

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
JULY 21, 2022**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the WV State Pledge. Present: Dave McClung, Bethany Adkins, Thomas Frame, Jamie Hayes and Marie Dailey. Guests include Steven Pickerell (NPLL), Denisha Rowh (NPLL), Jim Cochran and Seth King.

Councilwoman Hayes moved to accept the minutes as presented; Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices; Councilman McClung moved to accept the Financial Statement, then he moved to pay the invoices - all motions passed.

Jim Cochran appeared before the council to ask them to consider cleaning out the ditch in front of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The council has performed this task many years in the past and it needs done again. Council to get estimates and keep Mr. Cochran advised.

Steve Pickerell, North Putnam Little League president addressed the council on the Bancroft ball field. They didn't know the grass wasn't being cut, and they don't receive much local help. It is designated as a softball field and is the only field in North Putnam that incurs monthly costs (utility bills) and doesn't have a mower on site. The easiest decision for NPLL is not to play on Bancroft field, but the location, refurbished concession building (thanks to residents and town council) and number of teams they have in the league currently makes it necessary. Denisha also mentioned that they can fix the field perfectly, but they can't affect the water running onto the field from storm water drainage issues. Council will put the local word out for help with grass cutting & weed eating, and will also look into the storm water issue.

Recorder Marie Dailey presented a budget revision for the 2022/2023 budget year. We estimated a \$10,000 carryover when we presented our budget numbers to the state auditor in March, however, we have a carryover of \$25,000. Council needs to appropriate the remaining \$15,000. After some discussion, \$11,400 put into Streets & Highways; \$600 into Signs & Signals and \$3,000 into Public Grounds. Councilwoman Hayes moved to disperse these monies accordingly and turn budget revision into the WV State Auditor; motion passed.

The Town Picnic is coming up soon and council discussed the DJ Jay Thompson, Quantum (helix slide and bouncy house) and Huskey's ice cream. Also discussed donation from Pepsi and Mayor McKneely needs help picking up the Sam's order prior to the picnic.

Councilman Frame brought up issues with the park storm sewer. Unsure where water is coming from, but it blew the top off a storm sewer and water was gushing into the air. We need to find a way to keep the water flowing instead of dumping contents on adjacent properties.

Mayor McKneely has ordered the ADA table and monkey bars, but it may be fall before they arrive. This is from the \$3000 that Kathie Hess requested from the appropriations committee.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor