

**The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on July 13, 2021, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor John M. Kirkland presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**John M. Kirkland, Mayor  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
W. H. Coleman (Absent)  
Bill Thompson  
David M. Crowder (Absent)  
Paul “Ray” Cherry  
Mr. Ronny Worley  
Chief Danny R. Fox  
Angela D. Amos, Deputy Clerk  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer**

**GUESTS**

**R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator  
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor  
R. H. Park III, WWTP**

**Mayor John M. Kirkland welcomed everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting and called the meeting to order. He then led the council, audience, and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.**

**The Mayor requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup>, and June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meetings. Councilman Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approved these two (2) sets of minutes, with Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the July 2021 bills. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry moved to pay the bills for the month of July, and Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**A police report was not given, due to Chief Fox’s resignation om June 30, 2021, and the town had not hired a new officer, as yet.**

**Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for June was 1,114,000 gallons and the DMR’s for the month of June were satisfactory, as well. Mr. Park III also advised that we are getting closer to the completion of the new school’s sewer line and the school lift station. He continued by stating an inspector, that works with Dewberry and who’s worked on two (2) other projects that we have going on, has been asked to give us a quote on his hourly work rate and Mr. Park III requested the council to consider allowing this inspector to come and “sit-in” to witness the pump down and pressure test for the school site. He advised this would have to be paid for by the Town of Boydton with the minimum cost of \$300.00, and the maximum time would be 10 hours @ \$75.00, which would be \$750.00. Vice Mayor Gill moved to approve the cost of this inspector for this purpose. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

Mr. John Roberts was asked for his monthly June 2021 report. However, Mr. Park III and Mr. Roberts both explained and informed to the council of a “sink hole” located in the highway on Washington Street. He stated that a proposal from Tri State of Chesapeake, VA to inspect and clean this sewer line was included in their packets. This would include (1) Clean, TV 8” Sanitary Sewer for \$3,850.00 and (2) Installation of an 8” Cured in Place Liners for 800 ft. @\$35.00 a foot for \$28,400.00, which totals \$32,250.00. He also reported that Johnny Roberts had contacted J. Harman Saunders about doing this work, as well. Mr. Park III advised that he felt the sewer line had collapsed, since our town sewer camera won’t go but a short distance after it rained. Mr. Park III felt that we’d either have to do a spot repair and then have to line it or replace the entire sewer line, which would consist of at least 400 ft. He further stated that the sewer line is in very bad shape at this location on Washington Street and it was bad enough to repair it now, since the road is closed and can’t be opened until this line is fixed. More discussion ensued, with Mr. Roberts being asked how long this repair work would take. Mr. Roberts advised that Mr. Saunders stated that he could probably come and do the repairs next week. Mr. Park III informed the council that this was just a “start” of what would be happening, since there are other problems on Sheriff and Jefferson Street with all these 1929 sewage lines, and this subject would have to be addressed again in the near future. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk-Treasurer, interjected by stating she had received a letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia (included in their packets) regarding a new NEU (Non-Entitlement Units of Government) grant of \$426,420.00 that could be used for infrastructure, such as this, and she’d accepted it on behalf of the town. She added that the first \$213, 210.00 had already been deposited to the town’s account on June 30, 2021. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to accept the first portion of the proposal from Mr. Park III and allow Mr. Roberts to work with Mr. Saunders in repairing the sewer lines to do the work. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Councilman Ronny C. Worley asked if there were any other grants available for things of this nature. Mrs. Bowen, stated that she wasn’t aware of any new grants available, except for this one; however, she would check on this.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comments. He introduced some members of the Train Club. Mr. Harry Decher reported that they’d run into some problems with the chair lift system company that was approved at the last meeting. AmeriGlide wanted another \$3,000.00 for the installation process. They gave Mr. Decher three (3) options regarding the order. The first one was to pay the extra money for installation, do the installation themselves, or to cancel the order. Mr. Decher stated they were “too old” to do the installation themselves and had decided to cancel the order and have the check returned. He also informed the council that he’d contacted a company out of Richmond, VA called Area Access, Inc. and they would do the job for \$4,400.00. Mayor Kirkland suggested that he ask for the check to be returned from AmeriGlide and when that’s been returned, they should check with the County to see what permits are needed and then order the chairlift

from Area Access, Inc. Mr. Decher stated that this was fine with him and the train club members. All they wanted was somewhere to call “home.”

Mayor Kirkland introduced Mr. Harry Johns the head football coach at Bluestone High School. Coach Johns gave an update on the activities of the football team at Bluestone. The reason for being at our council meeting was to seek support and encouragement from the council and audience for the football team. He asked that everyone help promote the football team by getting the word out for more participation from the youth, who’d like to play football. The Mayor thanked Coach Johns for attending tonight’s meeting and stated on behalf of the council and himself, that they’d encourage others in the community to help with this endeavor. Coach Johns thanked the Mayor and councilmen for allowing him to speak at tonight’s meeting.

Mayor Kirkland recognized Mr. Jimmie Cox of the Sons of the Confederacy, by asking him to “bring us up to speed” on the Confederate Soldier statue and its relocation. Mr. Cox stated that he’d not heard anything new from his attorney, except that he’d been playing “phone tag” with the town’s attorney. Mr. Cox made a suggestion, which was to just have an agreement drawn up between the Sons of the Confederacy and the town to make sure the statue is always secure. He continued by saying, Mrs. Bowen could probably draw up a simple agreement between the town and the Sons of the Confederacy, that would state, if the statue is to ever be moved, then the town would have to pay to have it removed. Mayor Kirkland recommended that in order to cover both entities, we’d have Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, write up an agreement that would protect both entities by stating, if either entity wanted to have it moved in the “distant future,” that whoever wanted it moved, would have to pay for its removal. He and the council both felt this would satisfy all parties concerned. The decision was made to write up an agreement for the council and the Sons of the Confederacy to review and bring it back up at possibly our next meeting.

The Mayor inquired about Boynton Day going forward. Mr. Roberts responded by stating that everything looked good so far, except for the Health Department imposing restrictions on food being served, which would have to be prepared on site...not from a person’s home. This would disallow/restrict individuals and churches from selling any baked goods made in their own homes. Mayor Kirkland also asked how the Bluegrass Concert was progressing. Ms. Amos, President of HBR, Inc., stated that it was progressing, except for some problems arising from the road being closed in front of the Tavern, problems with the Health Department restrictions on the vending of food being served, waiting to hear back from Wanda Simons from the Health Department, and lots of small things going on that have to be taken care of. The Mayor commented that hopefully the road would be repaired soon, and asked if the bands were all lined up. Ms. Amos replied, “Yep, and we’ve got about a month to do it all in.”

**Mayor Kirkland advised the audience that the council would be going into a closed session.**

**Councilman Worley moved that the Town Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the following, as permitted by the Virginia Code 2.2-3711 (A) (1) Discussion of a personnel issue to hire a new employee for our maintenance department.**

**The executive session being closed, the council reconvened into open session. Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the Boydton Town Council certify that, in the closed meeting just concluded, that nothing was discussed except the matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in a closed meeting and (2) lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion.**

**The motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows:**

<b>Ronald C. Worley</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>W. H. Coleman</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>David M. Crowder</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Ray P. Cherry</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>T. G. Gill</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Bill Thompson</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**No motions were made from the closed session.**

**The Mayor mentioned that he and Shirley, our Town Clerk, had been discussing some information from Jason Corwin, the registrar, who had shared with her information regarding the town elections that were to be held in May 2022. She said the General Assembly had enacted a law to change the town elections to coincide with the November elections; therefore, the town elections would no longer be held in May and a new ordinance would have to be passed by the town on a future date, prior to the elections.**

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Kirkland at 8:45 P.M.**

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**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council & Treasurer**  
**July 13, 2021**



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**John M. Kirkland**  
**Mayor**