

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
APRIL 21, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Council members present via ZOOM: David McClung, Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Wally Harper, Marie Dailey and Donna McKneely. Meeting agenda, minutes and financial statement earlier e-mailed to council members.

Council read over the minutes, then Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes as presented (motion passed). Councilman McClung then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilman Harper moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Councilwoman Hayes then provided an update to the Park Grant: weather and social distancing has played a role in the work not started on the gazebo. She spoke to the Putnam County Parks & Red, and Tim Hanna stated it is not a problem if the work and costs associated with the grant go past July 1, due to Covid-19 restrictions.

With that in mind, the town cleanup date has also been pushed out.

Councilwoman Adkins then provided a census update. The state could lose \$2,000/year for every person that does not report their census and WV may even lose a seat in the House due to population loss. Currently, we are at 24.4% reporting. Councilwoman Adkins still wants to push census completion, and will post updates on FB, but door to door is not an option considering this pandemic.

Superior Lawn Care has performed the first cutting and did a much better job than previous grass cutter.

Council then discussed the website renewal costs of \$600 per year or \$50 a month with KDE Technology. They provided free service the past year and website build, but upkeep will be up to us without renewal. After some discussion, Councilwoman Adkins move to renew the contract for one year; motion carried.

Recorder reported that the stop signs and Park Closed signs have been ordered and received.

Council then discussed the town picnic and possibly set a tentative date. After some discussion, it was decided to table for a couple of months.

Councilman Harper has been reporting streetlight outage, as well as the new streetlight to install near Elizabeth Baptist Church, but no work has been completed yet. He will double check on the request. He did receive confirmation for the job, and they did fix 2 or 3 other streetlights since then, but still waiting on the new install request.

Councilman Harper stated the Fire Department did purchase hand sanitizer and there is a FEMA portal to purchase pandemic stuff – if we spend it, we can get reimbursed for it.

Mayor McKneely noted that Ed Higginbotham worked 4 hours on Monday. They discussed spraying on the railroad track side behind the ballfield, but worried about runoff. They talked about a natural groundcover, and Councilwoman Hayes said she would investigate it.

Council noted a brand new “small” home was moved on Cobb’s property (where other one was removed).

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor