

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

On March 7, 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
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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

ABSENT: None.

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 for any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was registered for Public Comment, but Mayor Yates took time to welcome special guests, Suzannah Lott, Erin Mackey, Kiera Huiel, and Rachel Potter from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. The group has given up their spring break to volunteer in our community. Each of the ladies introduced themselves and Mayor Yates said that he hoped that they enjoyed their time in Haysi. He also mentioned that this is the fourth year that the Town of Haysi has worked with Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- February 7, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13756-13798 & deposits
- February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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

Donation Request from Haysi Little League Baseball

Mayor Yates asked David O'Quinn to present the request. Mr. O'Quinn passed out a letter with a quote on the back. Mr. O'Quinn said that the Little League Program was charging \$30.00 per participant. However, if a family had more than one child that wanted to play each additional child was being charged \$20.00. That charge covers everything but the uniform and Mr. O'Quinn said that he hoped that there would be no charge for the uniforms. The donations he received would cover hats and shirts. Mr. O'Quinn reported 157 children had signed up this year compared to the 120 children that participated last year and the program may still gain more. Mr. O'Quinn commented that he had enough signups to have both a Junior and Senior League. Junior League covers middle school aged children. Mr. O'Quinn apologized for not being able to attend the meeting last month due to his son's illness, but he wanted to present the request himself instead of sending another representative. Mr. O'Quinn said that he is working to have local businesses sponsor teams. He currently has three guaranteed sponsors and the possibility of two or three more. Mr. O'Quinn noted that the banners at the ball field were old and not in good condition, so they hope to get new ones and improve the old high school field. Mr. O'Quinn explained that the quote on the back of the letter was for a portable fence, so that the program could utilize two fields. Mr. O'Quinn said that he is trying to develop a new schedule as well. Mr.

O’Quinn stated that his request was for \$1,500.00, which would help sponsor four t-ball teams, but he would use the money, if approved where the Haysi Town Council wanted. Mr. O’Quinn explained that the program had two tournaments planned at their fields this year. The first tournament will be the first weekend in May and consist of nine teams from the surrounding areas. The second will be an All Star Tournament in June. Mr. O’Quinn said that the program would appreciate any donation. Mr. O’Quinn added that last year’s donation from the town was a huge help to the program allowing them to purchase lights, pay for fees, etc. Mr. O’Quinn said that he was trying to involve more local businesses this year. Mr. O’Quinn informed everyone that this year the program will use Ridgeview colors, but still use the name “Haysi.” Mayor Yates asked about the shirts and if the team would identify with the business sponsor. Mr. O’Quinn replied that the shirts would have the name of the business instead of the player’s name on the back above the number, but the team names would be similar to what they have been in the past, i.e. Cubs, etc. Mayor Yates explained that the town didn’t want to appear to be in competition or show favoritism. Mr. O’Quinn agreed. Mayor Yates asked if any local businesses had been contacted for a quote on the portable fence. Mr. O’Quinn said that he tried to get in touch with Security Fence, but did not have a quote from Mr. Blankenship. Mayor Yates explained that Mr. Blankenship does a lot of work out of town. Mr. O’Quinn said that he would try again to get in contact with him. Council Member Barry Whitt asked how many schools participated in the Haysi Little League. Mr. O’Quinn said that Sandlick Elementary School students and Ridgeview Middle School students were eligible as long as they had played before. Council Member Barry Whitt asked why the change to Ridgeview colors since the football program continued to use red, white, and black. Mr. O’Quinn said that there had been a lot of change and some requests for it, but overall the five member board leaned more to the use of Ridgeview colors. Mayor Yates said that he could see both sides. Council Member Barry Whitt asked about the other schools. Council Member Susan Tiller said that Clintwood had already changed to Ridgeview and combined with Ervinton. A general discussion was held about the schools and colors. Council Member Susan Tiller said that she didn’t hear about the signups. A general discussion was held about the signups. Mayor Yates asked how much was left in the line item for donations. Clerk, Amanda Perrigan replied that it was around \$700.00 or \$800.00, under \$1,000.00. Council Member Barry Whitt commented that the community is losing its identity and it was another small loss for Haysi. Mr. O’Quinn said that he agreed about the colors, but the name would still be “Haysi.” Mayor Yates asked about the donation amount from last year. Clerk, Amanda Perrigan apologized and said that she was busy during the day and forgot to look it up prior to the meeting. Mayor Yates commended Mr. O’Quinn for his volunteer work with the program and the update report last year. Mayor Yates opened the floor for motions. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to donate \$1,515.24 to the Haysi Little League for the portable fence. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Wm. “Billy” Brice	Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace		No	Barry Whitt	No
Rocky Wood		Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting. Mayor Yates said that he personally liked to do business locally. Council Member Susan Tiller stated that if the amount for the fence was less that they could use the extra money for shirts, etc.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace reported twenty-two calls for the month of February. Chief Wallace described the calls on the February Monthly Report. On February 6, a trespass notice was issued to a shoplifter at the Dollar General Store because the manager was unhappy about the past punishments from the legal system. All the uncontrollable students listed on the report pertained to the same student. On February 25, the traffic hazard was the Haysi Town sign that had fallen on one side during the storm. On February 28, Chief Wallace assisted a company in getting a house trailer through town. The Haysi Funeral Home won't allow turns in their lot due to damage sustained in the past. Chief Wallace reported that the department had received the new vests and they were much better than the old ones. The town should receive the grant money, which was around \$1,600.00, on the vests soon.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace

Chief Wallace reported nine calls for the month of February. Chief Wallace summarized all of the calls, which included a building fire across from Willowbrook Country Club. The building was a two story home, with the fire heavy on the top floor. The volunteers worked hard and put out the fire. One room in the top floor was destroyed, but overall the volunteers did a good job. Another call was a motor vehicle accident on Flanagan Dam Road that required the use of 750 feet of cable. Chief Wallace advised that the department had thirteen sets of gear out of date. Chief Wallace said that he would like to get Assistant Police Chief Bobby Edwards to help write grants. Chief Wallace also said that he would be asking for an increase in the appropriations from the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors during the budget hearing since they had not received an increase in forty-two years. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about the gas detectors. Chief Wallace said that they used Fire Programs money to purchase one. Mayor Yates thanked the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department for hosting a cook-out for the East Carolina University students.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates announced that the official ribbon cutting for Haysi's Ridgeview ATV Trail is April 8, 2017. The town is currently working on the invitation list. Mayor Yates said that he is certain the Land Use Permit will be approved including 98% of what the town requested including the crossing of Route 80.
- Mayor Yates advised that the USDA application had been signed. The application is for a \$25,000.00 grant and a \$15,000.00 loan.

- Mayor Yates mentioned that the Flanagan Dam Board met at the Breaks Interstate Park last month and had a positive preliminary report on the fall water releases. They will move forward with work on another report.
- Mayor Yates passed around a letter from the EPA. The Brownfields grant was denied and the Splashdam Project is completely “dead” now. Mayor Yates stated that the town may be better off not to do anything further. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the Mayor wanted to keep the property. Mayor Yates said that he had a lot of trouble concerning the property and recommended that the town not apply for another grant for the project in the next couple of years. A general discussion was held about the pros and cons of the Splashdam Property and Project.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that he needed the contact number for Spearhead Trails’ Engineer. Mayor Yates said that he would get Chris Sturgill’s information to him. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said it was concerning promotion of the environment. Mayor Yates commented that Spearhead Trails was good to do work according to forestry specifications and invited him to stop by tomorrow for the Power Grant meeting.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk