

Town of Lansing

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Dylan Lightfoot, Mayor

Marcy B. Little, Town Clerk

Town of Lansing, Board of Aldermen Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

1. The regular meeting of the Town of Lansing Board of Aldermen was held in the meeting room of the Lansing Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Present – Mayor: Dylan Lightfoot, Aldermen: Jim Blevins, Jack Brown, Michelle Slaton, Mauvine Shepherd, Matt Cordell

Also present: Marcy Little, Town Clerk; Larry Blevins, Maintenance Technician; Beth Johnson, Financial Advisor; Troy Brooks, Ashe Mountain Times, Frank Denny

2. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Lightfoot called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Mayor Lightfoot presented for motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 14, 2017. Alderman Slaton made a motion to approve the March 14, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting minutes as stated. The motion passed and minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

3. **Request to repair tractor**

Maintenance Technician, Larry Blevins, presented the board with a request to have the John Deere Tractor serviced and repaired, if needed. Also, the blade that was purchased with that tractor is being stored in the shed and not being used so it was presented to the board to trade the blade for the amount of service/repair was needed on the tractor. Mayor Lightfoot suggested Larry research the best prices. All in attendance were in favor.

4. **Specifics for new American flags**

Maintenance Technician, Larry Blevins, presented the board with specifics he found out about how West Jefferson does their flags on the streets. It was presented that the best placement would be the upper left corner of the parking spaces, against the sidewalk, every 3rd space with a 10 foot pole- 1 ¼ in thick with pvc holders. Some could be placed on the bridges and the barn. Alderman Blevins motioned to purchase 20 flags and the supplies to install them. Alderman Shepherd seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



*Board of Alderman: Jack Brown, Mauvine Shepherd, Michelle Slaton, Jim Blevins and
Matthew Cordell ~ Financial Advisor, Elizabeth Johnson*

5. Roop Bottom rental for wedding

Clerk, Marcy Little, presented a request from Allison Roop to rent the barn and Roop Bottom all week of May 1-5, at a discounted price, for her wedding in order to get all the decorations completed. It was suggested to charge a flat \$300 for the week for both and not worry with charging a daily fee of each. All in attendance were in favor.

6. Timber cutting

Larry Blevins presented the board with his findings from a meeting with Dave Isner, Highland Forestry Land Service, about the cutting of the aged pines up H Street that could be a problem soon. Mayor Lightfoot recommended all pines up H Street need to come down and this needs to be done with as least damage to surrounding area as possible. Larry was told by Mr. Isner that pine is usually higher in price closer to wintertime, so it may be better to wait until October. All were in favor to wait until the best price can be gotten.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Frank Denny requested the board to turn on his water to the building with the old Lansing Garage in order for two new businesses to move in, even though there are two outstanding bills totaling \$273 from past tenants on that building. Mayor Lightfoot reminded Mr. Denny that the town's water and sewer system is able to run only because people pay the fee for the use of the system and that the current balance on his building needs to be paid. After some discussion, Mayor Lightfoot recommended to turn on the water for the building so the new businesses can get started. Alderman Blevins requested that the current ordinance for the Water and Sewer system be reviewed at next month's meeting in order to hopefully fix this issue for future owner/tenant issues. It was suggested to contact Jefferson and West Jefferson and see what rules they have.

Larry Blevins made a suggestion to the board that a fundraiser for the park could be to sell ice cream and drinks in the park on the weekends. There was some issue about health department issues to look into what would be allowed.

Clerk, Marcy Little, mentioned to the board about a website to handle the Water and Sewer information and to make online payments available. More information on cost and content was requested. Mayor Lightfoot did mention that a website presence is needed.

9. Alderman Comment

Mayor Lightfoot mentioned that resident Steve Farrington has asked if the water and sewer lines can be extended in the G Street area for a possible new home.

Alderman Blevins requested that the town look into painting the old pedestrian bridge. The last bid the town got to do that project was around \$8,000 in 2015.

10. Adjournment

With no further items to discuss, Alderman Cordell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lightfoot adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

