

**9 AUGUST 2022
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MOREHOUSE TOWN BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00^{PM} BY SUPERVISOR FARBER. SUPERVISOR FARBER OPENED THE MEETING BY LEADING THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF BOARD & GUESTS IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: WILLIAM UEBELE, BRIAN TAYLOR, MARYANN MOSHER

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT:

TOWN SUPERVISOR: WILLIAM FARBER

TOWN CLERK: AMANDA LA RUE

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: ABSENT

GUESTS: LYNN KERSTNER, ANTHONY (BUTCH) FERNANDEZ, ED POST, WAYNE AND SHERYL FLEMING

MELONIE LUCK, ROBERT AND MARILYN WILSON

MARILYN: ASKED ABOUT THE TRASH CONTAINER OF THE PULL OFF: BILL FARBER STATED THAT HE STARTED TO LOOK INTO BUT HE DIDN'T FOLLOW UP ON IT BUT HE WILL.

MARILYN ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE BRIDGE OVER THE DITCH BY THE PULL OFF: AT ONE POINT WE TALKED ABOUT A SMALL COVERED BRIDGE OVER THE DITCH AND SOME FOLKS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE TO PUT THE FAYLE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE DITCH AS ITS HISTORIC AND OTHER DIDN'T MUCH LIKE THE IDEA. BILL EXPLAINED THE PROCESS WITH THE FAYLE ROAD BRIDGE AND OPHRP AND WHY IT WON'T BE GOING OVER THE DITCH AND THE BRIDGE IS UP TO THE COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE.

WE ARE NOW AT THE POINT WHERE WE CAN PUT UP CAN PUT WHATEVER BRIDGE WE'D LIKE OVER THE DITCH. BILL STATED THAT MORE RECENTLY IT WAS REPORTED THE TO HIM THAT THE MOREHOUSE ROD AND GUN CLUB HAD A DISCUSSION ON PUTTING A BRIDGE OVER THE DITCH, WHETHER THEY FORMALLY OR WAS JUST PART OF THE DISCUSSION HAD CONCERNS ABOUT EVEN PUTTING A BRIDGE THERE AS IT WOULD CREATE MORE FOOT TRAFFIC TO THE REC CENTER AND HAVE IMPLICATIONS FORKS THAT ARE UP THERE SHOOTING, BILL THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH NOTING THE ROD & GUN CLUB'S CONCERNS. AT THIS POINT WE HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS ON PUTTING A BRIDGE OVER THE DITCH.

LYNN HANDED OUT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DON'T AT THE RECREATION CENTER. AND SHE ASKED IF WE HAVE A MAINTENANCE PERSON YET. HE HAD ONLY ONE APPLICANT. BILL THINKS THEY SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE HIRING OF A MAINTENANCE PERSON.

BILL THINKS THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE BUILDINGS ARE FANTASTIC, YOU CAN SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS ALL THE TIME

ED POST INTRODUCED HIMSELF.

BUTCH: ASKED WHY THE AGENDA WASN'T ON THE WEBSITE AND THE JULY 12 MINUTES WAS NOT ON THE WEBSITE, AND ASKED ABOUT THE AUDIT AND WHY THE BOOKING WAS BROUGHT DOWN FROM COUNTY. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE IS NO CHANGE AND EVERYTHING IS GOING BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE WITH NO MAJOR CHANGES OTHER THAT YOU HAVE AN ASSISTANT NOW

BILL STATED HE GOT THE AGENDA TO AMANDA LATE.

AMANDA STATED THAT THE MINUTES ARE UP TO DATE ON THE WEBSITE.

BILL EXPLAINED WHAT WE HAVE DONE AT THE TOWN LEVEL IS TO IMPLEMENT THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING. WE DID MAKE THE DECISION TO BRING BACK THE SOFTWARE TO THE TOWN LEVEL. AND AS HIS POSITION AT THE COUNTY NOW HAS CHANGED, HE CAN BE AT THE TOWN OFFICE MORE, IF FOLKS ARE AROUND, THEY WILL SEE THAT I AM AT THE OFFICE DAILY AND WORKING WITH THE DEPUTY TO GET THAT STUFF DONE. ON TOP OF THAT WE HAD A DISCUSSION ON THE MONEY THAT WAS BEING SPENT ON THE COUNTY CONTRACT TO DO THE BOOKKEEPING, AND WITH

STUFF BEING DONE THERE AND THERE IT DIDN'T GIVE US A CAPACITY HERE TO GET THE WORK DONE HERE.

WE WERE SPENDING 7800.00 YEARLY FOR THE COUNTY TO DO THE BOOKKEEPING AND WE CHECKED WITH OUR PREVIOUS SOFTWARE VENDOR AND THE COST WILL BE 1600.00 TO USE THE PREVIOUS SOFTWARE SO THE BALANCE OF THAT MONEY CAN BE SPENT ON OFFICE STAFF. SO, WE DECIDED TO GET THE SOFTWARE THAT WE PREVIOUSLY HAD. (THERE WAS TOO MUCH TALKING OVER TOP OF EACH OTHER AND THE TAPE WAS INAUDIBLE.

BUTCH ASKED IF THE TOWN WAS GOING TO FILL THE COUNCILMAN VACANCY?

BILL STATED BOARD DECIDED TO MAKE IT FAIR THAT THE VACANCY SHOULD GO ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. BILL STATED THAT IT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT FOLKS CAN ASK WHO FILES PETITIONS BILL STATED THAT IT WAS MARILYN WILSON WHO FILED THE PETITION TO RUN FOR TOWN COUNCIL, BUT FOLKS CAN DEFINITELY DO A WRITE IN IF THEY'D LIKE. (AGAIN INAUDIBLE AS FOLKS WERE TALKING OVER EACH OTHER BUT, I BELIEVE SOMEONE ASKED IF ANYONE HAD FILED A PETITION).

WILLIAM UEBELE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING, WITH THE CORRECTION TO SPELLING OF MELONIE LUCK FIRST NAME. BRIAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES

AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER

NAYS: NONE

MARYANN MOSHER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS FOR JULY. BRIAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES

AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER

NAYS: NONE

BRIAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS ON THE JULY ABSTRACT.

GENERAL FUND BILLS ON ABSTRACT #8, VOUCHER #'S 154-170 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,138.01
HIGHWAY BILLS ON ABSTRACT # 8, VOUCHER #'S 64-70 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,322.87

WILLIAM UEBELE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES

AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER

NAYS: NONE

- TOWER: THERE ARE NO REAL UPDATED, THE COUNTY IS LOOKING TO TALK TO SOME CELL CARRIERS
- REC CENTER: TAKE OUT THE 2 OLDER FOOSBALL TABLES AND KEEP THE NEWER ONE
- WE CAN NOW EXTEND BTI BEYOND THE MONTH OF JUNE
- BRIDGE: TRUSSES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN AND STANDING
- BILL IS GOING OUT WITH DEC FORESTER TO LOOK AT HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL
- GOT THE PETROLEUM PERMIT BACK
- ABANDON TRAILER: THE TRAILER HAS BEEN REMOVED AND BEING KEPT BEHIND TOWN BARN UNTIL THE TIMEFRAME IS UP
- KELLY TICHENOR WAS HIRED TO DO THE SIGN AT THE POST OFFICE AT A COST OF 400.00

ROBERT WILSON WAS THE ONLY APPLICANT FOR THE BLDG. MAINTENANCE POSITION AND ITS BILL FARBER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT WE HIRE HIM AT THE RATE OF 18.00 HOURLY.

LYNN KERSTNER ASKED HOW HIRING ROBERT WILL AFFECT JAMES LUCK'S POSITION O HIS JOBS THAT HE DOES FOR THE TOWN. BILL STATED THAT JAMES WILL CONTINUE TO DO HIS NORMAL DUTIES.

WILLIAM UEBELE MADE A MOTION TO HIRE ROBERT WILSON FOR THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE AT 18.00 HOURLY. BRIAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES

AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER

NAYS: NONE

MARYANN MOSHER MADE A MOTION TO GET RID OF THE OLD VOTING MACHINE. WILLIAM UEBELE SECONDED THE MOTION.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THAT MELONIE STATED SHE WOULD LIKE IT TO GO IN THE MUSEUM BECAUSE IT IS HISTORIC

MARYANN MOSHER WITHDREW HER MOTION TO GET RID OF THE OLD VOTING MACHINE. BILL UEBELE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES
AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER
NAYS: NONE

DWAYNE ILLSLEY OF BLDG. ENVIRON. SERV. TECH. (B.E.S.T.) GAVE A PROPOSAL OF 13,993.63 FOR THE MOLD REMEDIATION.

WILLIAM UEBELE MADE A MOTION TO HAVE BLDG. ENVIRON. SERV. TECH. (B.E.S.T.) DO THE MOLD REMEDIATION AT A COST OF 13,993.63 WITH ½ DOWN AND BALANCE AFTER COMPLETION .
MARYANN MOSHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES
AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER
NAYS: NONE

➤ UPDATE ON THE MAP RESTORATION: THE COST HAS CHANGED FROM TO 2800.00 3300.00 RESTORE THE MAP. MELONIE SUGGESTED A FUNDRAISER TO HELP OFFSET THE COST. IT WAS BILLS SUGGESTION TO BRING THE MAP BACK AND PRESERVE IT THE BEST WE CAN UNTIL WE GET MORE OF A HANDLE ON WHAT TO DO. MELONIE WILL CHECK WITH THE FOLKS WHO HAVE THE MAP TO SEE THE BEST WAY TO PRESERVE IT.

BRIAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE THE MILEAGE RATE TO THE CURRENT RATE OF .62 PER MILE FROM THE .585 THAT WAS SET IN JANUARY 2022. MARYANN MOSHER SECONDED THE MOTION.
MOTION CARRIES
AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER
NAYS: NONE

BRIAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. WILLIAM UEBELE SECONDED MOTION. MOTION CARRIES
AYES: B. TAYLOR; W. UEBELE; W. FARBER; M. MOSHER
NAYS: NONE

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

AMANDA LA RUE
TOWN CLERK