

July 8, 2008

Bell Buckle Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session. All were present. Alderman Reagor seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from June 10. All Aye.

Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Anderson, made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's minutes. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve the financial reports. All Aye.

Supervisor Ronnie Lokey gave the Water/Sewer report. They replaced several old meters that had stopped or slowed down and installed a sewer tap for Frank Reagor. The permit to dispose of sludge on Whit Lee's property was verbally approved by David Irvine from the State. The new permit should be received soon. Mayor Webb stated we need to write a thank you note to Whit Lee for the use of his property.

Leaks were repaired at 817 Wartrace/Bell Buckle Road and 204 Webb Road East. Everyone worked to get the town ready for the Moon Pie and Shakespeare Festivals. Workers from the Bedford County Workhouse helped several days trimming, mowing, cleaning the streets and other work involved with the preparations for the events. They are to be commended for their good work.

Mr. Lokey reported that Catherine Jacobs would like to voluntarily return the tap on their rental property. They do not plan on renting the property again. She understands that if water is ever needed in the future, they will have to go through the approval process of a new tap and pay the current fees. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve with a document drawn up and signed stating this. Motion carried.

Mr. Lokey apprised the Board about a situation on Wartrace/Bell Buckle Road regarding a leak that the customer says is our leak, but Mr. Lokey has determined is their leak. The customer also wants their meter moved but thinks it is the Town's responsibility to move it and doesn't want to pay. This situation is being sent to the Planning Commission for discussion.

The Covered Bridge tank work has almost been completed. Alderman Reagor requested Mr. Lokey to check the price on installing a flow meter to the line at Fairfield Pike going towards Fairfield. The telemetry system is working well except for one part which is having a loss of signal. The telemetry company is working to resolve this problem.

Chief Ronnie Lokey gave the Fire Department Report. They answered 11 calls for the month-6 medical and 6 fire related calls. One call was a structure fire. BBVFD responded with Wartrace and Station 1 assisting. The house sustained about \$15,000 in damages but is repairable. Good save.

The Fire Department and Auxiliary Committee earned \$937 parking cars at the Moon Pie Festival. Many thanks to James Elkins for allowing us to use his property to raise funds for the department.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Planning Commission Report. They had approved 4 water taps: Charlie Cannata for Bynum Road; Billy Dean for Higgins Road; Caroline Bartlett for Happy Valley Road; and Alan Fox for Happy Valley Road. The Land Use and Transportation Plan was approved with changes.

There is a four hour Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for the last of August for the Planning Commission, the Board of Mayor and Alderman, and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Planning Commission meeting for this month has been moved to Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

Alderman Felices asserted that the five acre minimum policy is confusing, but that the 5 acre minimum is for lots that are being subdivided; however water taps can be approved for parcels that are  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre if they have not been subdivided within the last 3 years.

Alderman Hunt reported that we are just waiting on Title VI red tape for the Sidewalk grant and will hopefully be settled soon. She also requested the rest of the Board e-mail or write Representative Cobb and Senator Tracy regarding the grant for the caboose. Janet will send a reminder to the Board regarding this.

Mayor Webb appointed Alderman Reagor as the new Title VI representative since Alderman Felices' term is expiring.

Chairman Rodney Simmons gave the Chamber report. He thanked the Fire Department for all of their help on the RC Moon Pie Festival. The next big event is the Webb School Craft Fair. Alderman Hunt strongly recommended that guidelines be put in place for signage for those parking cars since long back ups have been caused from lots being operated without posting fees for motorists to see before pulling in. Plans will begin soon for that.

There was not Avian Flu Preparedness report.

Alderman Hunt gave the Parks and Recreation report. The Bell Buckle Park Board experienced one of the greatest honors on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> when we were awarded the Governor's Stewardship Award. The plaque and framed certificate are "on exhibit" at Bell Buckle Town Hall. Community spirit accomplished everything. We did on an \$18,000 a year budget what many struggle to do with 6 figure budgets because we worked together. The Mayor recognized the Park Board members at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at the park last Friday but there can never be enough thanks to this group of dedicated citizens who gave our community its heart.

The Bell Buckle "Best of the Butts" BBQ Cook Off is now taking entry forms. A copy of the contest rules and entry form is available here at Town Hall and on our web site at [www.BellBucklePark.info](http://www.BellBucklePark.info). The cost is \$35.00 and the fun will be immeasurable. Check in is Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and judging August 30<sup>th</sup> around noon. It will be held at the stage area behind the stores and will be limited to the first 20 entries. The two meats for entry this year are pork ribs and butts.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at the park entertained about 125 people. Many thanks to Carla Webb and her touring entourage for their encore performance of “A Midsummer Nightmare”. And another huge thanks to Charles Cooke and Bill Bingham for their work on the Car Rally which has become a mainstay of the Park’s 4<sup>th</sup> fun.

Mayor Webb said that he is extremely proud to be associated with this town. He spoke of the RC Moon Pie Festival, the coveted Park award, the Shakespeare Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and the upcoming BBQ and how everyone worked together to make these things possible. He thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Mayor Webb presented a new Board of Zoning Appeals Board-Rodney Simmons, David Robinson, and himself. Unanimously approved.

Alderman Hunt asked about the Neighborhood Watch and any updates for the website. Judd Sulcer is the contact person.

Mayor Webb presented water taps that had been sent by the Planning Commission for approval. Charlie Cannata on Bynum Road-5.03 acres. Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve subject to his paying any additional fees associated with the tap. All Aye.

Caroline Bartlett on Happy Valley Road-7.24 acres and meets specifications. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Reagor, made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Alan Fox on Happy Valley Road-approximately 8 acres. Alderman Felices, seconded by Alderman Hunt, made a motion to approve. All Aye.

Alderman Reagor questioned why Billy Dean’s tap that was requested by Kent Curtis, realtor, was not presented. Supervisor Lokey explained that another tap was located on the property that had been dormant and all fees were paid to tie into that tap for the house. The pressure was 60 lbs.

There was no New Business.

Annie Rooney questioned if we had an ordinance against fireworks in the town limits. Several people had left a big mess and she was concerned about the fire hazard. Alderman Hunt stated that Mr. Cooke and her had searched and couldn’t find one, but more research would be done concerning this. She also requested that we have a Police Report each month including the calls he has had, tickets he wrote and hours worked.

There being no further business, Alderman Reagor, seconded by Alderman Felices, made a motion to adjourn. All Aye.

Dennis H. Webb, Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Robinson, Town Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

