

BROADWAY TOWN COUNCIL

July 7, 2020

The Broadway Town Council met in regular session on July 7, 2020 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 was present: Town Manager Kyle D. O'Brien. In attendance electronically via Zoom were Clerk/Treasurer Marla W. Kline and Police Chief Randy Collins. Also in attendance were Joe Adolph, Thomas Counts, CeCe Dodd, Lucas Dodd, Becky Ford, Melinda Kephart, and Jen Knick.

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

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Douglas W. Harpine moved, seconded by Beverly L. London, to adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2020 and June 29, 2020 sessions of Council and to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$564,332.27. 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

Old Business:

Town Manager Kyle O'Brien reported on the following projects underway:

- **Fireworks date:** Since the original June date for the fireworks had to be postponed, it is necessary to establish a new date. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to hold the fireworks show on Saturday, August 29, 2020.
- **Baseball Field:** Improvements to baseball field 3 are essentially done.
- **Proposed Townhouse Project:** The Planning Commission will be considering a request for a Special Use Permit and rezoning of property on W. Springbrook Rd. Most likely, a joint public hearing will be held as a part of the regular August Council meeting.
- **CARES Funding:** Council was advised that the Town will be receiving \$204,000 in CARES funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding must be spent on COVID related costs and cannot be used to make up lost revenue.

Committee Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Chairman Doug Harpine asked Mr. O'Brien to provide an update on the pool opening. Mr. O'Brien advised that since opening in mid-June, the pool has been very busy, especially during weekdays, and it has been necessary to turn some customers away. He further advised that pool management and staff are doing an excellent job with social distancing and sanitization. He noted that despite the late opening, revenues are on track to exceed those of prior years. Mr. Harpine suggested that perhaps some of the CARES funding could be allocated toward the pool.

Finance Committee:

No report.

Personnel/Police Committee:

Chairman Leslie Fulk announced that Police Chief Randy Collins will be retiring September 1, 2020. Advertising for the position will begin shortly.

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Streets & Properties Committee:

No report.

Utilities Committee:

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

BHP:

No report.

Planning Commission Report:

Council representative David Jordan stated that the Commission will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the townhouse project on W. Springbrook Road.

New Business:

There were no items of new business.

Public Comment:

Thomas Counts asked if there is any way residents could be notified of events such as the Black Lives Matter protest that was recently held at the Heritage Park. He mentioned that some of his neighbors were unaware of the event and became frightened. Mr. Counts' concern was duly noted, but Council members explained that this would be difficult to do. Mayor Proctor advised that when events such as this are held, they are not Town-sponsored, and therefore, they are not publicized by the Town. The Council acknowledged that some citizens are not familiar with social media and are not aware of some happenings throughout the Town.

Mayor Proctor welcomed Lucas Dodd, who is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1 and is working on completion of a merit badge.

Melinda Kephart stated that as a new resident of Town, she is extremely impressed with the Town and felt quite safe despite various weekend events having occurred.

Becky Ford, Band Director at Broadway High School, stated that she did not feel safe throughout the time of the protest due to the presence of armed militia members.

It was explained that as with the protest group in the park, other citizens, including the militia members and counter-protesters, had the right to be present if they so chose. Mr. O'Brien explained that several militia groups had expressed their intentions to be throughout the Town simply as a deterrent/backup source should anything get out of hand. Members of the groups were very polite, and it was not their intention to intimidate anyone.

Mrs. Ford thanked the Council for the explanation and stated that she felt better and more educated knowing this.

Councilman Leslie Fulk, along with others, provided a brief explanation of what type of weapons are legal and noted that in light of current events, it is an educational process for everyone.

Jen Knick stated that she felt the Town's police department, as well as other departments, did an

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excellent job in the way the protest was handled and expressed her support of the Town's police.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Timothy S. Proctor

Mayor

Marla W. Kline, MMC

Clerk