

## TOWN OF BIG FLATS - TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM

**Call to Order:** Chairman Reed called the meeting to order. The pledge was recited.

**Bills and Payroll:** Supervisor Clark made a motion to pay bills, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**July Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Clark made a motion to accept minutes, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Treasurers Report:** Town Treasurer read balances, debits, and credits for all town accounts. No comments or questions were made, Chairman Reed asked that the reports to be filed for audit.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Meyers could not be present for the meeting. However, Chairman Kipfer told the board the Street Dance yielded the most income since the beginning! Over a total of \$23,000, however, the FD still needs to pay some bills from the proceeds.

**Committee Reports:** The Nuisance Committee report was read by Chairman Reed. He identified that Jay Jocham was present for properties that involved Zoning Issues. He stated there was one new nuisance report, 5 properties the committee was still following up on and one resident with four parcels that the committee received an email from the owner stating they were continuing work on improvements. Jay Jocham informed the board of the Zoning activity for the township. There were six site inspections and one approval made. He informed the board citations for moving a mobile home w/o a permit resulted on a court decision to abate the property if not removed and cleaned up by May 31, 2022. Cleanup is being scheduled w/charges pending. The money order received by the township for the permit was returned. Jay also informed the board the non-conforming cabin use investigation was forwarded to Adams County for them to take over. Also, he informed the board that he will be preparing and sending several zoning letters informing specific residents on RV use in the town. Jay also informed the board of another request for an oversized pole barn on a lot without a dwelling. Jay stated there will be a new learning curve on the recent revision to the Zoning Ordinance, and possible agreements for building dwelling and storage building in the same time frame. He asked the board to return the older check received with the application previously.

**Plan Commission Meeting/Public Meeting:** Board announced the Plan Commission Meeting/Public Meeting was set for August 17, 2022 @ 6PM.

**Special Board Meeting:** The board announced there would be a Special Board meeting following the Plan Commission/Hearing Meeting to vote on recommendations from the PC for the Dollar General.

**Friends of Big Flats Firehouse:** The Board announced the new culmination for the Fire Department and the fund raisers they were holding to help purchase the FD a dryer for their turn out gear which are as follows:

Brat Fry @ Cty Market Aug 20, 9a-2p  
Rummage Sale Drop Off @ Town Hall: Aug 31, 9a to noon  
Rummage Sale Drop Off @ Town Hall: Sept 1, 5-7pm  
Rummage Sale @ Town Hall: Sept 3, 8a-2p  
Brat Fry @ Cty Market Sept 9, 9a-2p  
ALL profits from ALL events will go towards Fire Dept dryer purchase

**Rabbit Rock/Town Road Signs:** The board informed the residents they town signs that had Graffiti were replaced/ repaired. Also, they informed that FD personnel was busy getting the graffiti removed from Rabbit Rock. They also announced that the town was closer to finding out who is doing the damage at Rabbit Rock. They have a description and possible colors of the vehicle.

**Flags @ Town Hall/Cemetery:** Flags were replaced at both locations. The light at the town hall was installed.

**Cottonville Fire Sign:** Chairman Reed informed the residents that Amy from the DNR was asking for the sign we had stored to be installed at the township. Supervisor Kipfer informed the residents the Hwy Dept has installed.

**Place Ad for Hwy Dept Snow Plow Driver:** Supervisor Clark made a motion to place the ad, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**FireWise Mailing:** Board discussed the plan of sending out FireWise letters to collect downed wood. They chose Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM. Clerk to prepare letters, obtain envelopes and checks, and request mailing labels from the County Treasurer's office.

**Correspondence:** Chairman Reed informed the residents of the letter received monthly from a company that wants to take over the Cell Tower Property. He also received an email from a resident regarding the election and how she was so pleased and calmed during her voting process due to the election workers help.

**Citizen's Input:** Much conversation was had regarding internet service in the township. A question was asked if the road work was done for the township for the year, Supervisor Kipfer responded yes. Hazel Duntley inquired if the posting board could be replaced/repared at the Big Flats Church. Supervisor Clark said it would be replaced next spring. Question from board about the election and how many voters we had. The township had 210 voters. Comments were made that residents thought the flow of the election set up went very nicely. Jay Jocham stated the work done to Beaver Ave. was done well. Someone asked about the cement barricades the township uses for blocking roads, Supervisor Kipfer stated currently the barricades are back at the township. Also, an inquiry was made about the broken windows in the hall. Chairman Reed stated he was hopefully meeting with someone to get the repair done this coming week.

**Adjourn:** Supervisor Clark made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Kipfer 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Citizens Present: (16)