

BROADWAY TOWN COUNCIL

October 13, 2020

The Broadway Town Council met in regular session on October 13, 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, Richard E. Fulk, Douglas W. Harpine, David L. Jordan, and Beverly L. London. Council member Leslie E. Fulk was absent. The following staff members was present: Town Manager Kyle D. O'Brien. Clerk/Treasurer Marla W. Kline, Administrative Assistant Andrea Fulk, and Town Attorney Matt Light joined the meeting electronically via Zoom. Also in attendance were Chip Abernathy, Kathy Abernathy, Amy Duff, Bentley Duff, Bryan Duff, Cam Duff, John Judy, Linda Kephart, Dan Lohr, Josh Lohr, Tim Schmoyer, Carla Shoemaker, and Destry Thomas. Also joining the meeting electronically via Zoom were Sharon Skates and Takoma Williams.

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

Special Presentation:

Mayor Proctor stated that despite the many problems/unforeseen issues of 2020, he is pleased to be able to congratulate the Broadway Bruins baseball on their successful Championship season. He then presented representatives of the team with a resolution acknowledging their achievement. A copy of the resolution is included in the minutes as Attachment A.

On behalf of the Broadway Bruins, Destry Thomas thanked the Town for its continued support of the Bruins program.

Approval of Minutes and Bills:

Richard E. Fulk moved, seconded by Beverly L. London, to adopt the minutes of the September 1, 2020 session of Council and to authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$852,295.88. The motion was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

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

Establishment of Personal Property Tax Relief Rate:

Mr. O'Brien reminded members that each year, the Town is required to establish a personal property tax relief rate. As discussed at the Council work session, the Town historically establishes a rate the same as Rockingham County and the Finance Committee is recommending doing this again for tax year 2020. Richard E. Fulk moved, seconded by Douglas W. Harpine, to adopt a personal property tax relief rate in the amount of 44%, which again mirrors that of Rockingham County. The motion was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

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

Old Business:

Mr. O'Brien reported on the following items:

- **Pilgrim's Pride Donation** - The Town has received a large monetary donation from Pilgrim's Pride. Funds from this donation will be used to paint the Hartz water tank, which is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks and will also provide additional playground equipment at Heritage Park. The equipment, which has been ordered, will include a 100' zipline feature.

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- **Halloweenfest** – In lieu of the usual Halloweenfest activities, this year has been modified to provide a safe alternative due to the current Covid pandemic. The event will feature a drive-thru at Broadway High School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on October 29, 2020 at which kids will receive a filled-bag of candy. There will also be a virtual costume contest on Facebook.

Committee Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Chairman Doug Harpine mentioned how happy he is to see all the baseball fields being used again.

Finance Committee:

No report.

Personnel/Police Committee:

Mr. O'Brien noted that Police Chief Miller is not in attendance due to working an accident that just occurred. A copy of an activities report for the police department for the month of September is included in the minutes as Attachment B.

Streets & Properties Committee:

No report.

Utilities Committee:

No report. A copy of the water production report for the month of September is included in the minutes as Attachment C.

BHP:

No report.

Planning Commission Report:

No report.

New Business:

Mayor Proctor mentioned that the October committee meeting may need to be rescheduled due to the Halloweenfest event if the Council has any business for discussion. Attorney Matt Light recommended going ahead and taking action to reschedule the meeting. David L. Jordan moved, seconded by Chad L. Comer, to change the October Council work session meeting from October 29, 2020 to October 28, 2020. The motion was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

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

Public Comment:

Fire Chief Josh Lohr updated the Council on activities at the Fire Department. He advised that the new engine has arrived, and members are in the process of training and getting it into service. He stated that the department was able to include a fire ant icon designed by the late Captain Anthony Whetzel, a rubber chicken in remembrance of Firefighter Chip Taylor, and the gobbler mascot. He also advised that a sandwich fundraiser was successfully held this past weekend. He concluded by stating that the department intends to hold its Christmas parade as usual on the second Sunday in December. He noted that modifications will be made as far as visits with Santa to assure the safety

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of the community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Timothy S. Proctor

Mayor

Marla W. Kline, MMC

Clerk