**TOWN OF GRANVILLE**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**September 08, 2020**

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

**TIME OF MEETING:**  7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Patricia Lewis, Recorder Mary Beth Renner was present. Councilmen present include David Bean, Nicky Boyers, Ron Clark, Genevieve Calvert, and Patty Forbes. Also present were City Attorney Mike Solomon. Executive Administrator Latina Mayle was absent.

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY COUNCIL**

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Disbursements:

$30,522.47

Account Totals:

$2,054,249.97

A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Genevieve Calvert seconded by Nicky Boyers.

BILLS TO PAY:

$123,384.64

A motion to accept the bills to pay was made by Dave Bean and seconded by Ron Clark.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  Geoff Johns of 1532 Main Street Granville spoke to council concerning 179 Kovach Street. Mr. Johns stated he has had numerous issues with the property, which adjoins his, issues include rodents, roaches, the drugs used by the occupants and visitors to the residence. Mr. Johns stated he feels this is now a health issue not only to his family but to other residents in the area. Mr. Johns asked council to consider having the structure removed from the property.

Adrye Webb of 32 Broad Street Granville addressed council as well. She stated she had made a complaint concerning the barking of dogs all hours of the day and night as well as the stench coming from the residence stating the stench was unbearable. She stated she had never had an issue with rodents until recently and found the source of the rodents were from 179 Kovach Street. Ms. Webb stated she has had several crops from her garden destroyed due to the rodents and wires chewed through in her pond. Ms. Webb also asked council to have something done about the residence.

Charles Renner, II 1682 Main Street spoke to council concerning the residence at 179 Kovach Street. Mr. Renner stated the rodent problem was out of control that he was seeing them throughout the day and would come right up to his deck while he was sitting on it. The roach problem was even worse. He found his empty garbage can full of roaches. Mr. Renner stated he was having work done on his property and his contractor had to chase the rats back over to the residence with shovels. Mr. Renner stated due to the numerous issues over the years with the residence, he was asking council to have the residence taken care of.

Floyd Snyder of Master Graphics Road, one of the owners of the property, stated he was unaware of the issues and that he knew of the dogs since one had bitten him and he was fearful to re-enter the house as long as the dogs were in it. He stated his son lived in the house and is in the process of removing his belongs. Mr. Snyder claims he needs more time to clean it out and he will not have anyone else living in it, he wants to have it in case of an emergency.

**OLD BUSINESS**

On a motion made by Dave Bean and seconded by Nicky Boyers council passed the second and final reading to add penalties for operating a business without a business license. The ordinance reads as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA AMENDING PART SEVEN A

OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA BY ADDING TO

SAID PART SEVEN A NEW ARTICLE BEING ARTICLE 721.03 PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR OPERATING A BUSINESS IN THE TOWN WITHOUT A BUSINESS LICENCE

On a motion made by Dave Bean and seconded by Patty Forbes council passed the second and final reading of the ordinance to allow for penalties for business licenses and B&O tax. The ordinance reads as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA AMENDING PART SEVEN

OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA BY ADDING TO

SAID PART SEVEN A NEW ARTICLE BEING ARTICLE 721.02 PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO

REFUSE TO ISSUE A BUSINESS LICENSE TO AND REVOKE THE BUSINESS LICENSE OF ANY

BUSINESS THAT HAS FAILED TO FILE A BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX RETURN WHEN DUE

OR HAS FAILED TO PAY ANY BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX DUE TO THE TOWN.

On a motion made by Nicky Boyers and seconded by Dave Bean council passed the second and final reading of the first reading to adopt updated building codes. The ordinance reads as follows.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING

PART SEVENTEEN, CHAPTER THREE, SECTION 1713.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF GRANVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE PROMULGATED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE FIRE COMMISSION AND ESTABLISHED BY LEGISLATIVE RULE, TITLE 87 SERIES 4.

Mike Solomon reported there are several options for controlling the weight limit along University Town Centre Drive but suggested we consult with Potesta as to what weight we should be concerned about to keep the integrity of the roads.

Mayor Lewis reported September 14th is the targeted date to begin milling and paving on University Town Centre Drive.

Mayor Lewis also reported we have been in contact with the Buzzo family and let them know our offer on the land, to date we have not heard back from them.

**Reports:**

**Latina Mayle –**

Building permits were presented to council, on a motion made by Dave Bean and seconded by Ron Clark council approved to place the permits on permanent record, the permits are as follows.

Barry Webb– 32 Broad Street – replace/add privacy fence– $2,500.00

Dennis Rowan – 129 Ultra Light Lane – Roof repair - $10,000.00

Cameron Clark – 1260 Madden Rd – replace deck - $0 (materials donated)

**Chief Craig Corkrean –** in attendance having nothing to report

**Chief Butch Renner –** In attendance reported they are up to 686 calls.

**Public Works** – not in attendance

**Code Enforcement** – in attendance and gave council a written report on 179 Kovach Street.

**Park -** Michael Bean – not in attendance but has been in touch with the health department for guidance on continuing the games.

**Council reports –** Patty Forbes voiced her concern about the storm drains not being able to handle the heavy rains we had recently. Mayor Lewis explained that when there is that much of a downpour at once the drains, no matter where you are, cannot handle it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Darnell spoke concerning 179 Kovach street and all the complaints we have had and felt it was time council consider taking some type of action to remedy the situation. At this, Mike Solomon called for an executive session to talk about the property.

On a motion made by Nicky Boyers and seconded by Ron Clark council entered an executive session at 7:38 to discuss a residence’s property.

On a motion made by Ron Clark and seconded by Nicky Boyers council exited the executive session and returned to the regular meeting at 8:15.

Mayor Lewis stated council will be holding a required hearing about 179 Kovach Street on September 21st at 6:00 pm. Mike Solomon will notify all parties with interest in 179 Kovach Street of the hearing as well as the property owners. Once the hearing is over council may then chose to take action at that point. Mr. Snyder spoke that he was not aware of all the issues spoke of in the meeting, Mayor Lewis called him out saying he did know of the condition of the house inside as well as outside because he had been seen weekly visiting the residents and entering it as well.

On a motion made by Dave Bean and seconded by Nicky Boyers council chose October to have fall cleanup with lead way for time to advertise.

Mayor Lewis stated we had not received our COVID - 19 payment of $130,000 from the state so there will be no need for a budget revision until we receive it.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM on a motion made by Genevieve Calvert and seconded by Nicky Boyers.

Next Council meeting will be September 22, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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Recorder Mary Beth Renner

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Mayor Patricia Lewis