

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

August 9, 2016

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Hooper, and David Ehmig. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle and Town Manager Debbie Powers. The minutes were recorded by Helga Sappington, Finance Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Member Hooper made a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—July 12, 2016

Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anne Fontaine, **127 West Rocky Top Tr.**, wished to remind everyone that Music on the Lawn is on Friday, August 12th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. She hopes everyone would come out and enjoy the live music by *Amantha Mill*.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Town Manager Powers gave a summary of the administrative update. She stated that Fire Chief Bobby Powell had been voted the Avery County Fire Association's President for the coming year. She stated that the new Connect 7D map was on the bulletin board behind the Council desks, for everyone's review.

Moretz Paving had finished their Town projects and the result was highly reviewed by residents and Town employees. She stated that Carolina West was in negotiations with Verizon for possible 2017 cell coverage on the new Seven Devils tower.

The Policy & Procedures for the Police Department Body Cameras was finalized and included with the administrative update. Manager Powers stated that it was in compliance with what the State and the Governor required. She said she would attend the "Foundations in Planning and Development" course on September 8th, and that Town Clerk Miller would attend the Summer Municipal Clerk Academies on August 18th. She also stated that Town Hall would be closed on Monday, September 5, 2016 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS—

UDO Changes—Driveway Construction—Mayor Fontaine introduced the topic, stating that the two changes recommended were from the Planning Board. Both Member Ehlinger and Member Ehmig stated that they thought there was a process for resident specific cases to be handled differently than listed in the Ordinances, a process called a "variance". Mayor Pro Tem Lambert agreed that the process to obtain a variance is in place for an individual resident's needs. He also stated that before the Council accepts a change that would involve the Town Engineer taking on more responsibility, that he should be consulted. After some

discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to postpone and table this item to the September Town Council meeting and that Mayor Fontaine and Mayor Pro Tem Lambert would set up a meeting with Town Engineer David Poore to discuss the recommended changes. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

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Parks & Recreation Ordinance Draft—After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the draft Parks & Recreation Ordinance at 5:00PM before the September Town Council meeting. Two changes were then discussed by Council members. The first change involved Article 5, Section 5 of the Ordinance, with Member Hooper wishing to see language that allowed permitted fishing at Town water sources, such as Otter Falls. The second change would be to Article 5, Section 7, changing the content to read, “...All persons shall obey Police Officers, or other Town Personnel who enforce this Ordinance in regard to traffic and posted Park **regulations**....”

The Council asked Town Manager Powers to make these changes and distribute the draft Ordinance to them before the Public Hearing scheduled prior to the September Town Council meeting. No action was taken. ~OPEN~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

Public Works—No Meeting

Public Safety Committee

Recreation Commission

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ABC Board

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Hooper stated that he was still working on the Town WiFi project, and obtaining information from the company working with the Town of Blowing Rock to fix their Town WiFi system. He stated he would continue to update the Council.

ADIOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Fontaine seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Helga Sappington
Town Finance Officer