

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
OCTOBER 15, 2020**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting held at the Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present: Wally Harper, Dave McClung, Bethany Adkins, Thomas Frame and Marie Dailey. Jami Hayes via phone. Guest present: Sheriff Elect Bobby Eggleton, Ben Moses

Councilwoman Adkins moved to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Harper then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilman McClung moved to pay the invoices (all motions passed).

Mayor reported that town cleanup day was another success, but she is still working on the paperwork for final submission since it was on a grant.

Town Ordinances – council discussed how best to update the ordinances. We can work together section by section, divide between ourselves and come back to revise or work on one section at a time during each meeting. It was decided that we would tackle the B&O Taxes at the same time.

Recorder checked with the state auditor to see if we must do this again as we just had it done and are caught up. Per State Auditor's office, we must do it for this fiscal year (as we're caught up through FY2019). They will perform the bids and make selection for a cost of \$50

Sheriff Elect Bobby Eggleton was recognized. He introduced himself to the council and said he felt that the town has great pride since he drives through every morning and sees our town worker cleaning. He feels that the north side of the river is being shortchanged and he plans on putting more deputies on this side since there are large police departments on the other side (Hurricane, Winfield). He feels that his deputies would best serve areas with no police presence already. He stated that he's just a normal guy, but he has many years of experience in law enforcement that will help him as Sheriff.

The Town of Bancroft will follow Putnam County Trick or Treat hours, which is on 10/31 from 6-8pm. The Fire Department will be giving out candy while wearing gloves and masks. It is suggested that people turn off porch lights if they don't want to participate.

John Hackett thanked the council for the streetlight on his street!

The storm sewers all had dirt and gravel filled in around them. The park shelter concrete floor has been ground down and grouted, removing the tripping hazard. It is ready for paint.

Council then discussed ideas for a new grant that paperwork is due on soon. They discussed the amount, and feel we have the 20% match, which is a great deal for the following suggestions: 4 square pained on a refinished court; 2 concrete pads and picnic tables; flag poles with memorial area lit up; 2 grills; basketball court refinished; roof for shelter and eventually a park fence all the way around. Councilwoman Hayes will start work on the grant paperwork and submit a draft at next meeting.

Brandon from Appalachian Power audited 73 lights and poles in town (Councilman Harper noted all the lights and pole numbers earlier). They are putting in high pressure sodium lights when the mercury vapor lights die. Only 2 lights aren't associated with a street/alley, along the railroad tracks behind Joyce Abbott's house and behind the concession stand at the baseball field. Those lights may need to become property owner responsibility since there is no public access to them.

Council discussed properties that need cleaned up and felt letters should be sent to them. Also, we need several stop signs replaced. Councilman Harper moved to purchase 10 stop signs; motion passed.

Councilwoman Adkins asked if the town could have their own Thanksgiving Parade, using bikes, golf carts, side-by-sides decorated and going through town. She will make a flyer and post the information on our FB page.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor