

**TOWN OF TRYON
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 20, 2020 6:00 P.M.
MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples
Mayor Pro Tem Chrelle Booker

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis Town Clerk Susan Bell

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples asked Mayor Pro Tem if she had anything. She stated no, she felt Zach had updated them well for the month.

Commissioner Crowell stated he road by the dam and everything is looking good. The detour is working.

Commissioner Armbrust had asked Zach to make copies of the white tents that they discussed acquiring. Ollis explained the initial review is the larger the tent the more it takes to put them up. They have to be wind proof and are made of canvas. These would be ideal for festivals and we could rent these out to residents. Crowell explained it would be easier to have the festival people or residents to contact a party rental company. Ollis suggested a cheaper option. The tents are not as nice. You can get the 20x40 with upgrades for around \$3,000. Crowell asked where we would store them? Ingham asked who was going to set them up? Crowell explained that taking them down and storing the tents is the problem. You have to be careful with them, wipe down and store them correctly. Ingham stated putting them up is an issue.

Ingham asked if before the next meeting if we could get a price on what has been spent on tents in the past. Ollis will get with Paige to see if she can look through her records.

Crowell asked if we were absorbing the asbestos cost from Melrose. Ollis – we are not. He can go over it now if you want.

Ingham – at Viewmont Apartments, Val owns to the center of the road. She wants to find out where her property lines are. Ollis – the plat looks like a subdivision plat. He will look into it.

Ms. Skach read a letter asking who is responsible for inspecting the L'Auberge on Melrose for life safety. She needs to know who is responsible and asked what are we going to do about it.

Ollis gave an update. Fire Chief Walton can inspect certain things. This is considered a commercial building, even though it is residential. He can do this if they have a shared breezeway and a fire suppression system. We as a Town have the ability to inspect. We can't go and inspect your home for fire & safety codes. We can't inspect their homes. Attorney Morgan stated it is also multi-family in the

fire codes. Ollis – our minimum housing ordinance is for dilapidated houses, where they are not safe to live. Crowell asked who owns the boiler room? And the storage room. Ms. Skach claims that Peter owns the storage room. The state Fire Marshall has told her that this is the responsibility of the Building Inspector. Ingham told Ms. Skach she wants this Board to help make a decision in her favor. Ms. Skach just wants us to make a decision. The Board gets it, but it is above them to make a decision.

Attorney Morgan stated he is going to meet with Jana, the county attorney and seek how we are going to handle this matter.

Ollis updated the board on the fire codes - state you have to inspect those buildings if, the buildings have common breezeways or fire suppression. We can't go into a residence and do inspections. Bobby Arledge can also say that. Building inspections does not fall under the fire codes. He has come to the conclusion that we should not be involved. It is a private property kind of issue. Crowell feels that it is their issue. Morgan – the state Fire Marshall is not going to be the savior that she thinks. The Town doesn't have authority she thinks. Ollis stated that it is a local issue, but he doesn't think it is our local issue.

Ollis and Josh are going to present doing inspections within the Town at a future meeting. They feel the Polk County Fire Marshall is responsible. Josh has requested all the records of the inspections the county has done.

Armbrust - in view of the complaints on Melrose Inn they are going to have to install a barrier at a cost of \$1,200. He personally is going to cover the housing for the asbestos person for a week. He is requesting the Town to cover the \$1,200 for the barrier. The Board all agreed to cover the \$1,200 cost.

Armbrust wants to make sure the protocols for the use of St. Luke's Plaza are followed and requested that a sign be put up saying public property.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk