

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
TOWN HALL
MARCH 24, 2009
TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2009

ITEM 2. MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION OUTREACH PLAN

As we near the point of bidding out the work on the installation of the Eagle Nest Water System, it is necessary for the Town to adopt various federal regulations, policies and procedures required for us to receive the grant. One of these is the Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan. It is fine to establish goals for a minimum percentage of minority owned businesses on a project, but it is essential that efforts be made to find these Minority Businesses to participate.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening, Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova and Purchasing Supervisor Julie Grasty will be on hand to explain their work in developing the Outreach Plan. A copy of the proposed document is attached for your review.

ITEM 3. AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE DELINQUENT TAXES
DEBT SET OFF PROGRAM

As is his custom, Tax Collector James Robertson has asked for time on the Board's agenda to request approval of the advertisement of delinquent property taxes for the 2008 year. You will find attached a letter which has been submitted explaining the request, and it is a requirement of State law. As he notes, the date of March 27, 2009 has been selected as appropriate to place an advertisement in the Mountaineer. The list of unpaid property taxes is attached, and it totals \$220,661. Your approval of the advertising is requested.

While Mr. Robertson is present, he would like to explain the Debt Setoff Program which was established in North Carolina several years ago. The Town of Waynesville participates in this program and the results have been very good. This is a new program established with the encouragement of the League of Municipalities and the Association of County Commissioners to assist local governments in collecting unpaid taxes, utility bills and others charges. You will be provided an explanation of the program in which we have participated a little more than a year. At the end of this section, there is an explanation of the amount that has been submitted and the amount returned to the Town.

ITEM 4. REPORT ON NEEDED REPAIRS TO POOL DRAINS

In 2008, the U. S. Congress passed new legislation to require that owners of pools open to the public install new protective devices over the pool drains. This legislation, known as the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Safety Act, came about as a result of a child drowning when her hair was sucked into the pool drains and she was unable to escape. The problem seems most severe in pools with single drains rather than pools with multiple drains. This is due to the stronger suction at the single drains. In February, some pools in Buncombe County were shut down, but those were pools with single drains. This seemed to set off a panic at recreational facilities across the state, and for good reason.

Recreation Director Rhett Langston and his personnel began searching for solutions for our pool. They first contacted Paddock Pools, the firm that installed our pool and received a quote of \$42,000 to correct the situation. They received word from other pool operators that perhaps the firm we contacted was taking advantage of the situation, and it was strongly recommended that we contact other firms. As a result, three additional cost estimates were received as follows:

Conner Construction Company	\$22,200
Southern Pool	\$19,100
Aquatic Resource Group	\$16,180

Corrections to the Town’s pool may not be mandatory until later in 2009, but I do not believe any of us wants a situation in which a child might drown in our pool due to an unprotected drain. I discussed this with our Town Attorney and he agrees that we should proceed with repairs as soon as possible. I asked Finance Director Eddie Caldwell to go over the recreation department’s budget and make some projections and provide an estimate of how he feels they will end the current fiscal year. Based upon his best estimates, he feels the department should end up \$22,922 under budget. Even if the department were going to end the year even, I have enough concern about this situation that I would ask the Board to approve a budget amendment if necessary and allow us to spend up to \$20,000 to repair the drain and to make the other minor improvements that Aquatic Resource Group has quoted in their proposal. They would be doing everything in the attached proposal except pool deck renovations.

ITEM 5. RECOMMENDATION ON THE PINPOINT SYSTEM

At the Board Retreat in January, we discussed the PinPoint System which Town Staff viewed in Clemson, South Carolina. The demonstration was very impressive, and we saw a system that “pin points” the location of piles of Brush, Leaves, Limbs needing to be chipped, Old Furniture and Old Appliances. The regular garbage collection vehicle might go through a neighborhood on Monday, and as he saw these items, he would press a particular button on the electronic device. The device would then record the address of those items through a Global Positioning System (GPS). The next morning, the truck drivers receive a print out of the location of the various materials. Rather than driving all the streets looking for these items, the driver uses the print out at the beginning of the day and drives to the exact location of those items.

The reports we have received from the City of Hickory and the Town of Clemson indicate that there is a tremendous increase in productivity. Crews that used to work a full day driving streets looking for the items, now finish their routes by lunchtime. They are then able to undertake projects which the Town would not otherwise be able to do because of the lack of time. At the Town of Clemson, the Public Works Director indicated that they had seen a savings of 330 gallons of fuel during the first month they had the PinPoint system in operation.

During the current fiscal year, Public Works Director Robert Hyatt and Sanitation Superintendent Daryl Hannah have been experimenting with how a system like this might work. They would drive the route on one day, making a list of the location where they saw brush, leaves, limbs for chipping, appliances and furniture for collection. The list would be given to collection crews on the next day and they would drive directly to the addresses where these items were located. They no longer drove all the streets searching each lot for the items. We have seen a big savings already, and our department heads feel there would be tremendous savings if we were actually using the PinPoint System. In fact, in the 2009-2010 budget, they have eliminated one position in the street department and another in the cemetery, as they feel the remaining personnel can do the work due to the improved efficiency.

I asked the Finance Director to review the budget situation in the Streets and Sanitation Department, and he estimates that they will finish the year being between \$22,000 and \$23,000 under budget. With their budget being under spent, and with the tremendous increase in productivity and efficiency that the PinPoint system offers, I would ask the Board allow us to spend up to \$20,000 to purchase the system as soon as possible.

Although we are presently concentrating on the Sanitation Department for the use of this system, we realize that there are a number of other possibilities as to how the PinPoint system might be used to improve our operations and the performance of various departments in terms of service to our citizens.

If you would like more information on the PinPoint System, I would encourage you to visit their website: www.PinPointGeoTech.com. At that site you will find a video that better explains the system, and I am pasting the address for the video here: <http://www.pinpointpublicworks.com/video.html>

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE REGARDING DUMPSTER LIDS

A few weeks back, a business owner attended the Town Board meeting and expressed her concern about seeing litter blowing out of open-topped dumpsters. She noted that from her office on Montgomery Street, she had seen litter and plastic wrapping for furniture blowing out of some dumpsters which did not have lids attached. She asked that the Town consider adopting an ordinance to require that all dumpsters have lids.

The Town has a program of providing dumpsters for the collection of commercial garbage, though using Town service is not required. A firm may contract with a private firm to provide the dumpster and collect the garbage from that dumpster. The dumpster on Montgomery Street which the business owner noted are provided by a private firm; however, even on the new dumpsters which the Town distributed when introducing the front loading garbage trucks in 2008, some firms have removed the lids from the new dumpsters. Not only does this allow litter to escape, it also allows water to enter the dumpster and often makes the garbage heavier and more costly when it is weighed at the dump site where we are charged based upon the weight of the garbage.

Research was done by Assistant Town Manager Alison Melnikova and Town Attorney Woody Griffin, and it was found that the Town had authority to adopt regulations requiring lids on dumpsters. An initial ordinance amendment was prepared and has since been revised, and a copy of the ordinance we are now proposing is attached for your information.

7. REPORT ON ANNEXATION PETITION
466 LICKSTONE ROAD – GRANDVIEW LODGE
TERRY FERGUSON

At the meeting of March 10, 2009, the Board received a petition from Mr. Terry Ferguson for the annexation of property he owns at 466 Lickstone Road, the location of the Grandview Lodge. At that time, the Board passed a resolution directing Town Clerk Phyllis McClure to investigate the sufficiency of the petition, making sure that it complies with all State laws regarding satellite annexations.

If it is the desire to proceed with consideration of the annexation of this property, the next step would be for the Board to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing date when citizens would have the opportunity to comment upon the matter of annexing this property into the Town of Waynesville. The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, April 14, 2009, if the Board wishes to schedule a public hearing on this matter.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION REGARDING FILLING VACANT ALDERMAN SEAT

Alderman Kenneth Moore passed away on Monday, March 2, 2009, creating a vacancy on the Town Board. This matter was discussed at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 10, 2009. At that time, Board members agreed to think about potential names for consideration to fill this vacancy, and Mayor Brown urged citizens who might be interested in the position to contact Board members and express their interest. Whomever the Board appoints would be appointed for the balance of Mr. Moore's term which would mean serving at least until the new board is sworn in after elections in November, 2011.