

The regular meeting of the Boydton Town Council was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, beginning at 7:30 P.M., in the Town Hall Council Chambers with Mayor J. M. Kirkland presiding.

THOSE PRESENT

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

GUESTS

**R. H. Park III, WWTP Chief Operator
John M. Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor
Karen and Ron Sciamacco**

Mayor John M. Kirkland welcomed everyone for their attendance at the regular meeting and called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he led the council, audience, and employees with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor advised, since Karen Garnett, who’d requested to be on the agenda for tonight’s meeting wasn’t in attendance, we’d move on to the approval of the September 13, 2022, meeting, as submitted. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to approve the September minutes, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mayor Kirkland requested a motion to pay the bills for October 2022, as submitted. Councilman Bill Thompson moved to approve the bills for the month of October, as presented. Councilman Ronny Worley seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously.

The Mayor stated Chief Bowen’s monthly report for September 8th, 2022, through October 4th, activity report was included in the packets; however, he was not in attendance due to an annual conference. Chief Bowen’s report showed he had ten (10) traffic stops, with eight (8) of those being citations, along with ten (10) calls for service. Mayor Kirkland advised the council, if they had questions regarding the Chief’s report, they would have to be addressed to him upon his return.

Mr. R. H. Park III reported Boydton’s Department of Water, RRSA Meter Readings Report of water pumped for September 2022, was 874,000 gallons of water purchased from the RRSA and the DMR’s were satisfactory. Mr. Park III advised the water grant application from the Health Department and submitted by Dewberry on behalf of the town, was not awarded this year to the town due to many other applications filed, but it would stay on file and be considered in 2023. He also reported the sewer line replacement grant application had been accepted by the DEQ. Mr. Park III advised it has not yet been determined if the town would be funded for this project; however, we should know something by the end of the year. Mr. Park III advised that a monthly meeting was held here regarding

the LVL North permanent lift station site, which is off of Ridge Road for the Microsoft site and everything on that project is running on schedule and the project is coming along very well. They are now laying some of the sewage lines and making a bore down at the WWTP to go under the creek and eventually move up to Hwy. 58. to also make a bore under Hwy. 58. Mr. Park III provided copies of this and had the council follow along as he explained how this pipe would be running under the wetlands, under the creek, and under Hwy. 58, which will be approximately 35' under the ground. He explained that this pipe would be fairly thick and well over an inch and a half. There will be no joints, but heated, sweated, and fused together, which would form a completed bond. He predicted this pipe should be there for a long time with no problems. He stated the inspectors on site have done an excellent job on this project. Mr. Park III also reported on the water issue at the temporary site and stated it seemed all the problems there had been resolved. The area has been ditched and landscaped, as well. In addition, he reported on the upgrade to the WWTP. The project was awarded to Showalter out of Lynchburg for \$6.1 million and was scheduled to go into effect by the first of November. He continued by saying the same inspectors would be over this job, as well, which was good. Mr. Park III informed the council on the new school lift station and forced main. He stated they've been in operation for 3-4 weeks and he has a pretty good indication on the amount of flow we can expect. The County was projecting approximately 20-25,000 gallons and a day and as of now...we're only getting about half that amount. And he added, it would be a concern to the town, due to revenue shortages. Mr. Park III asked for a response from the council as to which direction he should go concerning the lift station, since no one from the school is coming to check the lift station. He stated the mechanical bar screen had never worked from day one and the hand bar screen that's in there is working, but very difficult to keep clean. Mr. Park III asked the council their opinion on how far the town employees should go in handling this situation. He feels the town is going to get "sucked in" to this lift station by default. The Mayor stated, "We have never signed or taken ownership or anything." Mr. Park III agreed that nothing is or has ever been in the town's name. Mayor Kirkland's concern was if something malfunctions...how would it affect us...up the line? Mr. Park III responded by saying, "They're pumping chemicals in there and that chemical is affecting our WWTP, so we've been down there and adjusted our chemical pumps; therefore, we're not getting as much chemicals in the WWTP." Mayor Kirkland asked, "Would this be a Cleveland Construction question or who, since we've not gotten an answer, from "jump street?" Mr. Park III advised "I could call Brian Dalton, the Maintenance Supervisor, for the school system and tell him he's got to go down there and start cleaning that bar screen every couple of days, then maybe he'd get someone to start doing it." The Mayor and council agreed to allow Mr. Park III contact Mr. Dalton first; however, Mr. Park III stated he'd continue to monitor the situation and report on this at the next council meeting.


Mr. Johnny Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor, reported the Gateway sign up on Hwy. 58 near Herbert Drive at the Microsoft site wasn't working and he would have to run new wire in order for it to work again. Mr. Roberts also reported that Piedmont Court Services, (Shelly Moore), had contacted him about a crew going up the upper end of Jefferson Street tomorrow to pick up trash on the sides of the road and she wanted Nathan to go up there to oversee this process; however, Mr. Roberts suggested to her (since Nathan was at a conference) he'd have a couple of his guys bring a truck up there to get the trash while it's being gathered. Mr. Roberts, also, stated that Halloween was on schedule as usual with door to door "trick or

treating” and would be on Monday, October 31st, from 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Boydton Day was briefly discussed by Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council. They both stated the 44th Boydton Day was on schedule to go with the Vesper Service to “kick it off” on Friday night, a 5K Cancer Run set for first thing Saturday morning, and lots of vendors continuing to sign up for the event. Also, it was stated, we would have newly designed Boydton Day T-shirts for sale on line, prior to Boydton Day, the day of, and online through November 4th.

Vice Mayor Gill advised the council needed to vote on giving Mr. Roberts the “go-ahead” to repair the Gateway Sign on Hwy. 58. Vice Mayor Gill moved to allow Mr. Roberts to repair the Gateway Sign, with Councilman David Crowder seconding the motion. All members voted in favor.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council advised the council of two (2) individuals who’d contacted her about a program called, “Text My Gov” where it could be set up to text residents of upcoming events or notices. The cost would be a \$1,000 set up fee, plus another \$2,000 for their annual service and thereafter, it would cost \$2,000 a year. She stated that she and Rhita (Deputy Clerk) had discussed it, but really didn’t feel it’s something the town needed at this time. She also mentioned another company “Doxo” who’d reached out to them where residents could pay their bills to the town with the system they offered, at no cost to the town, but it would cost \$3.99 per transaction or 3% of the total bill to the resident. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the council to “table” both these suggestions until a later date or possibly at budget time.

With no further comments, concerns, or discussion the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor T. G. Gill moved to adjourn the meeting, with Councilman Bill Thompson seconding the motion. All members voted in favor and recorded as adjourned at 8:00 P.M.


Shirley S. Bowen, MMC
Clerk of Council & Treasurer
October 11, 2022


J. M. Kirkland
Mayor