The Lyerly Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Lyerly Town Hall. Those in attendance were:

Jim Ferguson, Mayor

Gwen Fisher

Phil Brooks

Juanita Baker

Shirley Davis

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferguson at 6:55 pm.

***New Business:***

*Tractor & Truck–* Mayor Ferguson said that he told Michael Cabe to go ahead and be getting quotes on tractors. He said that we have listed the old utility truck on GovDeals a few days ago. He said that hopefully we will get about $10,000 or $12,000 for it. Mayor Ferguson then asked if purchasing the tractor had been voted on yet. Phil Brooks said that it has been discussed several times but it hasn’t been voted on. Juanita Baker said that last week they talked about taking bids on it and voting this week. Phil Brooks made a motion to approve the purchase of a tractor. Juanita Baker seconded. All in favor. Juanita Baker made a motion to approve getting bids on a new truck. Phil Brooks seconded. All in favor. Shirley Davis asked what size truck are we getting bids for. Mayor Ferguson said it will be a Ford F-250 single cab.

*Storm Water Monitoring Device –* Mayor Ferguson said that getting on top of the infiltration into the sewer systems is next. Phil Brooks made a motion to purchase the monitoring device. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.

*New Fire Truck –* Mayor Ferguson asked everyone about sending the fire truck to Brindlee Mountain. He reminded that this money will come from the USDA loan and grant. He said that he spoke with Brindlee Mountain and they sent him a quote. He said the cost to replace the emergency lights with LED’s was a ridiculous amount of money. The quote is for $4,500. He talked with the fire chief and they are in agreement that the lights are not completely necessary right now. The scene lights do need to be replaced because they are not bright enough. Brindlee quoted $6,000 for those and he believes that they can find them somewhere else cheaper. However, he added that they will do the bumper to bumper inspection and let us know everything that needs to be fixed for $150. He said that the valve that is messed up will have to be fixed by Brindlee and it looks like it may cost around $3,000. He stated that we have $25,000 left of the USDA money. We also still have to buy a few sets of turnout gear too.

Mayor Ferguson opened the floor to the public at 7:03pm.

Randy & Eugenia Patty attended the meeting tonight about their water bill. Eugenia Patty stated that they have had a water leak at their house for two years. They have had several plumbers down there and no one can find anything wrong. She got Michael Cabe to come down there and he told her that the leak is on their side because the dial on the meter is turning. They still haven’t found anything so she called Michael Cabe again and told him that all of the people who have came and looked has said that the problem may be the meter. She stated that her bills stay about the same every month. She asked Michael to check it again. She called back and Sally Kerce told her that Michael said that he changed the head on the meter and it is still doing the same thing. She said that she asked him to change the whole meter and he said that the meters cost $200. She said that she understands but they are paying for water that they are not using. Michael Cabe came and profiled the meter and it shows that they do have a leak but he refuses to change the meter to see if that is the problem. She said that all she is asking is to change the meter to see if that is the problem. Mayor Ferguson asked if there are any wet spots in her yard. She said no. Sally Kerce said that the profile is showing that 8 to 9 gallons of water is going through the meter every hour. Phil Brooks said that we could put a cutoff at the meter and see if that stops it. Mayor Ferguson said that we can either change the meter or put a cutoff. Mayor Ferguson said that if the water has somewhere to go, you could never find a leak. He said that he will have Michael Cabe replace the meter and if that doesn’t fix the problem, maybe they need someone to come and run a leak detector over the waterline. Randy Patty said that if a new meter doesn’t fix it, he is going to have a cutoff installed at his house and see if they can locate the problem that way.

Phil Brooks made the motion to adjourn. Gwen Fisher seconded. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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Mayor Town Clerk