

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

November 9, 2016

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Council Members David Hooper and David Ehmig. Member Kay Ehlinger was absent. Also present were Town Attorney Rob Angle, Town Manager Debbie Powers, and guest speaker Shane Fox of the HCCOG. The minutes were recorded by Sara Miller, Town Clerk.

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 Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING—October 11, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Sarah Manning, 277 Four Diamond Dr., asked if the Town had received an update on the future of the Skyline building at the base of Seven Devils. Town Manager Powers stated that they intended to rent the building once their Boone location was finished with renovations. The Town has no intention of renting from Skyline.

Anne Fontaine, 127 W. Rocky Top Tr., announced that the first annual Seven Devils 7K Race called The Hawk would be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017. She stated that volunteers would be needed, and to let the Recreation Commission know if anyone desired to be a volunteer. She also announced that the Light the Night! Holiday celebration would be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 5:30PM at Town Hall, including a potluck supper.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers presented the administrative update. She stated that the Otter Falls Phase II of fundraising was complete, with the \$23,608 goal achieved. She announced that due to current extremely dry conditions and drought, both a burn ban and a voluntary water conservation request were in effect by the Town.

Town Hall would be closed on Friday, November 11, 2016 in observance of Veterans Day, and on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 2016 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

OLD BUSINESS—NONE

NEW BUSINESS

SHANE FOX—GUEST SPEAKER FROM HCCOG—Mayor Fontaine introduced the guest speaker, Shane Fox from the High Country Council of Governments. Mayor Fontaine stated that he was the newly hired Executive Director, and had previously been the CFO for the HCCOG.

Shane Fox stated that he was delighted to be able to speak to the Seven Devils Town Council and residents present, that he had been attempting to reach out to all the municipalities the HCCOG serves. He stated that the HCCOG has 26 members that it serves, made up by 7 counties and 19 municipalities.

Mr. Fox presented four main areas that the HCCOG provides service to its members, which include Administrative Support, Planning, Aging (AAA), and Workforce relations.

Mayor Fontaine thanked Mr. Fox for his presentation, and thanked the HCCOG for all it does for local municipalities. No action was taken **~CLOSED~**

SKYLAND DRIVE WATERLINE PROJECT—DISCUSSION—After a brief discussion, Manager Powers presented funding for the Skyland Drive Waterline project without needing to take out a new loan, by using Town reserves. Member Ehmig made a motion to approve the Skyland Drive Waterline project with a total estimated cost of \$149,255.00. Member Hooper seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

Member Hooper made a motion to approve FY17 Budget Amendment #1, funding the Skyland Drive Waterline project. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. **~CLOSED~**

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUSES—After brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to award a \$350 Christmas bonus to all employees that worked for the Town for one year or more. David Hooper 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

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ABC Board—Mike Tarlton stated that the ABC Board/store and the Grandfather Center shopping center were in the middle of negotiating a new contract, before the shopping center is sold. He stated that he hoped to have a copy of the contract to show the Council at the next Town Council meeting.

Public Safety Department

Police Report

Fire Report

Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Ehmig stated that a Seven Devils resident had come to him with a concern he would like for the Town administration to look into. The GPS road mapping in Seven Devils is inadequate, and he hoped there was a way to request that it be updated, or that certain private roads in Seven Devils be taken off GPS maps. Manager Powers stated that it would be researched.

ADJOURN

Mayor Fontaine made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Larry Fontaine, Mayor

Sara Miller, Town Clerk