

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF BANCROFT
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting held at the Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department to order at 7:00 pm. All council members present: Wally Harper, Dave McClung, Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Thomas Frame and Marie Dailey. Guest: Debra Price

Attorney Debra Price was recognized. She has investigated the issue on how the town can enforce ordinances without law enforcement. She discussed part time police sharing with another municipality, as well as grants - however, most grants are for existing departments only. She also stated we would need a court, but Mayor could act as judge, need a clerk to help with docket and a court attorney. The best method is B&O tax collection. She has an attorney contact (Mark Makovich-White Law Firm) that is well versed in B&O taxes and fees that could be levied. We would need to ensure all ordinances are up to date (proper timing, legal publications and required public hearing) and send out forms and notices to businesses. There are different B&O levels that are set by state law.

Councilman McClung moved to accept the minutes as presented and reviewed (motion passed). Councilman Harper then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed). It is noted that the town worker has been paid out of the contingency fund, which is almost expended. Recorder will check to see what budget revisions are needed to remedy this.

Work on the gazebo has finally been completed, and we are waiting on an invoice before submitting invoices to Putnam County Parks & Recreation for 80% reimbursement. The park looks great - metal parts have been sanded and painted and the park shelter concrete ground down and tapered. Still need to stain all the picnic tables.

Council went over another grant they could apply for next year and discussed things they would like to see: memorial flag area; extend and re-top the basketball court and adding a couple more basketball poles; pouring concrete for a couple more picnic areas.

Mayor McKneely reminded everyone that the town clean up is scheduled for this Saturday, and we need as many volunteers as possible. There will be three 30 yard containers dropped off at the park and Habitat for Humanity will be there Saturday morning.

Council discussed the request from John Hackett for a streetlight on his road. Councilman Harper reports there are two poles up there and one is turned in toward his house, but there is no light on it. He will look again and contact Appalachian Power.

Council discussed the pros and cons of having Trick or Treat this year (due to Covid), and after some discussion, it is noted that we will follow the Putnam County Commission guidelines, as we always have.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor