

Town of Bethlehem

Council meeting

Feb. 7, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Doug Koestel, Scott Morgan, and Dan Wages; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Brian Dempsey

Visitors: congressional candidate, Timothy Barr

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with a prayer by Mayor Sandy McNab.

Dan Wages made the motion to approve the January minutes and with a second by Tommy Buchanan the motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the bucket truck issues- a hose leaking in the boom and the motor and front-end need work. Dan Wages made a motion to get an estimate on repair by a certified mechanic and Doug Koestel seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The council discussed the code issues at 898 Harrison Mill Road. Attorney Ron Bennett recommended writing a letter, then following up with a citation. Doug Koestel made the motion to write the letter giving until March 6 to comply or be cited. Scott Morgan seconded, and Dan Wages and Tommy Buchanan voted against. The Mayor broke the tie voting against the motion and stating to send the letter but omit the citation language, and with a second by Doug Koestel the motion passed with Dan Wages voting for and Tommy Buchanan against.

The council discussed the Adult Literacy request for funding of \$1,000. The town has contributed this amount since 2014. In 2013 the town contributed \$2,000. Dan Wages made the motion to donate the money and with a second by Scott Morgan the motion passed unanimously.

Dan Wages informed that he had researched companies to contract out the lawn care and trash pickup. He said there were companies that would do it, but the town would have to prepare a bid. After discussion Wages made a motion for the Mayor to talk to Jerome Morton about the job with a pay rate of \$14 an hour. Tommy Buchanan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Morton had helped the town in town in the past with work.

The council discussed the lighting for the playground parking lot and agreed to allow the Mayor to contact Ga. Power about a light. The Mayor was also going to order signage for the park stating no dogs or alcohol and the park closed at dark.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.