

**BOLIVAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 @ 7:30p.m.

Helen Dettmer, Mayor
Donna Callar-Absent
Tim Collins-Mayor Pro Tem
John Paul Heafer
Chris Higdon
Robert Hardy
P. Jean Reed, Recorder

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 @7:30p.m. Mayor Dettmer asked everyone to join in a moment of silence and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report for July 1, 2016-April 30, 2017 is as follows. Mr. Lewis informed everyone our Property Taxes are at 99% and our Sales Tax is 50% higher than we budgeted. We should be at our target % of 83%. Table Games is at 70%, and Video Lottery is @114%. Total income is \$361,263. Total expenses are \$315,168. Our net income is \$46,095. We are about \$6000 to the good in Snow Removal. Mr. Lewis said we may need to do a budget revision for the June meeting.

Councilperson Robert Hardy moved to approve the May 2, 2017 Treasurers Report as presented. Councilperson John Paul Heafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes for April 4, 2017 Regular Meeting

Councilperson Tim Collins moved to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2017 Regular Meeting as written. Councilperson Chris Higdon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2017 Special Meeting

Councilperson Robert Hardy moved to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2017 as presented. Councilperson John Paul Heafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Attendee Concerns

1. Sarah Gordon, representing the Merchants Association had questions and concerns about the 5K Run and the grand opening of the Rivers Art Gallery. Mrs. Gordon asked about the 5K Run that occurred on Saturday. She said it would be nice if they could have known this ahead of time. The 5K Run was huge and a lot of people attended. Mrs. Gordon said the businesses were not prepared for this large number of people visiting our area.

Mayor Dettmer said this group just rented the Community Center, but did not give the Town any flyers. We do have information on the next event (Harpers Ferry Marathon) taking place on the 13th. Mayor Dettmer said she also attended the grand opening of the Rivers Art Gallery and it was well attended.

Town Attorney, Dave Hammer

Attorney Hammer said he only had one item to discuss and that was Annexation. We can sit and watch or proceed. Mayor Dettmer said she feels we need to proceed with our Urban Growth Boundary. Attorney Hammer will revisit this issue with the County Attorney and proceed.

Mayor's Report

- Move June Meeting to Wednesday, June 7, 2017 due to Election Day on June 6, 2017
- Mayor Dettmer read a "Thank You" note from the Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Veteran's Association for a new Veteran's Day Wreath paid for by the Council Members and Mayor.
- Flyer-Spring Clean-up Week May 23 through May 30—Limited use for Bolivar Residents.
- Rivers Art Reception by Anne Rule-Thompson was beautiful
- Saturday, May 13 will be the 8th year for the Harpers Ferry Half Mile Marathon. They should be at the 7-11 in Bolivar around 8:45a.m. which will be the 8 1/2 mile point. If you can be out there with a bottle of cold water and cheer them on, it would be much appreciated.
- The end of May another new business will open "Washington Studios" located at the corner of Washington and Taylor Streets.
- Also, a new dog washing/grooming business will open on Paul Courtney Drive
- Deer population-Harpers Ferry National Park Service-Manage/Control Deer. Mayor Dettmer will check on this and come back in June to update this.
- Bolivar Early Voting starts on May 24 during regular working hours and also includes 2 Saturdays (May 27 and June 3), before June 6 Election Day
- Parks & Rec. needs sponsors for Movie in the Park—Total cost is \$400.
- Music in the Park—We will try to sponsor two bands for this year. Mayor will check out and report back to the Council in June.

Sheriff's Department Report (Sgt. Williams)

During the months of this reporting April 1, 2017-April 30, 2017 there were a total of 72 events identified in the Computer Aided Dispatch [CAD] system. That total included 36 directed patrols; 8 traffic stops or traffic related matters; 8 law enforcement actions [where deputies either responded to a complaint or when persons or property were involved and law enforcement assistance may be needed; and 16 events where we were asked to check on the welfare of an individual or animal; mental hygiene issue: assist a citizen, respond to a 911 hang up call, or assist fire or EMS personnel.

Deputies will move to a 12 hour shift beginning mid-May. I anticipate this may enhance our coverage within the Bolivar Corporation especially at night and weekends.

Street Committee (John Paul Heafer)

- Stephenson Street needs to be finished to that new house
- Blandy Street-Pot hole
- West Spring Street-asphalt breaking up next to Polk Street
- Polk Street-Pot Hole at Ed Hall's property
- Old Furnace Road-cracked up and broken (may need to notify State about Old Furnace Road)
- Root Street-Pot Hole back by Dillow's residence
- Wagner Street-Rough as you go on to Washington Street
- Taylor Street-Pot Hole at Bob Hardy Way
- Spruce Street-may need to be repaved next year

Councilperson Tim Collins moved to get bids from Bill Hoak to repair the above pot holes and streets and bring back to the Council. Councilperson Chris Higdon seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Mayor Dettmer said we received a letter from property owner that adjoins the town park. Discussion followed about signs on this property. If the signs have been removed, we will see about putting the signs

back up. The property owner would like for the Town to put up a new chain link fence for the protection of their property and Town property. Councilperson Collins said as long as Town Property is clean and well kept (grass mowed) there should not be any concern for a fence. The property owner should post their property with No Trespassing Signs and notify the Sheriff's Department if trespassing continues to happen.

Bolivar Planning Commission (Barb Staats)

Barb Staats reported Jesse Richardson, WV Law Clinic, will come to speak to the Council, about our ordinances, anytime they want him to. Mr. Richardson spoke very highly of Bolivar, their ordinances and the Planning Commission.

Park and Recreation Committee (Laura Whittington)

- Mr. Jenkins will remove some limbs in the park that might be dangerous
- Repaint lines on the Basketball Court
- Mayor Dettmer thanked Eric Eastman for his work in the Park on behalf of Donna Callar. John Paul asked about Donna. Mr. Hardy said she is doing OK but has problems with her vision.

Old Business

Nothing

New Business

1. Appoint New Member to Bolivar Planning Commission

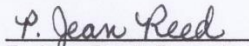
Councilperson Robert Hardy said Mr. Mike Lowrey comes very highly regarded and recommends him as a member of the Bolivar Planning Commission. **Councilperson Robert Hardy moved to approve Michael Lowrey to the Bolivar Planning Commission. Councilperson John Heafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

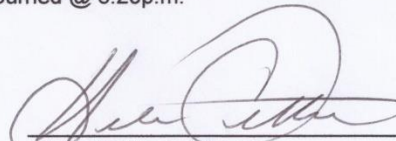
Councilperson Hardy asked about the tree on Cleveland Street, who will remove it and cost to remove. Attorney Hammer said if the tree is on Town Property, we must take care of it. We can offer to split the cost. We will send a letter to the property owner and report back in June.

Adjournment

Councilperson John Heafer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Tim Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


P. Jean Reed, Recorder


Helen Dettmer, Mayor