

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
AUGUST 18, 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: Wally Harper, Bethany Adkins, Thomas Frame, Jamie Hayes and Marie Dailey. Guests include Jim Withrow and Kathie Crouse.

Councilwoman Adkins moved to accept the minutes as corrected (last month's guest also included Speedy Arthur); Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay the invoices; Councilman Harper moved to accept the Financial Statement, both motions passed. Councilman Harper moved to pay the invoices, but the Recorder reminded him that it included a bill from Superior Lawn Services for the monthly grass cutting, which has been a point of discussion as to whether they are fulfilling their contract. After much discussion, Councilwoman Adkins moved to pay all invoices, with exception of Superior; all in favor with exception of Councilwoman Hayes. Matter will be discussed in full later in the meeting (on the agenda).

The Town Picnic is coming up this weekend, and council discussed the final preparations: Councilwoman Hayes have donation from Ginos, who will provide paper goods and she will provide sliced tomatoes, lettuce, and onions. Councilwoman Adkins confirmed donation from Pepsi, which will need picked up the day before. She confirmed the DJ is ready and Husky's will be there. Mayor confirmed that Quantum will have the rides ready before picnic time. Councilman Harper said the fire truck should be there unless they are out on a call.

Town Cleanup set up for 9/10 from 7am-noon, with Habitat for Humanity on site. No mattresses or tires are allowed (per WV DEP). Waste Management will drop the containers off on Friday and pick up on Monday and may need watched to insure people don't dump into them once collection is complete.

Councilwoman Adkins provided two estimates for the ditch work discussed at last meeting: \$7206 for ditch work at the park and \$5280 for ditch work at the Catholic Church, which includes ditching, removal and clean up. Council discussed this and felt that we should continue to reach out and hopefully get at least three estimates. Councilwoman Adkins will put something on Facebook. Council also discussed areas that may fall under the Kanawha River Railroad, and Councilman Harper provided KNWA phone number (866-889-2826).

Council then discussed the Superior invoice in the agreed upon monthly amount of \$1680. They have not cut the area noted in the contract: Note: To include railroad side of Bancroft from Sign (South) to Abbott's house. Councilman Harper moved to short pay the invoice by 20%, write a letter stating why we are short paying the invoice, advise them that we will release the remainder once this area is cut, and include a copy of the contract with the letter. He feels this will grab their attention and they will take care of the matter. After some discussion, all in favor of said motion. Recorder will write the check accordingly, with a letter and copy of contract.

Mayor McKneely brought a request forward for gravel on the side of Railroad Street, where people park (McKneely and Wick). The town did place gravel there in the past, but this is railroad property and not town property. Utility companies have performed work on this street, and they were responsible for putting gravel back.