

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
MARCH 17, 2022**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All council members present. There are several candidates running for office in Putnam County this year, and the agenda is full. Mayor McKneely will recognize each candidate as they appear on the agenda and gave them each three minutes to speak.

Ron Foster: currently in office as County Commissioner and running again. He is taking zero campaign donations and would like to run fiber optic throughout the county and wireless throughout multiple vendors. Would like to see the sewer updated down Route 35 (Fraziers Bottom) and sits on the DAEA Board. He would like to see more money provided to the north side of the river.

Don Underwood: running for Circuit Clerk. He's a former State Trooper and Poca Police Chief, and spoke of his children Matthew, Aaron and Kelly.

Mike Thompson: running for Circuit Clerk. He has a degree in Criminal Justice from Marshall University, appointed Municipal Judge for City of Hurricane in 2020 and is President of the Putnam County Gun Club.

Nick Withrow: Republican running for House of Delegates. He is graduating Marshall with two degrees in April. He believes in road reconstruction and revamping education in WV.

Seth King: running for House of Delegates. He believes in education, specifically life skills; infrastructure (roads need paved!). He is from Red House and he provided contact information and asked the council to contact him, if needed.

Jesse Lovejoy: running for House of Delegates. He noted that there were several young people running for House, which is a good thing. He is from Red House and is 21 years old. He's been a part of Teenage Republicans for 6 years and is a newly appointed committee person from the Republican party. He believes strongly in education and roads.

The council thanked all the candidates for their time and wished them all well.

Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes; Councilman Harper moved to accept the financial statement and Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay invoices - all motions passed.

Councilman Harper moved to continue the grass cutting contract we have with Superior Lawn Services; motion passed.

Councilman Harper presented the council with an invoice in the amount of \$2,034.90 for nozzles and stated that we had \$2500 budgeted for the Fire Department this fiscal year. Councilwoman Adkins moved to reimburse the BVFD for the purchase of the nozzles; motion passed.

Streets & Highways: Councilman McClung feels we need to look at paving other areas this year.

Storm Sewers: Isaac from Thrasher provided maps and engineering study with the recommendations for the scope of the project. Council will look over information and table until next meeting.

Parks & Recreation: a small fire was set at the park near the ark. Council discussed cameras again, and Mayor stated that Kathie Crouse may have solution. Two trees need removed and will get an estimate. Water will be turned back on April 1 if weather conditions remain above freezing.

Property Clean Up: Mayor needs to submit grant in to REAP by May to have them help pay for town clean up in the fall. Douglas property is now cleaned. New complaint filed on property on Washington Street

(Glen Witt's old garage). Discussed over 50 bags of trash all over property at Phoenix Lane. Tentative clean up day set for 9/10/22 from 7a-noon.

The council then spent time going over the budget, which is smaller this year as property tax collections have decreased. Much discussion on what we need to do next fiscal year and what we can afford to do. The attached expenditures were agreed upon and Recorder instructed to complete the budget for the Auditor's office.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Council will sit in abstention until Tuesday, April 19, 2022. At that time, we will meet to lay the levy (upon budget approval) and move the regular monthly Thursday meeting up to Tuesday.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor