

**The regular meeting of the Boynton Town Council was held on April 12, 2022, at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Vice-Mayor T. G. Gill presiding.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS**

**R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator  
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor  
Mr. Brian Burton, Burton Construction**

**Due to Mayor Kirkland’s absence, Vice-Mayor T. G. Gill called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for their attendance. Afterwards, he led the council, audience, and staff with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.**

**The Vice Mayor introduced Mr. Brian Burton of Burton Construction from South Boston, VA who advised his company had made some inside renovations at PATHS and the reason for his attendance at tonight’s meeting was to make a request to the town council for their approval of a flower planter to be installed in front of the building where a memorial bench is located. He stated to do this, he would need their approval to move the memorial bench to a different location in order for the planter to be placed there. The Eggleston family purchased the bench, and placed it at this location years ago. Some discussion ensued, after which, Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve the planter to be placed in front of the building, with the Eggleston family’s approval to relocate the bench, along with the trash can being moved to the other end of the planter. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

**Vice Mayor Gill requested a motion to approve the public hearing minutes regarding granting a conditional use permit for a bed and breakfast at 1100 Jefferson Street, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Sciammaco from last month and the regular minutes of March 8, 2022, as submitted. He also noted a correction of the minutes regarding the name of the new school being changed, when it was actually the mailing address. The Clerk agreed and advised it would be noted as a change. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve both sets of minutes from the March meetings. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor.**

**Vice Mayor Gill also requested a motion to approve the bills as presented, for April 2022. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to approve the current bills to be paid as submitted. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.**

**Police Chief Nathan Bowen reported on activity in his department from March 9, 2022, through April 8, 2022. He stated he’d had four (4) calls for service, one (1) EMS assist, and twenty (20) traffic stops. He also spoke to the council concerning two (2) of the town’s**

ordinances pertaining to Section 6-1: Unlawful keeping of animals & Chapter 14, Article III. NOISE, Section 14-91 (3) *Pets*. The keeping of any animal which, by causing frequent or long continuous noise, disturbs the comfort and quiet of any persons in the vicinity. He stated he'd had several incidents from a couple of residents, who are neighbors, and he'd gone down and spoken to both of them; where he saw three (3) barriers separating the properties. He also stated he'd advised Mr. Hite (the complainant) that as far as he was concerned, there was nothing more to be done. Mr. Hite stated all he wanted was to live in peace. Chief Bowen asked if he'd tried talking to Mr. Harrell, with him saying he didn't want to talk to him. Chief Bowen advised him to at least try to talk to him, but he said, he didn't want to and he lived in fear of the dogs hurting his child. Chief Bowen asked the council, "How do we define comfortable enjoyment?" No real response was made by the council as to the remedy for this situation. He advised the council that he felt this was going to be an ongoing issue and he wanted all of them to be aware of what he's dealing with. Councilman Coleman ended the matter by simply stating, "If he comes to you again, tell him you'll call the dog warden."

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for March 2022, was 982,000 gallons of water purchased from the RRSA, with the DMR's being returned as satisfactory. Mr. Park III stated they had a water tank inspection on Monday where everything was fine and there was no scheduled maintenance for this year. He stated that Drew, with Dewberry, had first thought the PER would be a combined water and sewer report, but he had now split it into two parts, one for water and another for waste water, costing the same as one report. He'd done this since he found out there was more funding available to us. He explained that Dewberry had applied to the Virginia Department of Health for \$713,000.00, which would be a matching grant. However, we aren't obligated to do this, but it would be advantageous to the town, if we did, since we could get funding to offset the cost. It could be a 50/50 loan grant, or possibly an 80% grant/grant depending on what the town qualifies for. The funds are for replacing the water lines coming in from Virginia Homes to the plant, and the 1929 water line that goes from the old caution light on Washington Street down to the Rails to Trails, which has lead joints in them, as well. He stated there are three (3) components to this. Even though we have the choice to do this now, we don't have to, but the line on Washington Street would have to be replaced within a few years; therefore, now is a good time to take advantage of this possible "once in a lifetime" chance to get it done. Mr. Park III also stated that a similar offering of this nature was going to be offered by the DEQ for sewer lines in the near future, as well. Mr. Park III stated that pictures were in the packets of the lift station at the LVL North Site on Ridge Road at Microsoft. The forced main is in and passed the pump test, and turned out really well. Also, the orange Godwin pump is the backup, and will stay on under any circumstances. He noted it is only a temporary lift station that will stay there around 28 months, until the entire project is complete. Councilman Coleman asked why it takes so long for this process to take place. Mr. Park III advised that it's due to all the "hoops" and "red tape" we're having to go through to make this all happen.

**Mr. Park III informed the council that he had a meeting approximately six (6) weeks ago with the construction company doing the work for the new school and some school system representatives (Matt Gross and Brian Dalton) regarding the new school and he has a lot of concerns regarding the sewer lines and pump station. He stated he took pictures, voiced his concerns and asked questions, and so far, had only one response from Matt Gross that he was not happy with. He said he's waiting for a pump test, as well as, writing up a report for the town council regarding these concerns. He further stated that he was cautioning the town council "not" to take on any more obligations due to all these concerns. Councilman Crowder asked exactly what concerns Mr. Park III had, and he stated that the lines were not installed according the blueprints, and no inspection was done. He stated he would have pictures and the report for the council to review, but he wanted to see the pump test before he makes any firm conclusions. He also said he could be totally wrong, but he's not been satisfied with all that's gone on and the one response he'd gotten. He further stated that more information would be forthcoming and possibly when all this is done, we may have to start the council meeting earlier to present his report. The Vice Mayor stated that they were depending on him to keep them abreast of the project, with Mr. Park III responding, "I'm trying."**

**Mrs. Bowen, the Clerk of Council, advised the council that Mr. Roberts and the Mayor wanted her to advise the council of the waterline going to the Hargrove family (across from the bus shop) had been completed and the connection fees had been paid to the town. All that is left to be done would be the Hargrove family connecting the line to their house.**

**Vice Mayor Gill informed the council he had a Resolution, prepared by Mr. Russell Slayton regarding the \$3.1 million EDA Grant and the mortgage/lien on the WWTP for the council to approve. He turned this issue over to the Clerk for an explanation. Mrs. Bowen stated that this resolution had been done once, but Mr. Slayton advised it should be re-done, since it had been so long ago, since it was first adopted. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to adopt the EDA resolution regarding the \$3.1 Million Grant/Loan. Councilman Bill Thompson seconded the motion with a roll call taken, which consisted of the remaining council members voting "aye." These were: Councilman Ronny Worley, Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry, and Councilman David M. Crowder.**

**In other business, a motion was made by Councilman W. H. Coleman for the town to donate \$500.00 towards the purchase of flowers to HBR, Inc., for the bump-outs. Councilman David Crowder seconded the motion, with all members voting in favor.**

**It was also decided that the Clerk of Council write a "Spring Clean-up" letter to the residents of the town, since we'd be having two (2) events within the next few months.**

**Vice Mayor Gill informed the council that the RRSA would be raising their water rates by 10% for the FY 22-23 year and it had been suggested the town consider this at budget time, as to whether we may have to do the same.**

**One other matter brought to the attention of the council by Vice Mayor Gill was a request by Bernard Duncan for the town to write a Proclamation from the town for Juneteeth. A discussion ensued with the issue being tabled until the next month's meeting.**

**The Vice Mayor stated that the council would be convening 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) (3) for the purpose of personnel issues pertaining to hiring an employee for the WWTP and Administrative Office.**

**The executive session being closed, the council reconvened into open session. Councilman Ronny Worley moved that the Boynton 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>Aye</b>	<b>David M. Crowder</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Paul "Ray" Cherry</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Bill Thompson</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

**Upon reconvening, a motion was made to readvertise for the position at the WWTP and to hire Rhita Morgan-Burton for the administrative position upon her acceptance by Councilman Bill Thompson and seconded by Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry. All remaining members voted in favor.**

**With no further comments, concerns, or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.**

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**Shirley S. Bowen, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council & Treasurer**  
**April 12, 2022**

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**T. G. Gill**  
**Vice Mayor**