

TOWN OF SUDLERSVILLE

Commissioners Minutes

December 4, 2019

Present: President Ronald Ford
Commissioner David Ruffner
Commissioner Carrie Comegys
Commissioner Larry Leonard
Commissioner Charles Leager

Attendance: Francis Kinnamon, Brenda Stant, Beth Hussein, Connie Engram, Brenda Schmidt, Sue Elter, Larry Purnell, Faye Williams, Chris Stant

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

Minutes from November 5, 2019 meeting: Commissioner Leager entered a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Rufner seconded the motion. a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Minutes from November 28, 2019 workshop meeting: Commissioner Ruffner entered a motion to approve the workshop minutes, Commissioner Comegys seconded the motion, a vote of 5-0 was entered.

Fire Company Report: Francis Kinnamon reported the laundromat is working well and making money.

Sheriff Report: No one was present.

Library Report: Included in the packet.

MES Report: No report at this time.

Engineering Report: No report at this time.

Planning Commission: Sue Elter reported they reviewed monthly reports, discussed prospective business coming to both ends of Town.

Town Manager's Report: Included in the packet.

Action Items:

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was introduced, copies are available upon request. A public hearing will be held at the January meeting.

Changes to the zoning ordinance 2019-05 were read.

Zoning Administrator- Charles Leager made a motion to appoint Dave Rufner Temporary Zoning Administrator, it was seconded by Larry Leonard.

Amended FY 2019 Budget Resolution has been put on hold to clarify dates.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Cannon asked what the new projects are she is hearing about, President Ron Ford told her about the Farmville Center and the tour he and Dave Rufner got of ICA in Farmville VA. This facility will bring more monies to the town, and possibly make it so that the fee for Town water and sewer will not have to be raised over the next 5 possibly 10 years. He explained that this center was a civil holding center, very well maintained, with great medical staff, food, and security. The people housed here during detention are kept here between 50 and 75 days. They met with the mayor of Farmville, he told them he was adamantly against this facility at first but has since come around it has been the best thing that has happened to their town. The mayor also states there has been no escapes and no trouble from this facility. In fact, most residents of the town donot even know what this facility is, that's how unobtrusive it is. This facility has done nothing but good for their town as it will ours.

These centers will offer high paying jobs (about 200 to 250) to the town and surrounding areas. They have their own security, medical staff, cooks, house keeping etc.... Not a federally run facility but a federally paid wage facility.

Mrs. Cannon then asked about the project for the other end of town, President Ford explained this is an entertainment project. That will bring commerce and put the Town of Sudlersville on the map, It is a rally/ motor cross project.

Faye Williams spoke next with her comments, concerns, and grievances. She does not think the townspeople have been informed correctly and need clarification, President Ford explained that the people involved with this project would be at the next commissioners meeting for a question and answer session.

Mrs. Faye also stated that she did not think that a fee increase, and a tax increase were the same thing. The commission passed both of these and she does not feel this can be done.

She also commented on the way meeting were held to introduce the prospective new project from the ICA, she feels she being on the commission was blind sided by the news at the Planning Commission meeting and could not accurately respond to the project.

She also asked if the Commissioner Workshop meetings were published? President Ford requested the clerk Crissy Talty to make sure they were and if not to please post the day and time on the Town's website.

Chris Stant spoke, he let the Commissioner's know the report given on the new project was lacking. There are no facts to substantiate the findings. Are the citizens expected to go off the word of the commissioners? Need more information on the project.

Peter Bourne from KCI indicated that people to answer the questions would be at the planning commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Crissy Talty

Town Clerk