

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on May 10, 2022, 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 (Absent)
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**

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

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting. Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry moved to approve the April minutes, with Councilman David M. Crowder seconding the motion. All remaining members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to approve the bills to be paid as presented for the month of May 2022. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the bills as submitted for the month of May 2022, and Councilman Paul “Ray” Cherry seconded the motion with all remaining members voting unanimously.

Chief Nathan Bowen reported on his police activity for the month of April 2022. He advised he had twenty-seven (27) traffic stops, three (3) calls for service, and two (2) EMS calls from April 9 – May 6, 2022. Councilman Thompson inquired of Chief Bowen as to how many of these traffic stops resulted in citations. Chief Bowen responded by saying he wasn’t sure without looking back at his information. The Chief also stated that he would be on vacation the next week (May 14th – May 22nd) and the County Sheriff’s office would be on call during his time off. He also advised, he’d spoken to the Mayor about going for police training, October 11-14th, in Virginia Beach and he’d like permission from the council to attend this training. It was the consensus of the council to allow Chief Bowen to attend.

The Mayor advised the annual request from the Commonwealth Attorney’s office was sent to be approved as an updated ordinance re-adopting Title 46.2 and Article Two 18.2-266-18.2-273 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. By doing so, it would enable the Town of Boydton to abide by any new rules/laws as amended by the Virginia State Statutes. He requested a motion and a second from the council to re-adopt this Motor Vehicle Code of

Virginia. Councilman W. H. Coleman moved to re-adopt the Motor Vehicle Code, Title 46.2 and Article 18.2-266-18.2-273 ordinance, with Councilman William R. Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported that Boydton's Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for April 2022, was 798,000 gallons of water purchased from the RRSA, with the DMR's being returned as satisfactory. He continued by saying the upgrade at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was on track and the bids had been released and advertised for the bidding process. He also advised the pre-bid meeting would be here in the Town Hall on Friday, May 27th at 10:00 A.M. The bid "opening" would also be held here, as well, on Friday, June 10th, at 2:30 P. M., unless something changes. He explained, after the bids come in, Drew Arnold of Dewberry will review the bids and they will either be accepted or rejected with one contractor chosen for the project. Mr. Park III further stated everything was going as planned and running smoothly concerning this project. Councilman W. H. Coleman inquired of Mr. Park III as to how many bids normally come in. Mr. Park III responded, on the last project, it was around six (6). Mr. Park III requested to meet with the personnel committee after tonight's meeting to discuss some applications that came through the "INDEED" internet site for hiring another person to work at the WWTP.

Mr. Johnny Roberts was called upon by Mayor Kirkland for his maintenance report. Mr. Roberts reported there had been two (2) water leaks on Craddock Court and Hull Street, which he felt were both coming from an old abandoned line; however, this problem had now been taken care of and stated we're hoping for the best, and nothing else would come from it. He also informed the council he'd gotten the old International Dump truck back from being repaired, due to an airline burst. He also commented he was waiting on the fuel line for the GMC dump truck, which would hopefully be in and repaired soon. He further mentioned that Roger Upton of Castle Heights Construction who'd retired, had turned the business over to his son, but since the son passed away, the family was selling all his inventory. Therefore, there were lots of pipes and fittings for sale that the town could use for inventory, especially with conditions right now of not being able to find parts along with the economy problems and shortages. Mr. Roberts asked the opinion of Mr. Park III and the council with some discussion ensuing; however, it was the consensus of the council for Mr. Roberts and Mr. Park III to go look at the items the Upton's have for sale and for them to remember and to be conscientious as to making sure the pricing is right.

Councilman Cherry reverted back to the subject matter regarding the pipe replacement and wanted to know what type of pipe it was. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Park III stated it was galvanized pipe. He also asked could it be contaminated or anything to harm someone. Mr. Park III and Mr. Roberts both, stated there was nothing harmful, but it was a difficult situation they had to deal with. Mayor Kirkland explained that the guys had a "real mess" up there and he called Jeff Jones, the Town Manager of Clarksville, and he was gracious enough to loan us what was needed and we got the problem resolved. He also stated all the towns work together in helping each other out and we are blessed to have this kind of relationship. He advised the councilmen to be sure, if they should see anyone who works

from other towns, to let them know how grateful we are to have this type of relationship.

Mayor Kirkland introduced Mrs. Rhita Burton, the new Deputy Clerk, and asked the council to make sure they welcome her to this new position. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, also advised that she was very pleased with her work, thus far. Mayor Kirkland informed the council of Mr. Glanzy Spain coming by the office and informing Shirley that her request to the County had been granted for \$80,000.00, in lieu of taxes, for the FY 2022-2023 fiscal year, which is a \$10,000 increase from last year. Mayor Kirkland asked that she also give an update on the \$426,420.00 grant that she'd applied for, as well. Mrs. Bowen updated the council regarding this NEU grant that had previously been mentioned at the April meeting. She advised that she'd been successful in getting all the paperwork completed by the April 30th deadline, and the town had been awarded all the funds. She stated half the money had already been deposited to the town's regular account back in June of 2021, to be used for various "Covid" related purposes. She advised with that funding, we'd been able to purchase a newer dump truck, a newer model garbage truck, applied the cost of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) with Dewberry for sewer/water line replacement, and the remaining funds would go towards replacing some of our 1929 sewage lines. Mrs. Bowen, continued by stating we've applied for another \$713,000 water grant/loan to continue replacing all the water lines needed in and around town. Since Dewberry felt it best to divide water and sewer lines separately in grant funding, (as Mr. Park III had stated in last month's meeting), they felt it would be better this way, but with no extra charge for the PER. She said, in the near future, we'd be applying for a sewer grant/loan, with Mr. Park III concurring with her.

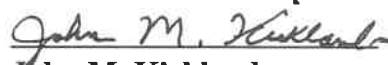
Mrs. Bowen informed the council of a "Sit and Sip" event to be held on the front porch of the Boyd Tavern on Friday, June 10, 2022, from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. with acoustic music, wine, beer, and finger foods being served. Also, she advised the council of another event to be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., which is a "Juneteenth Celebration" to be held here in the town, with Ms. Teresa Good heading up this event. A third event, "Bluegrass in Boydton," would be held on Saturday, June 25th, from noon until 10:00 P.M., with the Boydton Fire Department providing lunch and supper food and Lawrenceville Distributing providing beer. This event will feature four (4) different Bluegrass bands chosen by Tina Morgan, the County Tourism Director, who offered to do this for HBR, Inc. Angela Amos, former employee of the town, moved to Richmond, VA back in August 2021, but didn't resign her position as HBR, President, and stated to the board, she felt she could get more sponsors down there. Walter announced at the last HBR meeting, he'd spoken to Ms. Amos, and she resigned her position as President, without obtaining any sponsors for the event, as well. The HBR committee decided to divide up the past sponsors and some new ones in order to contact them again as prospective sponsors to help pay for the bands and costs of the Bluegrass event. More discussion resulted with ideas for having more than one Bluegrass Concert a year and perhaps the town financially helping out, as well. On another issue, Mrs. Bowen advised, Tina Morgan had reached out to her about applying for a tourism grant for the town. Mrs. Bowen stated she advised Tina to "go for it," in order to help the town with any type of tourism to bring

people into town. Tina applied and was awarded a \$5,000 matching grant provided by County funds, resulting in a \$10,000 grant to help the town out with tourism. Both, she and Tina, felt this was a “plus” for the town and more information would be forthcoming regarding this. The Mayor asked if this funding could help with the Bluegrass event, if we were to fall short of sponsor funding. Mrs. Bowen, advised she’d have to ask Tina, if this would be a possibility and let him know later.

With no further comments, concerns, or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.



Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
May 10, 2022



John M. Kirkland
Mayor