

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

November 10, 2015

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig and David Hooper. Also present was Town Attorney Rob Angle. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Fontaine added New Business Item D: F550 Dump Truck Issue, to the agenda. Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—October 13, 2015
ADOPT MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—October 22, 2015
ADOPT MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—October 27, 2015

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anne Fontaine, 127 W. Rocky Top Tr., announced that the Light the Night celebration would be on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 5:30PM at Town Hall. She hoped that everyone would come out and enjoy the holiday spirit.

Mike Tarlton, 236 Edgecliff Ln., wished to congratulate the candidates on a successful election. He expressed his appreciation for the Councils hard work.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE & CALENDAR

Mayor Fontaine stated that the Town had received the PARTF Grant for additional Otter Falls improvements. He and Mayor Pro Tem Lambert attended the Grant award meeting in Raleigh, and the Town was awarded the 24th of 25 grants. Mayor Fontaine stated that he is excited about moving forward and improving Otter Falls.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUSES—BUDGETED ITEM—Mayor Fontaine stated that the employee Christmas bonuses have been done in the past and are a budgeted item. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve the employee Christmas bonuses at \$350 per employee, \$100 for all employees with the Town less than one year. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE—TOWN TO JOIN STATE HEALTH PLAN—After some discussion, Member Ehmig made a motion to adopt the State Health Insurance Plan for Town Employees, which gave three separate options for the employees to choose from, and to enroll the employees as quickly as possible. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FY 2015-2016—After brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1 FY 2015-2016. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

F550 DUMP TRUCK ISSUE—After some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new F550 Dump Truck for the Public Works department, at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.
~CLOSED~

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board—No meeting

Public Works—No meeting

Public Safety Committee—No meeting

Recreation Commission—No meeting

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ABC Board—Mike Tarlton gave a brief update, stating that the ABC Enforcement Officer was no longer under employment, and that they were in search of a new officer.

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report—Member Hooper stated that he was curious what the Fire Department used the recent Grant awards to purchase. Mayor Fontaine stated that he would find out and give the Council an update.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Ehmig stated that he and his wife had spoken to a local realtor, who raved about how much she liked the Seven Devils area, and that she had sold three condos in Seven Devils in the past year. Member Ehmig said that it was great to hear outside support for the Seven Devils area.

Mayor Fontaine wished to thank the candidates for their participation in the recent election, and for all those that voted. He wished to thank Mayor Pro Tem Lambert for his hard work in creating the Excel spreadsheets for the Health Care issue—that it made the process much easier to sort through. Mayor Fontaine also wished to thank Finance Officer Helga Sappington for her work with the State Health Insurance plan, and helping the Council come to an informed decision. Mayor Fontaine wanted to thank Town Clerk Sara Miller for participating in the Trunk or Treat, and representing the Town and the Seven Devils TDA.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert wished to thank the Town employees for making sure the State Health Plan was handled properly in the absence of a Town Manager. He stated that he and the Council greatly appreciate what they do.

ADJOURN

Member Elinger made a motion adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk