

TOWN OF BAILEY METING MINUTES 5/20/2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on May 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Thomas Richards, Joel Killion, Dwan Finch, and Ervin Powell.

Called the meeting to order:

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. We do have to change one thing on the agenda here for old business. If you will just write down in old business under sidewalk quotes we have to put in the Sewer AIA agreement. The board just has to approve that. That is all. Again I would like to welcome you all here.

Approval of financial statement and minutes:

The financial statement for April 2019 and the minutes for Regular Board Meeting for April 15, 2019, and the minutes from the Special Meeting for April 23, 2019. Commissioner Finch made a motion to approve the financial statement for April 2019, the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on April 15, 2019 and Special Meeting minutes for April 23, 2019. Commissioner Killion seconded motion passed.

Agenda:

First on the agenda tonight we have John Anthony with Anthony and Tabb.

John Anthony, Anthony and Tabb stated it is a pleasure to be here tonight. The audit report is finished it has not been bounded yet. The report itself is ready to go. Rather than have it bond and presented tonight, this is the final form. We did not have it bond for tonight because if we want to make some changes we won't have to call a special meeting and bring it back. I am confident that the numbers are right. As I mentioned to you when I was here last month I told you it was going to be a good audit report and tonight you will see that it is. So to go through I want to discuss and point out then I will try to answer any questions. If you will start on page five as the title says this is the Independent Auditor's Report. And it is our opinion on your financial statements if you read through it it says this gives a fair presentation of the financial conditions as of June 30th 2018. As well as a fair presentation of operations during the year of income and expenses and cash flow of your water and sewer fund. This is the opinion that you hope to receive. It does not say that every dollar is perfect it does say that no one will be misled. The big picture is represented. Next from page eight to eighteen is a document that is technically a document from the town to the readers. It is a lot of information that is in the article itself. It is in a little more plain English. It is a lot of good information. I encourage you to take a little time and read it. One thing it does have is if you look on page thirteen and also on page fifteen two schedules here that shows some caparisons here from prior year. Comparative numbers are always very useful to me. You can see how better off you are now than a year ago. Comparative numbers is just a format that standard setters came up with and have been using them for years. As I go through the numbers tonight I am going to give you some comparisons to the prior year in regards to

cash. Management discussion and analysis is a very useful document, you can get a lot of information without having to read through a seventy page audit report. Next we can go through the actual financial statements. Turn to page twenty statement deposition balance sheets for your entire Town. The first column is governmental activity, your general fund. The second column is your water/sewer fund. The first line on there is cash and cash equivalent this is unrestricted cash. The total at the end of June \$962,000 if you compare that to previous year that number was 812,000 thousand dollars an increase of \$150,000 which is almost a twenty percent increase. That is a very good performance from a cash stand point. Last line of restrictive cash and cash equivalent you will see the total was 52,000 thousand dollars and the previous year is \$33,000 an increase of about eighteen percent. The restricted cash is your Powell Bill money, security deposits on your utility customers and a little bit of police department drug money is in a small account. Because they can only be used for certain purposes they are broken out from restrictive cash. So your total cash is a little over one million dollars compared at 845 the previous year. Again for a town this size you are in very good shape. In addition to that there is over \$3,000 in fixed assets over the year. And you reduced your debt principle payment they were just over 45 thousand dollars. So you made those payments and still increased cash. So again you have had a very good year. Next if you will turn to page twenty-six what you have throughout this audit report at two sets of financial statements for each fund. One is prepared on your budgetary basis then there is another set of statements that are compared on full accounting accrual basis they have been doing that for about ten years now. The budget statement is what you guys are most interested in and you will see that you did very well. You will see the variance with your final budget revenue you collected 53 thousand more that was budgeted. Total expenditures you spent 139,000 less than what was budgeted for a difference of 144 thousand dollars. Just as importantly you will see under the expenditures section in the variance columns those departments will have parenthesis around them which means you overspent the budget you are not allowed to do by state law. Under expenditures that lead to a very nice surplus under general fund that was 11 thousand dollars for the year so your general fund is in very good shape. They also look at what your total fund balance is and your percent for the year and you have got a healthy fund balance. Next on page twenty-eight this is one of the two income statements for the water and sewer fund the one on the accrual basis. You had a loss for the year of \$18,000 but included in that was depreciation expense and operating expense of 104,000 thousand dollars. Depreciation it is a book keeping entry the way your fixed assets are spread over time instead of being written off all at one time so it is not cash money that went out but over the long haul it does represent real expense. Such items are pumps and trucks and everything that has got to be replaced. If there is anything in this report that the state treasurer is going to comment on it is the 18,000 dollar loss. But they understand the depreciation as well. A loss is a loss and that is the way they are going to look at it. But budget wise you are in fine shape. So lastly if you will turn to the very back page sixty-eight and sixty-nine this is the other income statement for the water and sewer fund and this is prepared on your budgetary basis. If you look you will see first of all in the first column your exponders are all in budget and on page sixty-nine about three fourths the way down you will see revenue and other sources expenditures and usage you had a budget surplus of 46,000 dollars so the water and sewer fund from a budget aspect is doing very well. The Town did very well last year and continues to be in good financial

situation. Do you have any questions? While I am here let me introduce my son Charlie Anthony. He is a CPA and he has been with us for about six years since he finished graduate school. He did most of the work on this audit and he did a really good job. I took over from my father in 1976 and I am hoping that he will take over for me. He and I have been working on this audit together this coming year so we will be able to get it out in a timely basis. If you have any questions you can give me a call or you can have Debbie give me a call and I will be glad to answer them.

Mayor Richards commented thank you, sir. Next up we have Cecil Hawley.

Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce stated my name is Cecil Hawley and I am the President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce. Everybody knows in the past around the holiday we do flags at least a week before the holiday. We have not done them. We had Arms Enforcement Day last Saturday and Memorial Day is this coming weekend. Envirolink has not put up the flags. And it should be on repeat, repeat, repeat every holiday. It has always been done. This year nothing has been done. And this coming weekend we have a memorial service at the Bailey Cemetery the grass needs to be cut. Maybe a lot of people don't know or do know that we have a memorial wall out there for all of the Veterans that have died. You can add your Veterans name to that wall. You need to see James Mckeel it is a few dollars to do that. I talked to Ricky Horner today for about an hour. He said make sure the Town talks to the Commerce Department or whoever is in charge of the grant money. To make sure there is not a date to stop. He can just extend it and he says he needs to know beforehand. He says he can extend it if we need him to. And that is all. One more thing this is just my personal opinion but from the Chamber of Commerce we have the best Mayor, the best Town Commissioners, best office staff this Town has ever had. There has been a lot of derogatory talk going around, but this is the best group of guys we have ever had in Town. I have been coming to meetings a long time as long as Shelley has been a Commissioner. This is the best group of people we have ever had in this Town. You all keep on doing good work.

Mayor Richards replied thank you, Cecil. Next is Walter.

Walter Wells, Chair, of Bailey Planning Board commented I am Walter Wells Chair of the Bailey Planning Board. Just wanted to mention we are meeting monthly we had a meeting this past week. There was nothing brought up that needed action on our part. We will continue to look for that. We are looking at the goals we drafted looking to make sure we support the Downtown Strong and the Museum Overlay. This Museum Overlay that board has met also so I should have something to report fairly soon. We are definitely in support of our Zoning Administrator and look for continuing education for ourselves. There was a discussion about the members of the Board and the terms they serve. I just to make sure everyone was aware of this. Currently David Evans has one year term. If you have a copy of all of that I don't need to go through it. That has been set up and that is where we are at right now. We will keep this in mind as we move forward. Just wanted to make sure you were aware of who they were and what they do. The powers and the duties of the Planning Board itself is to make studies and make known to the Town for land use growth and development of the Town and its jurisdiction to

develop and recommend to the Town Board the policy and the ordinances and administrative procedures of carrying out plans coordinated in an efficient manner. To make recommendation to the Town Board for proposed zoning text and mapping ordinances and recommend amendments to the zoning ordinances or other land development that need to be initiated by the Town. To review and approve subdivision matters in ordinance with subdivision regulations and to perform any other duties. The other position that the Planning Board holds is Bailey's Board of Adjustments. In that required the power to appeal or authorize variances and to hear and decided on applications for conditional use permits in accordance with the procedures. That is our role. If you see anything we can do to help please engage us. That is all I have.

Mayor Richards replied thank you, Walter. Next we have Thomas.

Thomas Ellis, Envirolink stated good evening, everyone. You should have in front of you the monthly activity report. Under Significant Meetings I have three items on this report. First one is of the quotes have been submitted to replace hydrants at Pine Street and Benson and Deans and Nash Street. Due to the age of these hydrants parts are unavailable to fix them. Isolation valves are also included in the quote but will only be applicable to the Pine Street/Benson hydrant. The other hydrant already had an isolation valve. Item two the lift station pump on Reid Street has been completed. The third and final item vessels have been delivered for the Well Filter Replacement Project and work should be getting started at Well House 1 any day. Under Operation Highlights yard waste and bag pick up in May is the first and thirteenth. For the month of June it will be the third and the seventeenth. Mowing schedule May third and seventeenth for zone one May twenty-ninth for zone two May twenty-third for zone three. I know we were talking about the Bailey Cemetery and about getting it cut. We originally scheduled it for Tuesday and Wednesday but I know you would like to have it cut as close to Memorial Day as possible. So I did have that pushed out to Thursday and Friday. And if I have to I will have people work overtime to get that done. And going along with that flag hanging I made arrangements to get the equipment today. I plan on starting to hang those flags tomorrow. Going back to the mowing schedule June seventh and twenty-first for zone one June twenty-sixth for zone two and June tenth and twenty-fourth for zone three. Under work order summary a total of twenty-seven work orders were completed for the month of April 2019. There is a side note to that statement I would like to point out there was more work done than just twenty-seven work orders. That is something I and Envirolink will try to get better at doing. But also the Town of Bailey needs to try and get each work order created in Legato. Because I think twenty-seven is a misrepresentation. There was one work order to read 338 meters. One for a meter turn on. No rereads this past month. There were two for repair water line/service/meter. One check for leak. Four for unstop sewer line. Two trashes can deliveries. Three yard waste pick up of that being an individual pick up. One for clean storm drains. Seven cemetery work orders completed and five miscellaneous work orders. Under Operations for water produced the current month was 1.74 million gallons. For the previous month produced was 1.67 and the year to date total was 15.34. There were 308 customer billed, 338 meters read, and one million gallons was the water billed out that leaves .74 million gallons for flushing/process and leaks. For waste water, the wastewater that was metered for the

current month was 3.26 million gallons, the previous month was 3.5 million gallons and the year to date was 33.58 million gallons. There were 249 sewer customers billed and the sewer bill for those customers were .84 million gallons. You can see a big discrepancy those numbers. Obviously there is a lot of INI. The amount of rainfall for the current month was 2.5 inches. That concludes my report. Any questions.

Mayor Richards replied yea, just one question on the cemetery dig/fill did Envirolink actually dig those or did Garfield dig those?

Thomas Ellis stated we contract it out to Garfield. We always go out there and mark.

Mayor Richards commented all right then.

Commissioner Finch stated I have a question. The fire hydrants so originally there were five that are not serviceable, that is what the chief said.

Thomas Ellis replied on that list that Kellie gave me I have seen this list a lot around here. I actually went out today and looked at them. I have had the maintenance crew go out and check them just to make sure I went behind them. There are three out of these five hydrants that appear to be nothing wrong with them. The valves are on and no apparent leaks at the hydrants. One of them the steamer cap was missing but that has been replaced which leaves us two the one at Pine and Benson and the one at Deans and Nash. And those are the two that definitely need to be replaced. One is going to be a little bit more expensive than the other. The one on Pine and Benson is in a really bad spot. If we put it back where it is right now it is going to get run over again and again by trucks. It is a really bad spot. That is the one that does not have the isolation valve. I am pretty sure we are going to have to cut the line to install that. That will have to cut the school off so it may be a weekend project. Providing you will sign off on the replacement. We are going to have to think that through a little more we may have to 45 that one. Or do something different than what is there because I do not want to put it back where it is because the same thing is going to happen. Any other questions.

Mayor Richards stated thank you. Up next we have Roddie Hancock.

Roddie Hancock stated I am the owner of the Bailey Café. I am trying really hard to get someone back in there. I am asking that you leave my parking spaces in place they have been there since 1912. And it has worked well for us. I have had that restaurant open for ten and a half years not once did we ever have a police officer down there where someone bumped into anybody. There have been more cars torn up on the back lot than there ever has been touched on the front. And if I cannot keep my parking the way it is in the front I am going to lose a lot of business. I need you to leave them the way they are. That being said a hundred fifteen years says something for it being down there. Tractor trailers, tractors, and cars come down through there and there is parking on both sides. That is the only reason I am here and I am trying very hard to get that building reopen to put some business back in Bailey. Now I am up against this I just ask that everything stay the way it is. I have always been told if it ain't broke don't fix it. It is not broke and I

don't think it needs fixing. In all I am asking you all to look at the situation and keep things just like they are. Let things ride you have to look at it look at how the situation is. There has never been a problem with the way it is never. Not one iodia. In the ten and a half years I have had that thing open not one problem. You have got more problems with that bridge out there than you have had with my parking lot up there. I am just asking you to look at the situation and leave it the way it is. You look at the situation, you all talk about the situation what I am going to have to go through to change the situation and what I am going to lose already parking is going to be bad and if somebody actually comes by and buys that little property in front of me. I will have no parking at all other than those parking spaces. All I have is on that slab and right in front of my building. All I am asking is for you all to look at the situation, talk about the situation. I am trying to fix it up down there. That is all I am asking you all to leave my parking just the way it is so I can get that building open down there. That is all I am asking. I am not asking for a whole lot more than that. I want to get the building opened back up we need the business in Bailey. I want to see the town grow just like everybody else in here. And I have been saying that since I ever went down there. When I first started coming to these meetings way back yonder I was told I did not have any say because I was a business owner and I did not live in town. That is why I never came and sat in one of these seats. I was called a street walker when I was coming down the street because I was outside of the city. I had a business here and I want to put businesses back. All I am asking you all is to consider the situation and see if we can keep it the way it is. I am not asking no more than that. I promise you all I will not bother you all. Will that be good.

Mayor Richards replied yes, sir. We will talk it over and see what we can do.

Roddie Hancock stated that would be good. She is trying to open it up. I am getting ready to have the building painted and make it look like it is supposed to be in Bailey clean and neat. I just wanted to make sure before I spend a lot of money down there I have a place for my people to park. If I am going to lose my parking spaces there in no need for me to spend a lot of money down there to fix something I can't use. That is all I am asking is for you all to look at the situation and what I am trying to do.

Mayor Richards commented thank you, sir. Alright I am just going to read you all something before we go into the public comment part. So these meetings have gotten out of control. I have let them get out of control and it is my own fault. So from now on we have a public comment sign up sheet. It will be here before every meeting and you can sign up by 6:45 if the meeting time changes we will bump that up. So I am just going to read this. If you wish to speak during the public comment section of the meeting you must sign up. The comment period will be no longer than 15 minutes with speakers having three minutes to speak. No speaker can speak on a public hearing item or any item that would need to be discussed under closed session. Speakers cannot speak more than once during the public comment portion of the meeting and cannot give their time to another speaker. If there is more than one person who wishes to speak on the same topic, with the same point of view, it is recommended to pick one person to speak on that topic. If there is not enough time for all speakers to have an opportunity to speak those not able to speak will be the first to speak at the first meeting the following month. So last

month's meeting kind of got out of control with all of the questions. I know everybody has a lot of questions but there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it. And it is my fault for not setting it up right. So as of right now we are going to open the floor up for public comment. If you want to make a comment you have got three minutes and one spokesperson if you are in a group. Ok we are going to move on. Moving on with old business last month we brought up some sidewalk quotes. We have two of them we need one more. I have to find a reputable company I am going to give them to Mr. Powell and see if we can get it going. I kind of dropped the ball on that myself. Next thing is the sewer AIA agreement. I have to read this and we have to vote on it.

The Town of Bailey selected Mack Gay Associates, PA to perform the engineering and administrative services to conduct an Asset Inventory Study of the Town's Wastewater system. The parties to this agreement have mutual obligations under the terms of this agreement and each acknowledge adherence to mandatory Division of Water Infrastructure and North Carolina State law governing the AIA grant funding eligibility and allocation. The Town received an \$150,000.00 AIA grant funding award from a Fall 2016 NCDEQ application. Whereas Mack Gay Associates has been selected as the engineering services company for the "Town of Bailey Wastewater AIA" by the Board of Commissioners of the Town at the May 2019 Board meeting held on May 2019 to perform the scope of services designated in this agreement. Whereas as MGA has an established record of working with Towns through the region which will facilitate MGA's work during the proposed project timeline. Whereas MGA will present the designated study deliverables to the Town Commissioner, DWI, and SWIA to ensure a successful study outcome and provide the Town with enhanced management strategies for the wastewater system. Now therefore the Town and MGA for the consideration hereinafter named agree as follows. See attached. I need someone to make a motion to approve this.

Commissioner Finch replied I make a motion to approve the contract from Mack Gay for the sewer AIA study. Commissioner Killion seconded motion passed.

Mayor Richards commented new business I really don't have any. I will say this someone brought this up to me today about your parking. I don't know if this is a solution to this or not but that lot in front of it, we had talked about selling some lots. I actually talked to you about selling them. What if the Town was to have that parking lot restriped and it is available for everybody to use would that be a solution or something that we could work with.

Roddie Hancock commented if it comes up for sale I would be interested in buying it. It would take about 12 or 15 thousand dollars to make it right above and beyond what I would pay for the lot. If the lot comes up and you all start selling stuff I am very interested in putting a bid in on it. And we can go from there just as long as I have ample parking for that restaurant. If we don't have the parking space it is just not going to be good.

Mayor Richards stated those are just some options we can run it by and see what happens. See what is best for everybody in Town. Does anybody else have anything for new business? Alright. Chief.

Chief Boraski commented good evening. My name is Chief Boraski I am the chief of police here in Bailey. I just have a few things to go over. In April we had our open house that was a huge success. Thanks to the community and to all that showed up. I want to thank Tony Harp and his family for the food and for cooking and Mr. Hawley for the drinks and snacks, Dr. Leonard from the GHSP for guidance and connection me with the appropriate people for the simulators. In the police department we got a new sign up there. The sign is blue it looks really nice now. Ms. Debbie has been helping me with the street light, it looks really good. I want to thank officer Garland he helped me fix the back door when it was flooding. We put up a six inch cement thing at the back door. Now we have something on the back door so water can't come in. Vehicles, there has been a big thing about the vehicles 11 is finally fixed and up and running. We have not had any problems knock on wood. The airbag recall has been done. Vehicle 12 has had the oil changes and we will get the airbag recall taken care of. For equipment I really need to get a vest for Callahan and myself. I talked to Mr. Joel about this and the League of Municipalities will pay up to ½ of this. She does not have a vest, if not for me but for Officer Callahan.

Mayor Richards asked what was the price on the vest twenty-six hundred for two of them. And the league is going to cover half of it.

Chief Boraski commented yes. We had the speed trailer out in various locations over the last month. The trailer has been returned to Spring Hope. Click it and ticket started today and runs through June 2nd. I am going to put something on Facebook, it was really cool there was a video of two cars going thirty-five miles an hour crashing wearing their seatbelts and not wearing their seatbelts. People in the back without a safety belt went through the window and out the roof. I started this new thing that I picked up from other departments. It reminds people to lock their doors, make sure you secure your valuables, trying to prevent things from going wrong in Town. We started doing that last night. I am going to post something every night at 9pm kind of like a crime prevention thing. The only other thing I would like to ask is that Officer Garland has been her for a year. Tim has been exceptional. He has been here to help me get the police department in order. I wish I could tell you a lot about what has happened but I can't. Tim has been there every time I call him he has come in. He brings his truck up here and pulls the speed trailer. I would like to ask the Board if we can increase him to what the other two officers make. I just think that is a fair proposal. Tim is the lowest paid reserve that I have. I would like for him to be matched with the other two reserves. Every time I call Tim he comes in. That is all I have, thank you.

Mayor Richards stated we will look into that when we go into closed session. Next is Vince.

Vince Sievert commented so I will give you my zoning administrator notes first. Last month I wrote two permits one for Jerry Perry on Glover Road the other one for Ms. Riley on Alternate 264. The chairman of the Planning Board and I have come to the conclusion that we need to revisit the mobile home and manufactured home portion of the ordinance. That is something the Planning Board is taking a look at. There are a couple of things in there that are just a little too restrictive or simple just don't make sense. I also met with the daughter of the owner of building next to the laundry mat. They were in the process of renovating and everything got shut down. They are looking at the option to do a complete demo and rebuilding a new home something similar in size of what is there now. So we went over what all has to happen in order to get a permit to do the demo. They are actively looking to do something there. I did notice they cut the grass so that is a bit of a progress. Also got a phone call from a person who represents Hardee's about possible building a new Hardee's and the site they are looking at is the site where the Walmart was going to go. The first question that was asked was the status of the sewer. I gave them a very optimistic answer saying it is at least two years away. Just so you know they are looking. They want to build a bigger store that is what they want to do. They have run out of room. I think all of the breakfast club, lunch club, and dinner club have gotten too large for their restaurant. Are there any questions from the zoning aspect? Moving into code enforcement last month I reported that I sent a letter to East Coast Custom Body and Paint. That is the property that Woodrow Strickland owns across from Brock's stating the violation of the conditional use permit. I talked to one of the owners today and he was very receptive and he understands. He is going to get to work on cleaning things up. The plan is that I told him I would check back with him every thirty days just to let him know if there are things that need to be done. So he is going to move forward on that. Next I will move across the street to the other one and hope to make some progress on that one. I just today received a call about the old pack house on Vance Street, I mean slaughter house. I will start to work on that and notify the owner and get to work on that. I have another one I need to look into on Stotts Street. There are a bunch of Leeland Cyprus trees that are basically taking over the road. Any questions.

Mayor Richards replied thank you, Vince. Commissioner Bullard, you don't have anything. Allen is out. Commissioner Powell, (Commissioner Powell shook his head no) Dwan.

Commissioner Finch stated I just want to give everyone an update on the filtration project. I got an email from David Honeycutt at McGill and I think Envirolink gave us word that they are working on it. So hopefully it will be complete soon also hoping to peruse some more money, grant money for sewer and water infrastructure. I think Cecil did mention Sunday at the Cemetery at one o'clock. It is usually a great service. It is short but it honors our Veterans. It is supposed to be hot so bring an umbrella. That is all I have got.

Mayor Richards stated Joel.

Commissioner Killion commented I don't have much I just wanted to thank the Chief for all he has been doing. And I want to thank Mr. Sievert for what he is doing. I hope

that Mrs. Boraski is doing much better. I know it is a process since the explosion. But thank you again. That is all I have.

Mayor Richards stated so about the sidewalks and some other things I just wanted to see what Mr. Anthony had to say tonight. How we stood before we rush into things like that. Ok so you know we have been dealing with the building we are going to go into closed session in a minute but there is a pile of red tape with everything we have tried with this building. But we are just going to back up and punt again. Some stuff has fallen into our laps and it looks better than anything before. And it will benefit the Town it will benefit everybody. I think it will be a better thing for Main Street, I don't know for sure. We put it out on Facebook and it was kind of overwhelming for the Town and the Chamber page. It will be a patio kind of like Mt. Airy has got. In order to go with the Chamber instead of what I was lead to believe before I got up with a professor at the School of Government and he told me we had to have a construction loan with the Chamber instead of a forgivable loan or a grant. It was going to be like eight percent a year. Then the Town would have to partial ownership of the building. And if the Chamber ever sold it we would have to sell it for fair market value. If you spend a hundred thousand dollars on a building still no one might come to Bailey and pay you a hundred thousand dollars for this building. And it has only been one building in Bailey that has sold for a hundred thousand dollars. That is what I am told and I think it was this one. So we kind of have to be smart like do we what to, they said they could come out here and do a study and it would take six more months to do it. And they could decide next semester at UNC School of Government if we would ever get our money back on the building no matter how much we dumped into it. So I was just like oh my gosh, how come we can't get anything done with this building. I was alright then our option is to tear it down. Then somebody showed me the pictures from Mt. Airy where they had knocked the front of the building off and left the other walls standing up, stabilize those walls and pour concrete. They put picnic tables in and put umbrella up and had a place, live atmosphere in the afternoon. Something like that if you had a food truck brought in a small band have a gnat festival or sweet potato festival. I stole that from Ben Alford. It would provide a good place for it. Maybe that is something we can look into. The building has been here a while I think if we rush to judgement tear it all down without at least looking at something then we will have an empty whole there if we can use part of the building to make it look good. In Mt. Airy they have made this place look top shelf. I can get somebody to put pictures up next month. We can get some kind of way to put them on the walls so people can see them. We are going to talk about that. I also last month when Ms. Umstead was in here I made the mistake after watching that video again. She asked me if we were going to put the same effort into her street that we put into the downtown initiative. And I misspoke I thought she was just talking about paving the streets and all that. But what I missed was what I should have said that this Downtown Strong is a State initiative and they are just doing this for Main Street. They just want to build up Main Street. So if we just want to go to every street and look at fixing them up at an individual basis we can do that at a later date. This is help from the State and they will be here again on Wednesday night to meet. They sent some emails today and they like identified several key points that has pros for and cons of what they can do. And what we can work on so we are going to get into that on Wednesday night. Long story short that is all I

have got. At this time I would like for someone to make a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Killion made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Finch seconded motion passed. Hopefully we will not be long.

Open Session:

Commissioner Killion commented I would like to make a motion to raise Officer Garland's pay to fourteen an hour. Commissioner Finch seconded motion passed. And I would like to make a motion that we acquire the two bullet proof vest for nineteen hundred dollars with some assistance from the League of Municipalities. Maybe I should amend that without the dollar amount. I am guessing right.

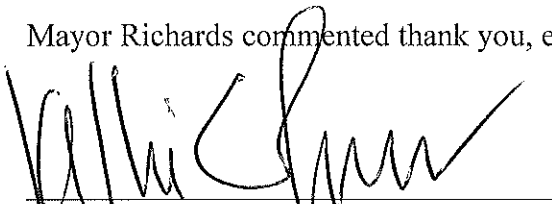
Chief Boraksi replied it is going to be closer to two thousand but it will be one thousand once they pay off their half.

Commissioner Killion stated I make a motion that we acquire two bullet proof vest level three vest with financial assistance from the League of Municipalities. Commissioner Finch seconded motion passed.

Commissioner Powell stated I would like to make the motion for the Town to buy the old hardware building from Mr. Kent and his wife for 12,676 dollars. Commissioner Finch seconded motion passed.

Commissioner Bullard stated I would like to make the motion to close. Commissioner Finch seconded motion passed.

Mayor Richards commented thank you, everyone.



Town Clerk



Mayor Richards

