**TOWN OF GRANVILLE**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 14, 2023**

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**PLACE OF MEETING:**  Town Hall, 1245 Main Street, Granville WV, 26534

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**  7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Patricia Lewis and Recorder Mary Beth Renner were present. Council members present were Nicky Boyers, Patty Forbes, Chip Buzzo, Bobbie Jo Wolfe and Dave Bean. Administrator Latina Mayle and City Attorney Ryan Simonton were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  Christine Kolb and Brandi Wolfe from CASA for Kids spoke to council about CASA for Kids and the need for funding. They told council the only funding they receive is from grants/sponsorship and donations and were hoping Granville would become a sponsor. Mayor Lewis, with permission from council to speak to Ms. Kolb and Ms. Wolfe, asked if they were involved with Mon Co schools. They let Mayor Lewis and council know they are not sponsored by them, but they do service many of the children in the school district.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  Council unanimously approved the minutes of the previous meeting and agreed to place them on permanent record.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Disbursements:

$129,413.51 (plus payroll and payroll expenses)

Account Totals:

$3,472,667.40 (General Fund)

$ 937,134.86 (ARPA Funds)

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Dave Bean seconded by Chip Buzzo. Council unanimously approved.

BILLS TO PAY: (general fund and hotel/motel/ARPA)

$153,369.94 (plus payroll and payroll expenses)

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Nicky Boyers seconded by Chip Buzzo. Council unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Project updates Mayor Lewis and Latina went to a work session with the county commission for the stop lights at Sesame Drive. The developer of Westridge and the county commission asked for the approval from the DOH, in writing, to put the light on Sesame Drive, this was the first time they had been asked for that, DOH had approved the project but Mayor Lewis was waiting for it to be in writing.

Mayor Lewis, Mary Beth, Latina, and Taylor attended Mon/Preston Day at the capital in Charleston February 9th. We spoke to several delegates concerning HB2282, affecting our volunteer fire department. Mayor Lewis stated Delegate Statler reached out to her and let her know since our department was not in the fire pension that nothing with the state money should change. Mayor Lewis let council know we had been able to interact with some of the senators and let them know our concerns with some other bills as well. Taylor had prepared a document showing how HB2471 would make a positive impact on the Town of Granville. Sen. Caputo was very impressed with her presentation and asked her to come up with a solution and he will sit down with her to discuss it. Mayor Lewis let council know a bill (HB3075) was just introduced and this bill would exempt subcontractors from paying B&O Tax. Mayor Lewis stated she had emailed several of the delegates and the county commission, just prior to tonight’s meeting with her concerns on this bill. Mayor Lewis expressed her concern on HB 2842 as this bill would eliminate all business licenses. Mayor Lewis was picked up by Metro News as her concerns were that we would have no way of tracking what businesses would be coming in or out of our town.

**REPORTS**

On a motion made by Chip Buzzo and seconded by Nicky Boyers council approved the following building permits:

Shoe Department – 669 Target Way – replace sign - $2,640.00.

Mona MHP – 423 Remington & 407 Kovach St – demolition -$11,200

James Enoch – 988 Main St – 12x24 garage - $7,538.00

Mary Boner – 0000 Town of Granville – fiber optic distribution network - $208,384.07

Darden Restaurant – 2111 University Town Centre Dr – re-roof Cheddars - $56,740.00

**Executive Office Administrator Latina Mayle –** is attending the Municipal League Conference in Charleston.

**Chief of Police Craig Corkrean–** in attendance reported they had gotten two chargers and the two Durango’s should be in within 2-3 weeks.

**Chief of Granville FD Charles Renner –** in attendance reported that the fire department has run 148 calls to date. Chief Renner also reported they had dive training with Morgantown dive team today at Mylan Park.

**Public Works –** Roy Wilson, Jr. reported his is finalizing the information for the bid packet on our sewer/storm water project with Potesta. Roy also said he is interested in finding a better line painting machine that would mix the beads with the paint to make the job easier.

**Park –** Becky was not in attendance. Dave Bean reported he had found a company that has replacement lights for $500-$800 apiece, we will need 36 lights and this price does not include installation. Mayor Lewis offered to have Becky or Latina look into the lights and come back to council with more information.

**Code Mike Darnell-** not in attendance but left written report.

**Council reports –** Mary Beth reported the last day for a candidate in the June 2023 election to withdraw is March 21st 2023. Mary Beth reported herself, Mayor Lewis and Latina attended a budget meeting in Bridgeport on February 6th. Mayor Lewis stated we will have two employees out for medical reasons in March, she had contacted Mike Stone and he recommended Amy Fairman to fill in part time for code enforcement. Chip Buzzo reported he had been in touch with someone from the Black Bears and they expressed an interest in getting more involved in our community. Mayor Lewis said the Black Bears had been in touch with her as well. Mayor Lewis let council know Morgantown Utility Board reached out to her to discuss possibly them taking over our sanitary sewer system. Westover had approached MUB, and they are in talks of possibly taking Westover’s system. Mayor Lewis let council know she is not in favor of this but will hear what they have to say. She also reminded council this would be a sewer board decision.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Lewis presented council with a letter of request for a donation for Westover VFW Post 9916. On a motion made by Nicky Boyers and seconded by Dave Bean council approved to donate $1,500.00.

Mayor Lewis presented council with a letter of request for a donation to CASA For KIDS. On a motion made by Nicky Boyers and seconded by Dave Bean council approved to donate $1,500.00.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm on a motion made by Dave Bean and seconded by Nicky Boyers.

Next Council meeting will be February 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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Recorder Mary Beth Renner

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Mayor Patricia Lewis