

ALDERSON TOWN COUNCIL  
JULY 11, 2024

The regular scheduled meeting of the Alderson Town Council was called to order by Mayor Travis Copenhaver at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday July 11, 2024 in the Town Council Chambers. Present in addition to the Mayor were council members Charley Lobban, Ruthie Allen and Ann Eskins. Doris Kasley attended by phone. Absent were Betty Thomas and Larry Reinhold. Quorum was declared.

Opening Blessing was given by Ann Eskins. This was followed by everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Betty Thomas, Charley Lobban made the motion for Ann Eskins to serve as recorder; motion second by Ruthie Allen and carried.

1. Minutes of June 13, 2024. Motion to approve as presented Charley Lobban; second Ann Eskins; carried by vote.
2. Water Treatment Plant Project. Invoice #1033478 total \$72,000.00. payable to Thrasher. Motion to pay Charley Lobban; second Ruthie Allen; motion carried.  
Randy from Thrasher gave an update on the Water Plant Project. Will be advertising for bids from July 26 through August 1 with the bid opening date scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Water Lines Project. Randy from Thrasher reported that this project is also moving along. Progress is being made on acquiring signatures for right of ways. He stated that there will be a hydrant located close to the Alderson Manor Apartments. Plans are to advertise for bids on this project by end of August if not sooner.
4. Donation of property: market/picnic shelter on Riverview Avenue. The Renaissance building has been sold. The owners, Stocken Benefield Management company, LLC wish to donate the market/picnic shelter parcel to the town. Ruthie Allen made the motion to accept said parcel; Doris Kasley second the motion which carried.
5. Decommission East Butternut Avenue. Request from Diane Lehr the owner of the property at 514 Hemlock Avenue. Motion to decommission East Butternut Avenue officially and to maintain a right of way if ever necessary made by Charley Lobban; second by Ann Eskins; motion carried.
6. Resolution to decommission the North to South alleyway between Clay and Webster Streets. Request from Patricia and Larry Reinhold of 283 Webster Street. Motion to decommission the North to South Alleyway between Clay and Webster Streets and to maintain a right of way if ever necessary made by Charley Lobban; second Ruthie Allen; motion carried.
7. Resolution to request an extension for the CDBG for demolition. Grant Amendment 1 requests the extension of the time period from 7-1-22 through 6-30-25 for completion of the project. Motion to approve CDBG Grant Amendment number 1 made by Charley Lobban; second by Ruthie Allen; motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- a. Demo updates – REAP and HUD. Last 4 demolitions with REAP have been completed. HUD 2 houses to be demo. Bids will be taken last of July and first week of August.
- b. Street updates – drain interpretive center was rebuilt. Work at the Overlook (across from Exxon) completed (cleaning, painting)
- c. Duperon System. Working well for the most part.
- d. Personnel Changes. Opening for Police Department Patrolman Position. A West Virginia certified officer will be extended a \$10,000. Sign on bonus. Patrolman Thomas accepted a position with Lewisburg Police Department.  
Water Treatment Plant Operator Position. Todd “Hoss” Riggs is leaving to pursue a welding career in another state. \$5,000. Sign on bonus for certified Class II or higher water operators.

#### Regarding ARPA Funds

Name	Project ID	Expenditures	Status
Spring St/Lee St	1	\$66475.54	Completed
Town of Alderson Water & Sewer	2	74196	Completed
Lee St Storm Drain Repair	3	41297.64	Completed
Water Plant Replacement	4	144323.88	Completed
Police Department	5	23270.09	Completed
Fire Department	6	5000	Completed
Duperon System – Sewer	7	80225	Completed
Project Graduation	8	1500	Completed
Water Department Equipment	9	33447	Completed
Life Station 1 Replacement pump	10	13354	Completed
Creek Storm Drain	11	15696.08	Completed
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$498785.23</b>	
ARPA Funds Awarded		497292.34	
Project Overrun paid by Town		1552.89	
Less interest on funds		960.74	
Less bank services charges		50.00	
<b>Total Project Funds Paid by Town</b>		<b>542.15</b>	

#### Hear Callers

Dwayne Rider expressed the following concerns

1. Poor condition of the stone ticket booths at the Memorial football field. It was explained that there are plans to make improvements after the final transfer of property from Board of Education to the town.

2. Kiosk at Mini Park. Information is not current. Again plans are being made to rebuild them. Not sure who is responsible for info posted there—maybe Main Street.
3. Mini Park issues of railroad ties in water.
4. Gazebo. Needs more attention.
5. Events. Who gets money.

Mayor Copenhaver addressed his concerns.

Holly Gore reported that there are 2 more weeks of Energy Express remaining. It ends on July 26. Still are in need of volunteer readers.

Charley mentioned fire hydrant concerns.

Motion to adjourn Charley Lobban; second Ruthie Allen; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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