

## BROADWAY TOWN COUNCIL

August 6, 2019

The Broadway Town Council met in regular session on August 6, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Broadway Municipal Building. The following members were present: Mayor Timothy S. Proctor and Council Members Chad L. Comer, Leslie E. Fulk, Richard E. Fulk, Douglas W. Harpine David L. Jordan, and Beverly L. London. The following staff members were present: Town Manager Kyle D. O'Brien, Clerk/Treasurer Marla W. Kline, Town Attorney Matt Light and Attorney Joel Francis. Also in attendance were Woody Brown, Brisco Dellinger, Janet Dellinger, Bo Hotchkiss, John Kidd, and Jennifer Knick.

Mayor Timothy S. Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Councilman Doug Harpine asked for a moment of silence in memory of Raven Morgan, a familiar face of Broadway, as well as a member of his personnel and Subway family, who passed away in a tragic automobile accident on Monday evening.

### **Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

Douglas W. Harpine moved, seconded by Richard E. Fulk, to adopt the minutes of the July 2, 2019 session of Council and to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$886,990.80. The motion was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

Chad L. Comer	Aye	Leslie E. Fulk	Aye
Richard E. Fulk	Aye	Douglas W. Harpine	Aye
David L. Jordan	Aye	Beverly L. London	Aye

### **Community Announcement:**

Mayor Proctor welcomed Jen Knick, Assistant Principal at Broadway High School, who briefly familiarized everyone in attendance of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Welcome event celebrating the opening day of school. Mrs. Knick advised that on the morning of Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school, staff and members of the community will again line the sidewalks at BHS to display signs and show community support in welcoming high school students back to school. She further advised that a light breakfast will be available and invited everyone to join in the celebration. She then distributed magnets with the school calendar and other important dates to remember, including October 11, 2019, which will be the first Gobbler "Give-Back" Day. She stated that on this date, students will be going out into the community to do projects for schools, businesses, and community members and encouraged anyone needing services to get in touch with the school. She concluded by familiarizing everyone with a specific literacy program the school is implementing intended to encourage students to reach milestones while earning incentive prizes.

### **Old Business:**

Town Manager Kyle O'Brien advised that one of the Town's latest projects is solicitation of bids for a design/build project for the construction of a 4.1-million-gallon equalization tank at the Town's wastewater treatment facility. He explained that although Pilgrim's would be footing the bill for this project, it would equalize flows from all users. He noted that there is a 45-day bid window for this project.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Parks & Recreation Committee:**

Chairman Doug Harpine reported that members have reviewed a detailed list of projects needing completion at the park. He stated that the committee has identified items requiring the Little

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League's attention and intends to provide them with a list, as well as a timeframe for completion. He commented that it has been a very good pool season with the pool's closing day set for Labor Day.

**Finance Committee:**

No report.

**Personnel/Police Committee:**

A copy of an activities report for the police department for the month of July is included in the minutes as Attachment A.

**Streets & Properties Committee:**

Chairman Chad Comer reported that the Town is moving forward with the Turner Avenue sidewalk project and various paving projects will be underway going into fall. Mr. Comer stated that the committee considered a request of the Broadway Fire Department for the naming and dedication of the Turner Avenue bridge in honor of Anthony Whetzel, a Broadway fire fighter who died in the line of duty. Based on the committee recommendation, Chad L. Comer moved, seconded by Leslie E. Fulk, to approve the naming and dedication of the Turner Avenue bridge to reflect that of Capt. Anthony R. Whetzel. The motion was very enthusiastically supported by and approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

Chad L. Comer	Aye	Leslie E. Fulk	Aye
Richard E. Fulk	Aye	Douglas W. Harpine	Aye
David L. Jordan	Aye	Beverly L. London	Aye

**Utilities Committee:**

A copy of the water production report for the month of July is included in the minutes as Attachment B.

**BHP:**

Council representative Chad Comer stated preparations are underway for the Town's Autumn Day event which is scheduled for September 14, 2019.

**Planning Commission Report:**

It was announced the Planning Commission will meet on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

There were no items of new business.

**Public Comment:**

Woody Brown of the Broadway Fire Department thanked the Town for the naming of the bridge in honor of Capt. Whetzel's service and commented that the department continues to be proud of its members and their recent response rates.

Bo Hotchkiss reminded members that he had expressed safety concerns at the last Council meeting about an anticipated gas station/convenience store to be located near the intersection of East Springbrook Road and Mayland Road. He advised that he has since learned that the proposal includes a fast food restaurant and truck stop, as well as above ground propane tanks. Additionally, he stated that this land is known for its caves, streams, caverns, etc., and he knows there is a cave on this property, which could lead to an environmental disaster. He further stated that he has reached

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out to Virginia's cave association and is waiting to hear back.

John Kidd stated that as a member of Linville Creek Church, he has the same concerns as Mr. Hotchkiss, especially when it comes to traffic safety, due to the project's proximity to the traffic light.

Several of those in attendance expressed concern about current traffic problems at the stoplight at this location, more specifically since VDOT has implemented a blinking yellow left turn light, as well as how an increase in traffic may impact the traffic flow.

Woody Brown stated that on behalf of the Fire Department, he is quite familiar with the potential for fuel leaking hazards and would not be supportive of a truck stop at this location.

Mayor Proctor advised that the Town has just been presented with a preliminary draft plan for this project, with limited details, and it is his understanding that the Planning Commission will be receiving a formal request for annexation and rezoning at its August meeting. He noted that as written in the Town's annexation agreement with Rockingham County, the Town must consider any formal annexation request with any approval being effective December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. O'Brien again reminded everyone that the entire process for consideration of this request is very transparent with precise required notifications and public hearings. He advised that once the proposal is presented conceptually, appropriate agencies, including VDOT, as well as DEQ, will be invited to provide feedback. He further advised that due to the timetable for specific requirements, the earliest the proposal could be considered by Council would be in October.

Mayor Proctor reiterated that public comments will be a part of the process and encouraged citizens to express any concerns to the appropriate agencies that will be involved throughout the process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Timothy S. Proctor

Mayor

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Marla W. Kline, MMC

Clerk