil Conservation District for 2 separate uses. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Hill moved to adjourn the meeting. Janice Goode seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Date: _____ Time: _____

Richard Workman, Mayor

Anne Walker, Recorder

Council Members:

John Hill

Jim Johnson

Lois Wilfong

Janice Goode

Sandy Gladwell