

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
MAY 16, 2019**

*based  
on recorded  
minutes*

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She opened the meeting with roll call: David McClung, Jami Hayes, Bethany Adkins, Wallace Harper, and Thomas Frame present. She next lead with the Lord's Prayer.

After reviewing the minutes from the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting in April, Councilman McClung moved to approve them; Councilwoman Adkins seconded and motion carried. Councilwoman Hayes then moved to approve the April financial statement; Councilman Harper seconded and motion carried. Councilman McClung then moved to pay the invoices; Councilwoman Hayes seconded and motion carried.

Councilman Harper updated the council that the new entrance signs has arrived and he hopes it will be installed within the next week.

Mayor McKneely updated the council on the 12.6 tons of trash cleaned up during the town clean up project, which doesn't include the metals and donated to Habitat. She felt the clean up went smoothly and was a great thing and hopes the town can do it again next year. E&L charged \$1,000, and we received a grant for \$500, and the dump fees were taken care of by DEP. The town paid \$500 plus the volunteer help for this very successful clean up.

Mayor McKneely presented bids for the installation of the new playground equipment. Three Blind Mice bid \$5674 for installation, as well as \$500 to redo the swinging bridge. Daniels Building Corp bid \$5855 (no quote to redo the bridge), and they have experience installing playground equipment. AW Contracting submitted one for \$5400. All bids are very close but none of these bids include the edging and mulch that needs to be installed afterward. After much discussion, Councilman Harper moved to accept the bid of \$5855 from Daniels Building Corporation due to their experience; Councilwoman Adkins seconded and motion carried. Councilman McClung did want the Mayor to ask if they will redo the swinging bridge when she calls to award the bid. Councilman Harper moved to allow the bridge reconstruction to be approved by Mayor if the amount is \$500 or under; Councilman McClung seconded and motion was approved.

Council then discussed the Town Picnic to be held in the fall. Much discussion ensued regarding the timing and school back in session, as well as fall sports kicking off. Council then checked the start of school and discussed having the picnic before school started back. After much discussion of times, dates and attendance, it was decided that the Town Picnic would be scheduled for August 17 from 5-7pm.

Mayor McKneely handed the meeting over to Councilman Harper, who gave an update regarding the water issue in the alleyway. He contacted Benchmark Construction to shoot the alley to see if they can provide a solution. Benchmark Construction engineer Tim Spradling stated "With all the existing lines (gas, electric, cable/phone), it's not the ideal situation to install any type of pipe or a ditch very deep. Another option might be to try to build a mound out of dirt somehow and build it up, to catch the water and divert it either way, but I'm not sure that's a viable option or a 100% fix either". Council talked about their own properties and actions they took to drain the water away from their homes. Billy Wick was recognized, who stated he put gravel and perforated tile to drain water off his property (said property on alleyway). The Mayor and council then surmised that based on what Benchmark Construction stated, there is nothing the town can do in the alleyway to prevent water going to adjoining properties during heavy rain.

Council then discussed the grass cutting performance from RSG, who received the bid for cutting the town grass. They've cut it several times now, but none of the cuttings have been performed according to bid. They walked the owner throughout town twice, and they should

know (by now) what areas to cut! Mayor McKneely will contact the owner again to come down and go over the areas once more.

Townwide Yard Sale signs are now posted and it is scheduled for the first Saturday in June.

Mayor McKneely then turned the meeting over to Councilman McClung to discuss the bids to mill and patch the needed areas in town. First bid from Roy Young & Sons for \$19,382 (includes tax) and broken down by price for each area (it is also noted that Mr. Young has performed admirable work in the town before). The next bid is from Tri State Service Center for \$41,601 (does not include B&O taxes or Permit fees). Final bid is from WV Paving in the amount of \$65,000 (all streets need to be at one time, otherwise job is too small for WV Paving. No backfilling, testing, striping, engineering lay-out or sealing in this proposal). Council discussed the bids, along with what monies is left in the budget to see if we can do part of the paving in this fiscal year, and the rest in the next since it starts July 1.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor