

TOWN OF WASHINGTON-RUSK COUNTY

TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2019

- 1.) Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Clerk ran late due to weather. 2 audience members: Dennis Macklin and Jen Lehman.
- 2.) Kurt Gorsegner made a motion to approve board minutes from the previous meeting. Richard Brand seconded. All approved and motion carried.
- 3.) Public comment. Question as to listing of names on the ballot. It was explained by drawing lots. Resident shared he was worried about Kudzu, an invasive species that wraps around trees. Must cut at least 3 times to kill it according to Dennis Macklin.
- 4.) Treasurer's report was presented.
- 5.) Clerk's report. Next 2 meeting dates for board: March 12 and April 9 due to absence and election. Discussion of district meeting, no board members will be attending this year. Shared letter from county clerk regarding elections and voting machines needing to be replaced in the next couple years, add to budget. Discussion of Workman Comp's claim, Jack presented bill. Clerk will send in.
- 6.) Chairman's report. Discussion regarding need to set date for July public hearing on Pulaski Lake ordinance. Decision was for Saturday afternoon, July 6 from 1-3 PM. There will be a limit as to how long people can speak. There will be a maximum of 2 hours. Discussion of job interviews. One person committee felt did not have as much experience as other two. One person had experience with truck but no grader experience. One could do all and had worked for town before in the same capacity. Job was offered and accepted by Steve Lehman. Will call Mr. Menard to be a sub as well as Jack, in the past year a sub was not needed. Betsy shared the information from WTA meeting. There is no money in a coffer. Joe Lawrence went to a lot of meetings and used up all the money. Going to have to raise dues to build up the coffers'. Broadband, Centurylink, is being lazy. New company isn't doing well. Bruce company is the best for this area. Betsy reminded that TRIP comes due in 2020. Regarding disaster and culvert aid, document and take pictures, lot of documentation needed. Private sanders' in area in case of ice storm: Osborn, Hetchler, and Komoshna. Discussion of new fire protection bill. The fire department need to perform a good deal of ambulance assists and are spending a lot of money doing this. Sheriff will not do assists. Two people cannot lift some people by themselves. Ambulance has been an on-going problem for the county. Dues may have to be raised. Fire Protection fee is according to the value of property. Majority of fire bill from taxpayers. Discussion that there is a need to budget for the increase by township. It is a direct fee for fire protection, not a tax; it will not affect the levy. It can be a regulation not an ordinance. It is up to the town to provide for residents, not the county. Richard Brand suggests that the ambulance and fire people talk to each other on radio, communication is the key. Kurt Gorsegner shares that this has been happening for years, fighting for money to run efficiently. Betsy questioned if anything was happening with Repka? At a standstill, Peggy instructed to move forward. Resident

and trapper, Harold Linskey challenged the person town paid to stop beaver problem saying there is no way he trapped that many beaver. Betsy says she doesn't think they can call him a liar. The culverts are cleared and the water is down. Discussion that there is a residence on Sawdust which is being looked at by county, HHS, and zoning regarding inappropriate building and they are being checked on. Question is the structure, septic, and water. Family member turned them in.

7.) Betsy Patterson made a motion to review and pay bills. This was seconded by Richard Brand. All approved and motion carried.

* Richard Brand signed off at 7:35 PM.

8.) Betsy Patterson made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM and was seconded by Kurt Gorseigner. All approved and motion carried.

* Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next meeting is March 12, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Klund". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Deb Klund, clerk