

Minutes for the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Bryson City
January 6, 2020
Town Hall

Attending:

Board of Aldermen

Tom Sutton, Mayor
Ben King, Mayor Pro-Tem
Janine Crisp
Heidi Ramsey-Woodard
Chad Smith

Town Affiliates

Regina Mathis, Town Manager
Lynn Thomas, Town Clerk
Tom Shook, Public Works Supvr.
Carla Passmore, Tax Collector
Greg Passmore, Wastewater Plant
Russell Ball, Water Plant O.R.C.
Fred Moody, Town Attorney
Charles Robinson, Police Chief
Travis McCall, Public Works
Foreman

Public

Dana Cochran
Doug Johnson
Marilyn Johnson
Holly D. McCall
James Budd, Smoky Mountain
Times

Mayor Tom Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Janine Crisp gave the invocation.

Mayor Sutton led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

No one came forward for public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 2, 2019 regular meeting and the December 16, 2019 special meeting /workshop. **Janine Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Douglas and Marilyn Johnson approached the Board regarding a water leak at their home on 35 Green Acres Drive. The Board reviewed the Johnson's account. **Ben King made a motion to forgive \$329.73 off the sewer portion of the account; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Dana Cochran appeared before the Board regarding her garbage services with the Town. Ms. Cochran has a garbage fee also in her lease agreement and the landowner provides a dumpster for the tenants of the building. Ms. Cochran would like to use the Town's service but wants the pickup to be at the front of her building and not at the road. Town Manager Regina Mathis said that she would speak to the sanitation supervisor and see if they could come thru the parking lot and pick up her garbage at the front of her building. Manager Mathis said she would be in contact with Ms. Cochran regarding the placement of cans, time of pick up, and day of the week for pick up.

The Board reviewed the contract presented by Eric Bowman, P.A. regarding the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit for the Town. The contract increased about \$900.00 to \$27,400. **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to enter into the contract for auditing services for the 2019-2020 fiscal year with S. Eric Bowman, P.A.; Chad Smith seconded the motion that carried.**

Steven Matz sent a letter to the Board requesting a refund on his property taxes because he and his mortgage company both paid them in 2019. He is asking for a refund of \$341.32. **Ben King**

made a motion to grant this refund; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.

The Board reviewed the contract with Nixle/Everbridge for the Town's mass communications. **Chad Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Nixle/Everbridge for \$3,600.00; Heidi Ramsey-Woodard seconded the motion that carried.**

Town Manager Regina Mathis brought the Cross Connection and Backflow Ordinance back to the Board for review. The Board discussed types of backflow prevention assemblies, placement of said assemblies, and types of businesses that need the assemblies depending on the degree of hazard the business could place upon our water system. The Board instructed Manager Mathis to get a draft to the Board and Attorney for review so a public hearing can be set regarding this ordinance.

The Board set the workshop for January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Town Attorney Fred Moody gave the Attorney's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Fire Chief's, Tax Collector's, Police Chief's, Public Works, Water, Wastewater, and Town Manager's Reports. **Ben King made a motion to approve all reports as presented; Janine Crisp seconded the motion that carried.**

Being no further business, **Heidi Ramsey-Woodard made a motion to adjourn; Ben King seconded the motion that carried.**

Mayor Tom Sutton

Town Clerk Lynn Thomas