

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
January 3, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 3, 2017, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

PRESENT: Mayor Larry D. Yates

Council Members:

William "Billy" Counts  
Susan Tiller  
Barry Whitt  
Tim Wallace  
Michael Harris

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked the Council to add under New Business, Resolution for Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority Funds. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM #V - PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ITEM # VI - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- December 13, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

## **ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the council was presented for approval the following:

- December 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 1, 2016 through December 28, 2016 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13650-13693 & deposits
- December 1, 2016 through December 28, 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates advised that the savings account revenue on the report reflects a deposit of the check from Mr. Dean Hill for the sale of the Splashdam Property. Mayor Yates gave a summary of the budget update for the first two quarters of the fiscal year. He reported that the town had collected \$224,147.96 in revenue and spent \$215,942.15 in expenditures, so everything seemed on target for a successful budget year. Mayor Yates explained that he had worked out a deal with the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors on the new roof for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department, in which the town would pay \$1,000.00 and the county would pay the remaining \$4,350.00 of the quote. Mayor Yates said that it wouldn't be a big impact to the town's budget, but the council needed to decide which line item to draw it from. Mayor Yates said that the Donation line item with a balance of \$1,550.00 or Municipal Building line item with a balance over \$11,000.00 would be good options. Mayor Yates said that the only foreseeable expense in the Municipal Building line item might be a heat pump, but the town already had one replaced and it is working well. The new heat pump costed around \$4,000.00. Council Member Billy Counts asked how much money was left in the donation line item. Clerk Perrigan answered that there was \$1,550.00 remaining. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts to take the \$1,000.00 for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department roof from the donation line item leaving a balance of \$550.00. Mayor Yates mentioned a concern for future donation requests in this fiscal year such as the Little League Program. Council Member Billy Counts asked for confirmation that most donation requests were made at the beginning of the fiscal year. Mayor Yates advised that in the past there have been a few programs requesting donations in the springtime. Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace to give Haysi Volunteer Fire Department all \$1,550.00 in the donation line item. Mayor Yates advised that there was already a motion on the floor. Council Member Billy Counts stated that he would resend his former motion and replace it with the following substitute motion seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to take the \$1,000.00 for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department roof project from the Municipal Building line item. Mayor Yates asked for substitute motions. Council Member Tim Wallace said that the fire department could use the extra \$550.00 from the donation line item to repair lights from the damage that the roof

had caused. Mayor Yates explained that the fire department had not made a request for additional funds and he was not aware of the issue. Chief Wallace explained that the fire department has 30 sets of florescent lights, some have blown bulbs and broken balusters. Chief Wallace said that instead of replacing the balusters or bulbs he would like to replace the fixture with dusk to dawn lights, which are around \$75.00 each. Council Member Susan Tiller asked how many dusk to dawn lights would be needed. Chief Wallace said four, two in the front and two in the back. A general discussion was held about lights. Council Member Tiller calculated the cost of four lights to be \$300.00 and asked about wiring. Chief Wallace didn't think that it should be an issue. Mayor Yates asked for Council Member Tim Wallace's motion. Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace to give Haysi Volunteer Fire Department \$1,550.00 from the donation line item to repair the roof and replace the lights. Mayor Yates stated that would liquidate the donation line item and asked what the town would do when other donation requests are received. Council Member Tim Wallace said that there would not be any money to donate. Mayor Yates called for a second on Council Member Tim Wallace's motion or a substitute motion. Motion died on the floor without second. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to take \$300.00 from the donation line item for lights and take \$1,000.00 from the Municipal Building line item for the roof project for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Barry Whitt	Yes
Susan Tiller	Yes		

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution for Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority Funds**

Mayor Yates read the following resolution:

The governing body of the Town of Haysi, consisting of six members, in a duly called meeting held on the third day of January, two-thousand and seventeen, at which a quorum was present RESOLVED as follows:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in order to facilitate obtaining financial assistance from the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA) for the Haysi Russell Fork Trail Center Project, the governing body does hereby adopt and abide by the covenants contained in the agreements, documents, and forms required by VCEDA to be executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and HEREBY RATIFIED that the Mayor and where required, the Clerk, are authorized to execute the grant agreement and all grant documentation required by VCEDA concerning the Tourism Capital Improvement Matching Fund up to \$150,000.00 from VCEDA to the Town of Haysi for the Haysi Russell Fork Trail Center Project.

This resolution, along with a copy of the required documents, is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meeting of this Town Council.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Council Member Tim Wallace asked for some clarification. Mayor Yates explained that the grant money had already been approved and the resolution allows himself and the clerk to “execute the grant agreement and all grant documentation required by VCEDA concerning the Tourism Capital Improvement Matching Fund up to \$150,000.00 from VCEDA to the Town of Haysi for the Haysi Russell Fork Trail Center Project.”

Wm. “Billy” Brice	Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace		Yes	Barry Whitt	Yes
Susan Tiller		Yes		

#### **ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief Wallace reported twenty-four calls for the month of December. Chief Wallace described the calls on the December Monthly Report. Some of the calls included a call about a disabled vehicle in the road, which turned out to be an EMS vehicle on December 1. There was an unusual crash at New Road Trade Center on December 13. A pump truck with a trailer hauling another pump truck got a flat tire near the New Road Trade Center. The mechanic there said that he could repair the flat, but asked the driver to turn the vehicles around in order to back into the garage bay. In the process of turning and backing up the incline to the garage the trailer turned over, but the pump truck didn’t come off the trailer. The police department worked about 3 hours on the incident and no one got hurt. The driver will repair the guard rail, so no summons was issued. Chief Wallace stated that a lot of people got locked out of their vehicles in December. On December 15, a fifth grade student ingested a lot of stool softeners and was referred to Behavioral Health Services. On December 17, someone walked out with a FedEx Package from Jones and Counts Pharmacy while employees were in back. The stolen package wasn’t a package for the pharmacy. On December 22, Chief Wallace took a lady home with items donated from citizens at Haysi Clinic. She had a lot of items and didn’t have a ride. Chief Wallace also reported that the police department had received lots of nice comments on the Haysi Annual Christmas Parade, Community Christmas Tree Lighting, and Community Bonfire.

Mayor Yates asked about the animal complaint on December 21. Assistant Chief Edwards said that a Rottweiler was reported by Kountry Kottage in the Ferrals Branch area, but he didn't find the dog. Chief Wallace said that he had notified animal control about dogs in poor condition nearby, but animal control found everything to be in order when they checked. Mayor Yates asked if there had been reports of aggressive behavior from the dogs. Chief Wallace said that there had not been and advised that he gave a copy of the animal ordinance to the owners when they moved into town. A general discussion was held about the animal ordinance. Assistant Chief Edwards reported that all the requested information for the police department cruiser had been submitted to United States Department of Agriculture for the grant. Assistant Chief Edwards also advised that the bullet proof vests had been ordered and should arrive soon. Chief Wallace thanked Mayor Yates for his help with the fire department roof project and noted that he would thank the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors as well. Mayor Yates suggested sending a letter of appreciate along with photos.

#### **ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates mentioned that he would be working in the coming month at the Heartwood on the Power Grant.
- Mayor Yates said that he plans to attend the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Breaks Interstate Park Commission meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority meeting tomorrow.
- Mayor Yates stated that the sign inventory "is in" for the ATV trails, although there has been no reply from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The trails are close to completion.

Council Member Billy Counts asked about the Coalfields Expressway meeting. Mayor Yates answered that he didn't know what to expect before the meeting. Mayor Yates thinks that the meeting was called by Buchanan County Supervisor Craig Stiltner to discover the prospect about coal jobs. Many area politicians attended, but VDOT doesn't have the funds. Mayor Yates said that he learned about two active permits that have not been bonded; one for the Kiwanis and one for Doe Branch. Mayor Yates also explained that in the Coalfields Expressway project that VDOT views coal as incidental. Council Member Tim Wallace asked if they were moving forward very slowly. Mayor Yates answered very slowly since the project involves three states, three congresses, and a lot of different agencies, however, the Route 460 Breaks Connector should open this calendar year. A general discussion was held about new roads.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked if VDOT would supply the ATV signs, how many the town would need, and how much they would cost. Mayor Yates answered that the town is responsible for the signs, which are estimated to cost around \$4,000.00. The signs have

been ordered and are in stock. The order was placed to avert a delay from orders placed due to damage from Hurricane Matthew. Mayor Yates said that he hopes to share the cost with Dickenson County, but must wait on the plan to be approved by VDOT before moving forward.

**ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk