

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE
Commissioners Minutes
May 1, 2019

Present: President Ronald Ford
Commissioner David Ruffner
Commissioner Carrie Comegys
Commissioner Larry Leonard
Commissioner Kevin Kerr

Town Manager: Jo Manning

Paper: Doug Bishop, Record Observer

Attendance: Don Reed Sr, ET Kimble, Larry Purnell, Thurston Harris, Connie Engrem Chris Stant, Brenda Stant, Faye Williams, Bill Faust, Reese Coleman,

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from April 3, 2019 meeting: Rufner entered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2019 meeting, Leonard seconded the motion., a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Rufner made a motion to approve the workshop minutes from March 25, 2019, Leonard Second the motion a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Rufner made a motion to approve the workshop minutes from April 22, 2019, Leonard second the motion, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Fire Company Report: No Report

Sheriff: No Report

Library Report: Enclosed in packet

MES Report: Don Reed Sr stated no violations at the WP or WWTP. 3 different meters were compared to the town and was found that the town was within the MES guidelines of 10% being the Town at 8%. Faye Williams asked what the Asked about the meter readings, Don Reed advised they are compared to the town. Leonard asked why his meter was changed, Manning advised it had a broken antenna and asked to have it changed. Leonard commented that no advance notice was given.

Engineering Report: No new information. Peter did state hopefully this month we may find out about Barclay but nothing new on the suite. Stated Barclay wants to meet later this month.

Planning Commission: The commission Elected officers. We discussed the resignation of Brenda Stant and the current vacancy and also discussed Mr. Marshall's issue and stated the planning commission has no jurisdiction over the Marshall issue.

Town Manager's Report: Manning advised met with USDA regarding loan payments. Manning stated she was informed by residents of dogs running loose on miller, advised she spoke with the property owner and the property owner stated they are putting up a fence. Also complaints were given to her regarding trash, Manning advised that the property owner stated that they are in the process of moving between houses.

Cancellation of the election. President Ford announced the cancellation of the election due to lack of entries for the 2 seats.

Public hearing opened at 7:00 for the budget.

Faye Williams asked about the \$10,000 for decorations and banners in the budget, Manning advised it is always in the budget whether the town uses it or not. Faye asked about donations to the firehouse for fireworks. Faust stated that he is upset that the town has not donated and that donations from the town is stated in the charter.

Ruffner stated the Queen' Anne's commissioners said they give money to the firehouse. Faust said that is not true. Ruffner stated a County Commissioner said that at the last COG meeting. Chris Stant invited Ruffner to the next firehouse meeting. Faust stated the charter said the town is supposed to support the fire company and that the fire company can come and demand a percentage.

Ford asked about the deficit and what can we do. Manning advised that rates will have to go up. Lawyer asked about operating in a deficit. Manning advised we have been floating. Ford asked for suggestions from the public to straighten this mess out. Faye said rates are going to be hard to pay it if the rates go up.

Kerr asked to find someone to meet with from MDE. Peter suggested revisiting the financing from MDE.

With no further comments or questions the public meeting was closed at 7:23. At 7:24 the regular meeting was reopened.

A motion was made by Kerr to adopt the budget, Ruffner second the motion and a vote of 5-0 was entered to adopt the budget.

Public Comment: Faye was surprised that no commissioner was at the public hearing with Queen Anne's commissioners. Faust stated he went there and got 5 percent for the firehouse. Larry Purnell asked why the library lost internet services on 2 occasions. Patterson advised it was taken care of immediately once she was contacted via text from Bonnie who manages the library. Brenda Stant asked why new letters that come with the water bills are not offered n Spanish. Patterson asked if an additional Spanish version of the bills is what you are requesting. Faye asked about the illegal hookups and if anything has been done. Manning advised that they are working on an ordinance to address this issue. Lawyer explained that the discussion and issue was tabled at the last meeting.

With no further issues to discuss a motion was made by Kerr at 8:00 to adjourn the meeting, Ruffner second the motion and a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Patterson
Town Clerk