

Town Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Mount Jackson Town Council was held December 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance: J. Bucky Miller, Mayor; Dennis Andrick, Ken Hackenbracht, Whitney Miller, Donnie Pifer, Roger Rudy and Rod Shepherd, Councilmembers. Also in attendance, Kevin Fauber, Town Manager; Neil Showalter, Finance Director; Matthew Akers, Acting Town Attorney, Police Chief, Jeff Sterner and Heather Taylor, Town Clerk. Several visitors from the community were also present.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes:

1. Mr. Fauber requested an addition under New Business. The appointment of Travis Duncan to the Shenandoah County Recreation Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2017 for a two year term. Motion made by Councilmember Pifer for this to be added to New Business, seconded by Councilmember Andrick.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

2. Mr. Fauber requested the addition to New Business the appointment of Evelyn Burner to serve on the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Heather Diehl until 6/30/20. Motion made for this addition made by Councilmember Hackenbracht, seconded by Councilmember Rudy.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

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3. Councilmember Shepherd requested further clarification to be added to New Business in regard to the appointment of Matthew Akers for the town attorney appointment. Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Andrick.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

Todd Holtzman presented information on property he owns located on the north side of the old Farm Supply building on King St. He is requesting participation from the town in the demolition costs of a 20' x 60' structure on this property. Demolition, including asbestos removal, is estimated to cost \$15K. Mr. Holtzman is requesting the town to cover half the costs at \$7.5K. This property holds the parking rights for the entire Farm Supply building area. Discussion on this matter as well as 3 other blight problems in the town limits will continue with the Public Ordinance Committee which is chaired by Councilman Andrick. The committee will meet then bring back its findings on these properties.

Mayor Miller thanked Councilmember Shepherd for taking care of the November council meeting. He also thanked Heather Taylor for her work with the Christmas parade and Open House. Mayor Miller met with Cub Scout Troop 117 12/12/16 and gave the troop a tour of the building. The scouts were earning a badge and participated in a round table discussion with Mayor Miller in the Council Chamber.

Councilmember Andrick thanked Chief Sterner and his work with the blight issues in town.

Town Attorney Report: None

Chief Sterner reported that the Mount Jackson Auxiliary Police will disband effective January 1, 2017. The costs to have these officers is exceeding the return.

Town Manager Kevin Fauber reminded the Mayor and Town Council that the annual Christmas luncheon is 12/22 at 11:30 in the town hall. Mr. Fauber reviewed the holiday scheduled closings for the town office. He also highlighted that the 2018 budget is approaching and mentioned projects for council to consider. He also included staff to look at budget needs.

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Councilmember Rudy reported that the Mount Jackson Rescue & Fire Dept. had 83 responses for the month of November. Ninety-two percent of those were responded to by volunteers and 32 calls were in Mount Jackson. The police report showed 440 calls in November which was down 11% , (54 calls) from October. Of the 15 criminal calls for the month, 8 have been cleared/closed and 7 remain under investigation. Doors and windows are still being found open in town by patrolling police officers.

Councilman Pifer MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Andrick to APPROVE the Consent Agenda consisting of the Approval-Minutes of November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Planning Commission Membership-Because of recent resignations it is necessary for the Planning Commission to have new members added. Discussion included that the Planning Commission was appointed by an Ordinance 2/17/76. The By-laws call for the town to have 7 members and the State calls for the town to have a minimum of 5 members. Acting Town Attorney, Matt Akers commented that the best mechanism to make a change in the number of members is through an Ordinance. There must be a quorum which must pass by a majority till the Comprehensive Plan is finished. A 5-member commission could be put in place to finish work on the Comprehensive Plan then increase to 7 members. Members must be town residents to be compliant with the state law. It was also mentioned that increasing the compensation for commissioners should be reviewed in light of the amount of work involved.

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Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd to defer Planning Commission Membership to the Ordinance Committee for further discussion, seconded by Councilmember Pifer.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

2. Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Hackenbracht for the appointment of Travis Duncan to the Shenandoah County Recreation Advisory Board effective 1/1/2017. Current liaison is Rick Moomaw who is stepping down from this position.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

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3. Councilmember Hackenbracht moved to appoint Evelyn Burner to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Heather Diehl to 6/30/2020, seconded by Councilmember Rudy.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

4. Motion made by Councilmember Andrick to appoint Matt Akers as the Town Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Shepherd.

VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Councilmember Andrick	None	None
“ Hackenbracht		
“ Miller		
“ Pifer		
“ Rudy		
“ Shepherd		

6 AYES, motion passes

Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR

