

**BOLIVAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 7:30p.m.

**Helen Dettmer, Mayor
Donna Callar
Tim Collins-Mayor Pro Tem
John Paul Heafer
Chris Higdon
Paul David Staubs**

Mayor Dettmer asked everyone to join in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @7:30p.m.

Treasurers Report

Accountant Eric Lewis presented the Treasurers Report for July 1, 2015-November 30, 2015 even though we did not have a Bank Statement as of December 1. Mr. Lewis explained that our target % should be @42% and we are above most of those amounts. Gaming is @44%, Video Lottery was @52%. Rents and concessions are @63%, Interest earned on Investments are @49%. Expenses are at 28% of the budgeted 42%. Our total income was \$204,114 and our total expenses were \$145,604 for November. Net income for November was \$58,510. Mr. Lewis explained he had a budget revision for tonight in which \$10,000 will be moved from the Election line item to the Auditor line item, Signs & Signals line item and Streets and Highways line items. See attached copy for complete details. Mayor Dettmer thanked Eric Lewis and Laura Whittington for their great 2 year Audit reports. **Councilperson Paul Staubs moved to approve the November, 2015 Treasurers Report as presented. Councilperson Donna Callar seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Budget Revision Resolution: Mayor Dettmer read the revision to move \$10,000 from the Election line item to the Auditor line item, along with Signs & Signals Line item and Streets and Highways line items. **Councilperson Paul Staubs moved to approve the Budget Revision Resolution. Councilperson Donna Callar seconded the motion.**

Roll call as follows:	Donna Callar	Yes
	Chris Higdon	Yes
	John Paul Heafer	Yes
	Paul Staubs	Yes
	P. Jean Reed	Yes

Councilperson Collins asked if the only movement was from the Election line item. Mr. Lewis said yes. Councilperson Collins wanted to know about the Police Department money. Mr. Lewis said not at this time.

Tim Collins	Yes	Budget Revision passed
--------------------	------------	-------------------------------

Minutes

Approval of Minutes for November 3, 2015 Regular Meeting

Recorder Reed said she had three small corrections to make before approving the minutes. **Councilperson Chris Higdon moved to accept the minutes of the November 3, 2015 Regular Meeting with corrections. Councilperson John Paul Heafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Attendee Concerns

- **Cindy Dunn**-Ms. Dunn is a resident and business owner and is doubly affected by the loss of the Police Department. I would like to see both towns establish a plan and resolve questions. The Sheriff is doing a good service but due to understaffing they cannot provide the service we have had in the past. Need to resolve the Police issue. There are drug problems and issues that warrants bring back the Police.
- **Warren Dunbar**-Wanted to know about the public hearing that was talked about in October. Mayor Dettmer said this would be discussed when Mr. Hammer attends this meeting. We have not stopped the meetings between both Town Attorneys and Councils. We will let Legal handle this and will bring this before the town. Mr. Dunbar said some might not like the plan the Attorneys and Council People might bring back to the town. Mayor Dettmer asked Mr. Dunbar to submit his plan. Mayor Dettmer will discuss with Mr. Hammer to schedule a meeting in January.
- **Joe Seay**-Will we get something to read before this meeting. Mayor Dettmer said we will have anything we have available to you as we have it.
- **Desiree Harris**-Had the same questions as Mr. Dunbar. Mrs. Harris mentions the 7-11 robbery and the Police response. Mayor Dettmer praised the Police and said the person was caught before leaving the parking lot. On the same day, Frederick, Co. Maryland had a similar robbery and no one has been apprehended yet. My thanks goes to Officer Schull, he did a fantastic job. The Charles Town Police and the West Virginia State Police responded and we could not have had a better response. And you know why those things happen, because you people decided to put it on the front page of the newspaper-August, September, October, and another in November, very unnecessary for you all to put that stuff out there, oh well, you don't have police which probably gave someone the idea I can go in there and take whatever I want. But I don't think our response could have been any better.
Someone asked Mayor Dettmer if she was saying because it was on the front page was the reason this happened. Mayor Dettmer responded by saying whoever gave the story to the newspaper put the information out there, to people with that mindset, that we did not have any protection from the Police. Mayor Dettmer was interrupted by Susan Kitchen calling us (Mayor, Councilpersons, and Recorder) Crazy Communists. Mayor Dettmer asked Ms. Kitchen to sit down. She responded by saying "no, call 911, that is the new protocol".
Margaret Courtney said she lives near 7-11 and said our town is not perfect and never will be perfect but the Police responded quickly.
- **Ron Moltere**-Here to hear the update on the progress of the Police Department. This person was caught so quickly due to PD being so close. Sheriff has to cover the entire County and needs more personnel which the County Commission has not given enough help. Keep working on an agreement and have a public meeting.
- **Vicki Eckert**-Seems we are all on the same page here tonight. Tired of hearing we are waiting on Harpers Ferry, we need to work on our own plan. Offensive to me that you accused me about the articles in the newspaper. Mayor Dettmer said I did not accuse you of giving the newspaper the articles but someone did and they should be responsible.
Mrs. Eckert also asked about an update from Mr. Hammer about the January meeting and asked about the Budget Process.
Mayor Dettmer said the meeting date would be up to Attorney Dave Hammer. As far as the budget process, it is up to the Council to decide that, the Public is invited but it is up to the Council to decide.
- **John Garza**-No comments at this time.
Mayor Dettmer thanked everyone for their comments.

Sheriff's Report – Pete Dougherty

- In three months we have taken care of the calls as 48, 42, 42 incidents. 132 calls in Bolivar for the last three months either 911 or 8484.
- Sheriff's Department had total of 3500 calls.
- We may not always be in the area but we have Mutual Aid between all departments. Someone else responds and then we get there and take over.

- We have a great working relationship with Harpers Ferry. Harpers Ferry Officers are not always in the area and do not live in this county.
- We will continue to help Bolivar
- Christmas Parade will be December 12. Officers will be visible.
- We will continue to do the best with what we have.

Mayor's Report

- Audits-2 year audits-Wonderful paperwork thanks to Laura Whittington and Eric Lewis
- Merchants Meeting on November 23 - will have free carriage rides from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on December 12.
May have an Elvis impersonator
Caroling for the Christmas Community
- Harpers Ferry Bolivar Historic Foundation Event
County Extension-Farmers Market/Community Garden
Developing the History of Bolivar
Vote for the Excess Levy on December 12 to renew the Levy. Early Voting will be through December 9 from 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.
Fireman's Christmas Parade on December 12 @2:30p.m.
- *Mayor Dettmer said as we start our Christmas Season we want to remind everyone that not all gifts are something you can go out and purchase. **Some of the things we can do that mean the most are: to our enemies we give forgiveness, to our friends, we give our hearts, to all we should give charity, to every child we need to be a good example and to ourselves we should give respect. To everyone here I want to wish everyone here a Joyous Holiday Season, enjoy your family, friends and neighbors in this great little town we live in.***

Street Committee Paul Staubs

- Harpers Ferry Middle School is still working on the stream and cleaning it out.

Bolivar Planning Commission Steve Paradis

- No meeting for November

Old Business

New Business

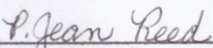
1. Donations for Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Historic Foundation Community events

Donations accepted for Christmas events

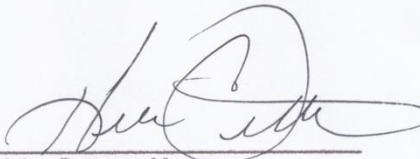
Adjournment

Councilperson Paul Staubs moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson John Paul Heafer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 8:22p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



P. Jean Reed, Recorder



Helen Dettmer, Mayor