

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

Mayor Donna McKneely called meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She called roll then led the Pledge of Allegiance and WV State pledge. Council members present: Bethany Adkins, Thomas Frame, Wally Harper, Dave McClung (ZOOM) and Marie Dailey. Guests: Suzie with Alex Mooney's office, James Pickron, Luther Hensley and son.

Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes; Councilwoman Adkins moved to accept the financial statement (both motions passed). Councilman Harper then moved to pay invoices; motion passed.

Suzie from Congressman Alex Mooney's office was recognized. She passed out pamphlets regarding the Congressional App Challenge that is open to middle and high school students – every team that participates received \$100! She explained the contest, then said anytime the town has issues with a federal agency, to please contact them if help is needed.

Mr. Luther Hensley appeared before the council asking permission to place a trailer on property he purchased on Showen's Hill. He's already removed the old trailer and is cleaning the lot up to fit a 1993 70' trailer (currently in Poca), which will be a rental. He has several rentals and is familiar with the process. After some discussion, Councilman Harper moved to allow installation of said trailer; Councilman McClung abstained (via ZOOM) since he couldn't hear the dialogue; motion passed. Council advised him that he needs to apply for the permit via the Putnam County Planning Commission.

James Pickron then appeared before the council in advance of purchasing property on Second Avenue. Property currently has a 1973 trailer and dilapidated outbuilding, but also has renters in said property. The current owner will release renters before selling to Mr. Pickron. He is asking permission to tear down the trailer and outbuilding and replace with a 2005 80x16 mobile home (pictures provided, currently in Clendenin). After much discussion, Councilwoman Adkins moved to allow Mr. Pickron to move out the old trailer and replace with the 2005 mobile home on condition that he does not retain same tenants and keeps the property updated; motion passed with exception of Councilman Frame, who voted nay.

Park Grant: still need to purchase the basketball poles, rims and nets. Mayor McKneely has quotes from Dick's Sporting Goods and we can purchase from there. We must spend remaining monies on approved grant work to turn in paperwork to County Commission by 12/31/21 for reimbursement.

Council discussed purchasing equipment so ZOOM meetings can be held in a more efficient manner. Discussed better speakers and town laptop. Councilman McClung will check costs and we can check if purchase can be made with ARPA funds since it's Covid related.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to follow Putnam County's Trick or Treat hours of 6-8pm on Saturday, October 30, 2021; motion passed.

Mayor McKneely stated we need two readings to continue Planning Commission as town designee to manage the Floodplain Ordinance. Councilman McClung then moved to accept the First Reading of the Floodplain Management Program Ordinance, designating the Planning Commission to act for the Town of Bancroft in the administration, management and enforcement of said ordinance; motion passed.

Park Update: both toilets need replaced (continually replacing guts) – can spend out of Coal Severance. Brian Sigman to paint lines on Saturday.  
With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor