

BOLIVAR  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TELECOMMUNICATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2020 6:00p.m.

Helen Dettmer, Mayor  
Sarah Gordon  
Sandi Marra  
Amanda McDaniel  
Stephen J. Paradis  
Jerry Powell  
P. Jean Reed, Recorder-Mayor Pro-Tem

This Special Meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:03 p.m. Mayor Dettmer, Attorney Kallas, Recorder Reed, Councilpersons Sarah Gordon, Amanda McDaniel, Stephen Paradis, and Jerry Powell attended this meeting by Telecommunication. Councilperson Sandi Marra arrived for the meeting at 6:30 p.m. due to another meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was:

1. Laying of the Levy FY20-21
2. Approve minutes of March 9, 2020 meeting
3. Approval of donation to Jefferson County Community Ministries
4. Discussion of mailing list to residents.

Mayor Dettmer asked to adjust the meeting agenda and have discussion of mailing list to residents first instead of fourth. Mayor Dettmer said Attorney Kallas had another meeting she needed to attend.

4. Discussion of mailing list to residents.

- Attorney Kallas applauded the Town Council for wanting to find ways to help the community during this time of need.
- Attorney Kallas said there were a few things that concerned her that might need to be changed such as page 2 under groceries.
- Our goal is to work with County Community Ministries or Local Church to assist **us** in getting food support to those that need assistance. This could trigger an issue with the ethics act. Who would be picking the folks that might need assistance or would you just be making a donation?
- Attorney Kallas said in terms of asking for citizens' email addresses which we will keep confidential and determine who would have access to these addresses, etc. Attorney Kallas felt we need to develop and have in place a policy that will let the public know all of this.
- When you asked for donations, you need to have a system in place with specific accounts and know exactly where the money will go and how it will be spent. Have a policy in place first.
- Mayor Dettmer suggested maybe have the "hot button" link in the letter so they could send donations to Community Ministries or Council on Aging.
- Councilperson Steve Paradis said he felt the purpose was to find out if there is a need for help to our Citizens. Councilperson Paradis suggested we work something out through Community Ministries specifically for Bolivar. Maybe a mobile food bank for Bolivar.
- Councilperson Amanda McDaniel thought maybe we could have a satellite location, maybe using a church, as a distribution site.
- Councilperson Sarah said maybe we did not think things through, just wanted to facilitate their needs.
- Mayor Dettmer said she talked to the Bolivar United Methodist Church Minister today and he said no one had approached him or the Church with any needs at all.

Councilperson Steve Paradis asked Attorney Kallas if she knew what other communities might be doing. After a little more discussion with Attorney Kallas, it was decided that changes would be made to the letter and submitted to the Town Office Staff and they would, in turn, send it to Attorney Kallas for approval or recommendations.

Councilperson Sandi Marra phoned in and joined the meeting at 6:30pm.

**1. Laying of the Levy 20-21**

Mayor Dettmer explained we only approve the rates, the County and State set rates. We can not change anything. **Councilperson Sarah Gordon moved to approve the levy rates 20-21 as presented. Councilperson Jerry Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Approve minutes of March 9 Special Meeting**

**Councilperson Jerry Powell moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2020, as presented. Councilperson Steve Paradis seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**3. Approval of donation to Jefferson County Community Ministries.**

**Councilperson Sandi Marra moved to approve a donation of \$2500 to Community Ministries. Recorder Jean Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

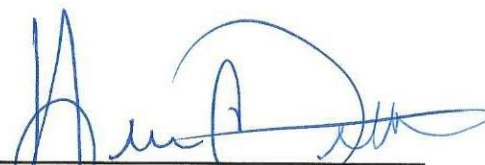
Councilperson Steve Paradis would like to continue to pursue a satellite location of the Community Ministries Food Bank for Bolivar Residents.

**Adjournment**

**Councilperson Jerry Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Sarah Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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P. Jean Reed, Recorder

  
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Helen Dettmer, Mayor