

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PLEVNA – Monday, October 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Town of Plevna Office

PRESENT: Mayor William Benner with Councilmen Gary Thielen, Kyle Vennes and Alba Higgins. (Jordan Hoffman will be present at the next meeting as the new councilman.) Also present was Nicole Benefiel, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Corrine Sander, wastewater operator; Rick Schell, water operator, and Mark Thielen, garbage. Members of the public present: Mary Grube, Fallon County Planning Board.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Benner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting were read and approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Mary Grube, Fallon County Planning Board:* The Mae Bohle Estate received a preliminary plat with a boundary line adjustment. This is being reviewed and will be put on the agenda when complete. The Planning Board met on October 1st. The public hearing for the man camp was on October 2nd for the extension of the pump station camp. There were 10 attendees that came, some of which represented TransCanada. The camp will be connected to Baker water. Solid wastes will be hauled by a contractor. The camp will be self-contained with their own laundry facilities, 25 RV spaces & 117 beds all on 6.54 acres. The County is requiring a \$100,000.00 dollar bond for cleanup and reclamation. The Baker Rural Fire Chief has stated he does not want any gas BBQs or open pits. Mary just received a permit for the man camp in the email today so she'll be sending it out to TransCanada with copies to all other interested parties. The construction of the man camp will not be started until spring now instead of October because of our weather. Discussion was held regarding the speed limit in that area.

Mary extended thank-you's to Alba Higgins and Bobby Wiedmer for their hand in getting the water to flow out of the upper damn into the Baker Lake.

CORRESPONDENCE: Council reviewed correspondence from:

Montana Department of Transportation regarding required notification by November 02, 2018 of any construction projects, pavement preservation activities and/or maintenance activities planned on state and federal highways over the next year.

DEQ Sanitary Survey Inspection Report for Public Water Supply for the Town of Plevna. Report was reviewed & discussed by the Council and Rick Schell.

Floating Island International regarding a treatment solution for wastewater lagoons that claims to reduce power usage and generate new revenue for the community. The Mayor requested that we look into receiving additional information on this.

OLD BUSINESS: Street light across from the Lutheran Church: MDU was contacted after the previous meeting and reported they would have it fixed within 24 hours of contact. It was confirmed it has been fixed.

Call forwarding is set up on the Town of Plevna landline to provide better accessibility for the public when the office is not open.

Need more input on price checking regarding yield sign stickers versus an entire sign, as well as the current statutory applicable code. Alba offered that the county goes through Newman signs. These are up to the current codes with the diamond reflectivity, which is a federal code. Mayor Benner expressed that the number we would need will need to be verified.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gina Carroll Driveway Pipe: Councilman Alba Higgins brought up concerns he had received regarding Gina needing to have a pipe in her driveway. Mayor Benner stated she is aware of this. Cliff Tudor was going to try and help her out. She will need to provide the pipe and do it. Some of the neighbors have complained about water. We need to avoid anybody's yard getting flooded.

Culvert Repair/Replacement: Cliff has fixed the culvert over by Hastig's. A plastic replacement pipe has been put in the driveway and alley there. The pipe needs cleaned yet.

Scoria Request: Cliff Tudor has also requested a hundred yards of scoria stockpiled where he can keep doing these culverts so he doesn't have to haul it. Councilman Kyle Vennes made a motion to bring in 100 yards of scoria to stockpile for Cliff's use. Councilman Alba Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gary Thielen will be in charge of bringing that in.

Plowing the streets: The question was raised as to where we can take the snow. There is the road across from John's where the fence was built. Mayor Benner vocalized that he wanted to fix that street, but it hasn't been done yet. It was discussed and decided that snow will be plowed down that street and dead end it at the corner. The appropriate parties have been contacted about the fence. The Mayor will stand behind any snow that gets pushed against the fence.

There was also inquiry about the area going down where Nic O'Connor put the trailer house, and where that was going to stop. Mayor Benner stated that this is an alley, and we don't usually do the allies. It'll be kept plowed to their trailer. There was frustration expressed regarding nowhere to take the snow when that street is plowed. Mayor Benner felt that as this is their own personal access, the Town of Plevna will not be responsible for plowing it. The snow will just have to be rolled off before the barn.

Before Alba retires with Fallon County, Mayor Benner would like to have the parts & accessories for the truck of Plevna's brought back over to Plevna. Nobody else will know what parts those are, such as the wing for the plow. Alba stated it would probably be smart just to bring it over here.

Kyle Vennes shared that he is going to put a pipe in his driveway before spring.

Additionally, it was requested by the Council that a note be added to the water bills as a reminder for the upcoming winter months starting the end of November that vehicles need to be off the street to allow for snow plowing. This reminder notice will be given on November's billing statements throughout the entire winter months.

The snow markers are on the fire hydrants.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Garbage: Mark Thielen – Mark got a new container in on Monday.

Water: Rick Schell – Questioned the age of the meters in town on everybody’s houses. They are Baker’s old meters because they weren’t electric readable. Shawn has rebuilt a lot of them around town. We still have some new ones. Karl from the DEQ commented about a lot of loss with meters 8 years old or older. The meters possibly aren’t registering. Mayor Benner suggested that we are losing water because the well runs so much. Rick stated there’s not as much fluctuation in the tank as there used to be.

Sewer: Corrine Sanders – Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018: Reviewed by the council.

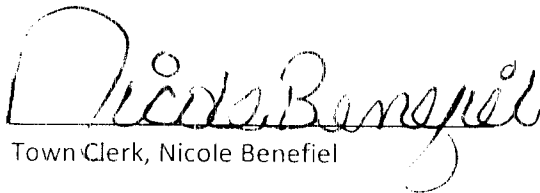
MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

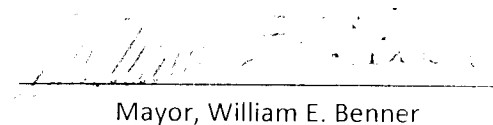
CLAIMS APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Kyle, to approve the September claims as presented in the amount of \$6,537.67.

EFT	MDU	\$ 816.06	EFT	MT DEQ	\$ 194.00
2259	Baker Ace Hardware	\$ 54.98	2260	Boss Office Products	\$ 173.29
2261	Coral Creek Landfill	\$ 758.25	2262	Corrine Sander	\$ 7.25
2263	Country Media, Inc.	\$ 31.40	2264	CT Excavation, Inc.	\$ 2,140.00
2265	Energy Lab	\$ 177.00	2266	Farmer’s Union Oil Co.	\$ 56.53
2267	Griffith Excavating	\$ 342.50	2268	Hawkins, Inc.	\$ 1,229.24
2269	Mid Rivers Comm	\$ 77.67	2270	Morrison Maierle Syst	\$ 240.00
2271	Petty Cash	\$ 134.50	2272	US Postal Service	\$ 105.00

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business, Mayor Benner adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.


Town Clerk, Nicole Benefiel


Mayor, William E. Benner