

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 21, 2021 6:00 P.M.
WORK SESSION
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN ROOM**

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 called the work session to order.

Commissioner Armbrust expressed his support for the Tourism application received from Jeff Fissel. Commissioner Ingham had concerns about him living in Hendersonville and that he doesn't have a business or work in Tryon. Commissioner Crowell explained the board needs three applicants. Armbrust stated he begged Robert Lange to come back, but he would not. He did not like the meeting that was held to discuss the new branding.

Town Manager Ollis explained this board asked to see the information, so he directed Paige to ask all boards to meet. Armbrust explained Mr. Lange thought it should have been discussed with the steering committee. Ingham replied the decision has not been finalized, it was just for them to see what they were working on. Ollis stated that he doesn't answer to the steering committee, he answers to you. The steering committee was at the meeting. Again, he was asked by this board.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker had nothing.

Ingham asked about the people sleeping at the storage units on Highway 176. Ollis would like to talk to the owner first. Then he will navigate through the county ordinance to see how this is to be handled.

Ingham explained the he feels the Mayor Pro Tem if elected, should be for two years. He would like Chrelle to do it for two more years. All agreed.

Crowell met with Bill Mosseller about the restrooms. He gave him a quote of \$19,000 to fix the wall and prep area for concrete and the sewer lines. Another idea had been received, but the board felt the cost would be extreme.

Crowell feels that seven floats on the lake at the silo destroys the ambiance there. Ollis explained those were put there to make people aware of the danger. You can reach the silo from the side of your boat. It is not under water very much. He will consider looking into removing most of them.

Armbrust questioned the sidewalk work, if Justin was doing the work. Ollis explained Justin is making repairs on Second Street and he fixed the area on Melrose. Derek Pack fixed in front of Crys place. Ingham said the dip on Melrose is much better.

Mayor Pro Tem Booker asked about the Owens building. Ollis explained their ideas are to make it mixed use.

Armbrust notified the board that Darren Lynch purchased the land from Horseshoe Curve Road back to the Kuether building. He will start cleaning up today. In the interest of running sidewalks to that area, would we be willing to install sidewalks to the area as previously planned. Crowell and Ingham feel we could start working on sidewalks along 176 to that area.

Armbrust asked what time Tryon Midnight would start. Ollis replied around 7:00 pm. Crowell asked about a food truck. Ollis stated yes, Mountain View Barbecue was furnishing the food truck. The Trevor Arrowood Foundation

is the non-profit that will manage the selling of beer. They have insurance and permits. Andy and Dean will be doing their thing. Crowell will have catfish stew if anyone is interested for New Years Eve.

Armbrust asked the final decision on Jeff Fissel. Mayor Peoples will add this to the consent agenda.

Ollis explained that the Planning Board voted no on the Historic Preservation Commission ordinance before you, because they had some questions. Even though Tim has the answers he will take it to their next meeting. Attorney Morgan explained the board could hear public comments, then you could recess the public hearing until your next meeting. All agreed. Mayor Peoples made it 7a.

Crowell-Tourism has been asked for money over the past couple of years. The board decided if they give money it has to be for the marketing of an event in the Town of Tryon.

Mayor Peoples is waiting to hear from his daughter-in-law's fellow that will draw plans for the park. He's going to do something before Christmas. He will pay for the cost of the drawings. Ollis asked him to let him know about the plans, because he and Jeff are getting ready to start putting the gazebo together.

Crowell asked about the sewer lines running through the wilderness, could we make those pathways. Ollis replied we should have easements for all of them and those easements are just for our workers to work on the lines. Attorney Morgan replied we would have to obtain another easement if the Town wanted to use it as a greenway. Ollis-we could send letters asking if they would like their property to be part of the greenway.

Booker asked about the spill we had today. Ollis replied we had a broken 12" water line at Scrivens and Markham. They guys were dispatched on this one shortly after lunch and have been working on it. Armbrust asked if it had anything to do with the upgrades. Ollis replied he didn't think so.

Ollis-Capps Road Bridge-DOT is replacing the bridge and the general statutes make it their responsibility to move the water lines. What's there is a six-inch pipe. DOT's drawings are for a twelve-inch, so we are getting a twelve-inch pipe.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn the work session. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk