

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS  
TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES – RECONVENED SESSION  
January 25, 2010**

The Town of Seven Devils Town Council met on Monday, January 25, 2010, at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Bob Dodson and Council members Kay Ehlinger, David Ehmig, Richard DeMott and Kathy Copley. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ed Evans and Lois Evans, who recorded the minutes in the Town Clerk's absence.

At 4:07 p.m. Mayor Dodson moved that the Town Council come out of recess from the January 11, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved.

**DEBRIS REMOVAL**

Town Manager Evans gave an update on debris removal related to the ice storm in December. He reported that he met with a FEMA representative on Wednesday, January 20. Mr. Evans estimated damages for Seven Devils at \$236,000; FEMA's estimate was \$227,000. He anticipates that a representative will return next week for follow-up and said he is optimistic that some financial assistance will be provided. The FEMA representative stated that he was pleased with the documentation provided from Seven Devils.

Mr. Evans reported that the Town has been billed for \$46,000 with an additional \$14,000 not yet billed. He terminated the services of two crews on Tuesday and a third on Friday. Currently the Town has two crews working at a total of \$300 per hour. There is enough work to keep them busy for the next 2-3 weeks. Additional debris removal will have to be scheduled after residents begin to return.

The amount of \$92,000 was available for debris removal; \$32,000 is left. This amount should be enough to remove all "hangers" in the trees. Mr. Evans reported that, if the Town receives FEMA assistance, all monies must be spent within six months from the FEMA declaration, which has not yet been announced.

Member Ehlinger noted the need to clean out debris from ditches and culverts. Mr. Evans will talk with Kevin Aldridge from Public Works about getting this done. Mayor Dodson mentioned the possibility of using money from the Town's fund balance, if needed. Mr. Evans stated that this would be possible as long as the balance does not go below 50% (which is Town policy). He is optimistic that he will hear something definitive from FEMA before the next Town Council meeting on February 8.

**MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Mayor Dodson nominated Member DeMott. Member Ehlinger nominated Member Copley. Member Ehmig nominated Member Ehlinger. Mayor Dodson seconded the nomination of Member Copley, which was approved.

At 4:43 p.m. Mayor Dodson made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel Issues. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott and approved.

At 5:12 p.m., Member Ehmig made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Member DeMott.

No action was taken in the closed session.

A discussion regarding a Seven Devils representative to the High Country Council of Governments followed. Former Mayor Pro Tem DeMott had acted as the liaison between the Town of Seven Devils and the HCCOG. Newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Copley made a motion for Member DeMott to continue in the position of representative or liaison to the HCCOG. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion, which was approved.

**Adjourn**

At 5:14 p.m. Member Copley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Dodson, and approved.