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MINUTES

**TOWN OF PENNINGTON GAP
COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2009
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

7:00 P.M.

Mayor: Jimmy V. Smallwood
Council: Larry Fish
Keith Harless
Connie P. Nunley
Mike Reuille
C. R. Wynn

Town Attorney: Greg Edwards
Town Manager: Tina M. Rowe
Town Treasurer: Karen Maggard - Absent
Town Clerk: Angela K. O'Dell
Police Chief: Barry Cottrell

The Lane Group: Jeff Cochran
Powell Valley News: Sonya Baumgardner

Citizens/Attendees: None present

1. The Lord's Prayer was led by Angela O'Dell.
2. Angela O'Dell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Jimmy V. Smallwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
4. Larry Fish made a Motion to approve the Agenda. The Motion was seconded by C. R. Wynn with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye

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7. Water Source Feasibility (springs) - see attached report. Jeff Cochran asked Council's permission to end this task since the Ben Hur spring went dry last summer. Council agreed.

8. Drying Beds for Water Plant - see attached report.

9. DCR - Recreational Trails Program Grant - see attached report.

Depot Hill Waterline Upgrade VDH \$50K Grant and River Road Waterline Replacement VDH \$50k Grant - C. R. Wynn made a Motion to approve the Task Orders and proceed with both of these projects. The Motion was seconded by Larry Fish with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

B. Water Tank Maintenance Agreements - Tina Rowe advised Council that the contract for water tank maintenance is up in June 2009. She said the new tank was built in 2003 and it is time to obtain a maintenance agreement for it also. These two could be bid out together if Council agrees. A Motion was made by Larry Fish to advertise for bids for a maintenance contract for both water tanks. The Motion was seconded by Mike Reuille with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

C. Economic Stimulus Package - Tina Rowe informed Council that projects could be put on the state's new stimulus website for possible uses of the economic stimulus package. There are currently almost 2,000 projects in Virginia on that website. She had previously distributed to Council a list of projects that could be considered. Mrs. Rowe said this funding would be for "shovel ready" projects. She said the Town did not have any shovel ready water projects to for which to apply to VDH. Larry Fish suggested the Lee Theatre, Public Safety Center and Public-Use Trail all be put on the website list. Connie P. Nunley suggested the sidewalk extension to Lee Regional Hospital also be added. Council agreed that it would be a good idea to include all of the projects on the website.

Mrs. Rowe said that she had talked with a representative in Terry Kilgore's office about VDOT's Pennington Gap Bypass. She suggested Council adopt a Resolution to encourage economic stimulus money be used to complete this project. Larry Fish made a Motion to adopt a Resolution for this purpose and to approve the necessary signatures on the Resolution. C. R. Wynn seconded the Motion with vote as follows:

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Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

D. VDH Planning Grant Funds - Tina Rowe addressed this subject in Item 8C.

9. Town Attorney/Treasurer Reports

A. Easement from School Board - Greg Edwards advised that Tina Rowe has this signed easement.

B. Deeds for Theatre - Greg Edwards advised that these deeds have been given to Tina Rowe for signatures.

10. Public Works/Leeman Field/Misc.

A. Budget Workshops - Tina Rowe submitted to Council the following dates:

Sewer Budget Workshop - March 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Water Budget Workshop - April 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

General Budget Workshop - May 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - June 1, 2009 at 12:00 noon

B. Leeman Field Happenings - Tina Rowe submitted the following list of events:

Jesus Jam - June 13, 2009

Relay for Life - June 26, 2009

Cumberland Horse Association Trade Day - March 7, 2009

She said the Woman's Club is interested in a community yard sale, but has no date scheduled yet. The club has also asked about the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Smallwood inquired about the fireworks display for New Year's Eve and July 4th. He said the New Year's Eve display was very short and unorganized. Mike Reuille advised that 4 people from the Fire Dept. are going to fireworks training in Luray, Virginia on March 7, 2009. The only cost will be for the motel and fuel.

11. Council Reports

C. R. Wynn commended Greg Edwards for obtaining the deeds for the Lee Theatre property. He said he would like to see the dirt pushed in the hole on the property as soon as possible.

12. Larry Fish made a Motion to approve the bills to be paid. The Motion was seconded by C. R. Wynn with vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

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13. A Motion to adjourn was made by Keith Harless and seconded by Connie P. Nunley. Vote as follows:

Larry Fish	Aye
Keith Harless	Aye
Connie P. Nunley	Aye
Mike Reuille	Aye
C. R. Wynn	Aye

Time of adjournment: 7:32 p.m.

MAYOR JIMMY V. SMALLWOOD

ATTEST:

ANGELA K. O'DELL, TOWN CLERK

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