

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF BANCROFT  
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

Mayor Donna McKneely called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Meeting opened with Lord's Prayer, then took roll call: David McClung, Bethany Adkins, Jami Hayes, Wally Harper, Thomas Frame and Marie Dailey present. Council then said the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as the State Pledge.

After council read over the minutes; Councilman Harper moved to accept the minutes as presented (motion passed). Councilman Harper then moved to approve the financial statement and Councilman McClung moved to pay the invoices (both motions passed).

Council then proceeded to open sealed bids on the old town truck and riding mower, which was advertised with a due date of tonight.

Mower Bids: 1) John Fore - \$100

Truck Bids: 1) Ernest Powell - \$850    2) Danny Tucker - \$525    3) Kenny Allison - \$100  
4) Mike Tucker - \$626.99    5) David Atkins - \$525    6) John Fore - \$400

After some discussion, Councilman Harper moved to accept the bid of John Fore for \$100 for the riding mower and the highest bid of Ernest Powell for \$850 for the town truck (motion passed). Recorder will contact winning bidders to pay for and pick up both items.

Mayor McKneely submitted invoices from Three Brothers Electric for electrical work and light installation performed at the Post Office and park. The invoice for the gazebo work was slightly higher than quoted due to grounding issues discovered during installation. After some discussion, Councilwoman Hayes moved to pay both invoices and motion passed.

Next, council discussed the gazebo repairs still needed. Councilwoman Hayes spoke to Tim Hanna regarding our submission for reimbursement on our grant, and he advised her we have until June 30, 2020 to submit.

Dave McClung performed a study and estimate on the yearly cost of a town police department. He estimated approximately \$53,480 per year, which doesn't include a vehicle or worker's compensation. Councilman Harper stated there is a new Home Rule Board that includes members from the Municipal League as well as Governor appointees that may be able to help Class IV municipalities, but he doesn't know much more about the board.

Councilman Harper then stated that Cabinfield did not ship the climbing wall portion of the Ark, as well the attachment that is built into the Ark. He spoke with the company and they will reimburse the cost of the wall (update: check for \$153 received from Cabinfield).

Mayor McKneely then discussed a visit from the agency over the park, and they stated the park bathrooms aren't up to current handicap codes per the WV Development Office. Councilman Harper stated that the fire department isn't either, but it is still legal unless you make a major renovation.

Council then discussed the town holding Christmas at the Park, which would include pictures with Santa. Much discussion ensued, and council discussed ideas. Recorder Dailey stated she would donate the hot chocolate. Town could purchase candy canes and cookies and decorate the gazebo. Mayor McKneely will look into who could be Santa. After much discussion, it was decided to hold this event on Saturday, December 20 from 5-7 at the gazebo.

Councilman McClung spoke to Roy Young Paving and they will remove the speed bumps between the fire department and Route 62 for free, but asked the council to wait until his work load slows down. With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

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DONNA MCKNEELY, Mayor