

**Town of Bentonia  
Board Meeting  
September 5, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of the Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Roger Burton. The following members were present Clint Lancaster, Patricia Ferris and Colby Parks also present was Police Chief Jason Bright, Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Clerk Cannon Williams and Kim Tyer. Absent was Greg Shaffer and Adam Brooks.

Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to adopt the minutes and bills and was seconded by Patricia Ferris followed by Colby Parks. Motion passed.

The Mayor recommended that the town borrow money to make the necessary sewer repairs using a low interest rate loan (approximately 1.9% for 20 years with a no penalty clause for early pay off). He stated that we needed to go ahead and make repairs to the buildings.

The Mayor met with Jerry Mills and John Scandalins and discussed updating and creating ordinances for the town and plans to have a work session in the near future.

The Mayor went over the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 and requested that the board make a decision on the mills. The current mills are at 14. The mills will remain at 14 for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion was made Patricia Ferris, seconded by Clint Lancaster motion passed, all were in favor.

**New rates to take effect October 1, 2017**

Individual water purchases for any outside contractors not having an account with the Town of Bentonia needing to purchase water will be: \$200.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10,000 gallons and \$4.00 per thousand gallons after that.

**Water \$20.00**

**Sewer \$25.00**

Business and commercial water and sewer accounts will increase \$2.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10,000 gallons of water and \$2.50 for sewer.

**Water Deposits \$90.00**

**New Meter \$500.00**

**Reconnect Fee \$90.00**

**Returned Check Fee \$35.00**

**Copy Fee .25 per sheet**

**Fax Fee .25 per sheet**

**Police Report \$5.00**

**Fire Report \$5.00**

**Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to approve the rate increases seconded by Patricia Ferris. Motion passed with all in favor.**

**Per-diem was approved for Clerks Cannon Williams and Kim Tyer for Court Clerk training in Tunica. Motion by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Patricia Ferris and followed by Colby Parks. Motion Passed.**

**Mt. Olive Church requested permission to hold a tent revival across from town hall, September 18<sup>th</sup> thru 22, 2017. They are aware they will need permission from Mr. Holmes. Motion by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Colby Parks followed by Patricia Ferris. Motion Passed.**

**A petition was turned in by Tommy Hancock requesting the speed bumps on Mosley be removed. Motion was made by Clint Lancaster to keep the speed bumps in place seconded by Colby Parks. Patricia Ferris was not in favor and voted no. Motion passed with the majority in favor.**

**Patricia Ferris stated that the rail road ties which had been placed on each side of the speed bumps be removed. The Mayor asked Jason to remove the railroad ties.**

**Jeff Williamson discussed the generator repairs and stated the switches will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$1000.00 plus the cost of installation. The Mayor stated that he would contact the Emergency Management for assistance with paying for the switch to be replaced.**

**The man hole located on the creek on Cannon Ave is in need of being repaired. The Mayor will contact Mr. McMaster, Hancock or Hemphill to have the man hole repaired.**

**Jason addressed the board with the following issues.**

**Repair of the side piece for the Explorer \$280.33**

**New radiator for the tractor.**

**New Blades for the lawnmowers.**

**New Battery for the backhoe.**

**Approval to purchase a pole saw, Still, \$650.00**

**Motion was made by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Patricia Ferris followed by Colby Parks to purchase the items listed above. Motion passed.**

**Jason asked if the tree in the ditch at Bobo Hancock's was on town property and if the town needed to remove it. It was determined to be on town property and the town would be responsible for removing it.**

**Mayor called for any other business to come before the board. Motion was made to adjourn by Clint Lancaster, seconded by Colby Parks, motion passed with all in favor.**

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**Kim Tyer, City Clerk**

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**Trey Burton, Mayor**