TOWN COUNCIL MEETING PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 19, 2013 7:00 PM

Mayor Greer-Present
Vice-Mayor Lewis-Present
Councilman Ward-Present
Councilman Massey-Present
Councilman Doughty-Present
Councilman Duer-Present
Councilman Metz-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Zeke Jackson, Ethel Parks, Chief DiMartino, Captain Doughty, Officer Zieger, Buster Spady.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Mayor Greer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Donald E. Kellam, Jr. said that the budget figures differ from those advertised in the newspaper. He noted that Chief DiMartino offered to hold a special meeting with the public to address their concerns and that has not happened. Mr. Kellam said that the police are doing a good job but there is a drop in revenue in the police fines for the 2013-2014 budget. He questioned the increase and decrease in revenue and expenditures from the previous budget in water, sewer, sanitation, legal and accounting, and public works maintenance. Mr. Kellam questioned the well pump repairs, the Town Hall roof repairs and computer maintenance.

Connie Taylor said that she did not realize this was a business meeting. She has concerns. She asked who the Chief of Police is and who is ruling the Chief of Police. Mayor Greer asked Mrs. Taylor to hold her questions and concerns for a regular Council meeting.

Bob Mishefski asked for signs to be placed at the park stating that there is no smoking, alcohol or substances allowed around the children. He asked about having a public bathroom installed at the park. He feels that citizens who have been purchasing bottled water should be reimbursed. He asked if money could be put aside for a basketball court or volleyball court. Mr. Mishefski said he has heard that the police department is asking business owners if he has been causing problems and he feels the police department is against him. Chief DiMartino offered to talk with Mr. Mishefski any time. Councilman Duer told Mr. Mishefski that Chief DiMartino has an open door policy and if there is a problem he will bring it before the Council. Mr. Jackson assured Mr. Mishefski that if he has issues with any of the officers Chief DiMartino will be glad to talk to him about it.

Ken Dufty stated that he is speaking on behalf of the Business Association. He said that in an effort to preclude another search for a new town manager they got a petition together and gathered 55 signatures in the last week to have Mr. Jackson continue serving this Town as its manager.

ADJOURN:

Councilman Duer made the Motion to adjourn.	The Motion was	as seconded by (Councilman	Massey.
The Motion was passed unanimously.				

Douglas Greer Mayor	Ethel Parks, Town Clerk	_