

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on July 14, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

**Thomas Coleman III, Mayor
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor
Donna C. Ober
W. H. Coleman
J. M. Kirkland
David M. Crowder
Ronny Worley
Shirley S. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer**

GUESTS

**Mr. R. H. Park III, WWTP/Public Works
Mrs. Mildred Winn
Ms. Olivia Allison, South Hill Enterprise
Barrister Lakin Gunver
Mr. Will Ober
Mrs. Ellen Walker
Mr. Charles Rouse
Mr. Glanzy Spain, Meck. Co. Board of Supervisors**

Mayor Thomas C. Coleman III called the meeting to order by welcoming everyone their attendance at tonight's meeting. He welcomed Mr. Glazy Spain, Boydton's Representative on the County Board of Supervisors. He began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

Mayor Coleman III introduced and welcomed Ms. Beth Swain as the newly hired part-time Deputy Clerk. He continued by stating that she began her new responsibilities on Tuesday, July 7th and it has been a good week, as well as, a good working relationship. He advised that he would be redirecting some questions for Ms. Swain later on down the agenda regarding the town's website with progress that has been made.

The Mayor requested the approval of the meeting minutes of June 9th, and the called meeting minutes of June 16th. Councilwoman J. M. Kirkland moved to approve the minutes from these two (2) meetings with corrections of the date change on the agendas and his name title in the regular minutes of June 9, 2015, paragraph three (3). Councilwoman Donna C. Ober seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Mayor Coleman III requested a motion to pay the bills for the month of July 2014. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober moved to pay the bills for July, with Councilman David. M. Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Chief Danny R. Fox briefed the council on patrol activity for the month of June 2015. He stated that he had three (3) vehicle stops, and issued one (1) speeding citation. He further stated that there were no other issues in town and it had been relatively quiet in town, which he felt was good. He asked if the council had any questions or requests of him.

Since Mr. R. H. Park III was not in attendance at tonight's meeting, the Mayor reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for July was 1,525,000 gallons.

The Mayor reiterated from a previous meeting that we would be acquiring the playground equipment and the plan now is to look at various places to locate this equipment. One thought for the location has been down near the trail head and Plank Road replica site. He noted that the town owns two lots at that location. He informed the council that he had tried numerous times to contact the Rails-to-Trails personnel to see if we could work with them to do this. Mr. David Preston Butler, who works for Microsoft and lives in the town, has expressed a desire for him and his crew to help towards that effort. He continued to say that he felt this would be a perfect area to place this equipment and would like for the council to look at the site and give their opinions. The Mayor stated that maybe a committee could be set up or possibly HBR, Inc. would want to take on this venture. Mr. Rouse advised that HBR, Inc. had attempted to work on a park area with no success in the past, but they would be having a meeting on Thursday night and he would put it on their agenda. Mr. Park III interjected that he and the town crew would be proceeding within the next few weeks to remove the playground equipment from the school board office and store it on the town's premises.

The Mayor introduced Ms. Swain again regarding the town's website. She explained to the council the layout of the newly designed website and how it would be user friendly and detailed how it would all work. She also stated that she updated the town's Facebook page and deleted one of them since there were apparently two. She continued to say that in one day there had been over 600 "hits" on the site and another 291 as of this morning from posts she had made. She asked the council's approval to move forward with the layout design. After a few questions to Ms. Swain from council members and the Mayor, Councilman J. M. Kirkland moved to move forward with the layout of the website. Councilwoman Donna C. Ober seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Coleman III informed the council that all the necessary paperwork had been signed regarding the town acquiring the house on Jefferson Street and the money received from Wells Fargo had been deposited. He stated that it consisted of 2.4 acres that borders Jefferson Street all the way to old Hwy. 58. He asked that the council members see him after the meeting to set up a time to go up to the site to make plans for its use.

The Mayor mentioned that there were some questions regarding the newly designed flag and a resolution and asked if anyone had any questions regarding it. Mr. Rouse, President of HBR, Inc. stated that he had heard that there were some citizens who had expressed their discontent with the flag because they preferred the seal rather than the courthouse. He said that he went over and visited with the Salzmans who told him that there wasn't a clean copy of the seal that could be enlarged and placed on the flag; therefore, the picture of the courthouse was used instead. He also said that other citizens had approached him as well saying they didn't like the flag.

Council Ronny Worley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David M. Crowder seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P. M.

Shirley S. Bowen, CMC
Clerk to the Council & Treasurer
July 14, 2015

Thomas C. Coleman III
Mayor