

August 4th, 2014

At 7:00pm, on Monday, August 4th, 2014, in the Board Room of the Landis Municipal Building, Mayor James Furr called to order the Town of Landis Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting. Those present along with the Mayor were Aldermen Roger Safrit, Dennis Brown, Tony Hilton, and Dorland Abernathy, Town Manager Reed Linn, Finance Officer Ginger Gibson, Public Works Director Steve Rowland, Administrative Assistant Heather Wood and Town Attorney Rick Locklear.

A quorum was met.

Mayor James Furr opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor James Furr.

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 5-A Discussion of a Community Clean-up Day as presented by Lee Withers. All voted aye.

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adopt the minutes from the July 7th, 2014 Regular Meeting as written. All voted aye.

The first order of business concerned a "Community Clean-up Day". Lee Withers was present to address the Board on behalf of his wife, Kelly Withers, the new principal at South Rowan High School, concerning a planned clean-up day at South Rowan High School. It would take place on Saturday, August 9th, 2014 from 8:00am until they were finished. They would be painting, mulching, etc at the high school and they were asking for community support. Anyone that wished to help paint would need to bring a brush, and anyone who wished to help with the mulching would need to bring a shovel. Everyone was welcome. Mr. Withers thanked the Board for their time.

The next order of business was a public hearing concerning the annexation of Town owned property. The property was identified as tax map 133-A, parcels 206 and 058. Manager Linn explained that last month the Board had adopted a resolution of intent to annex Town owned property and called for a public hearing. The property was located along Highway 29 and extends south of Sonic and east to the Ralph Linn property. If the property was annexed it would make the Ralph Linn property contiguous with Town limits.

Mayor James Furr called to order the public hearing to discuss the proposed annexation of certain Town owned properties.

There were no comments from citizens.

Mayor Furr closed the public hearing.

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to adopt an ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the Town of Landis. All voted aye.

The next order of business concerned a public hearing to set the initial zoning of Town owned property recently satellite annexed into Town limits. The property had been donated to the Town by the DC Linn Family and was identified as tax map: 133-A, parcels: 103, 105, 112, 204, 205, and 226 and was located in the East Landis water district. All parcels were located on Dial or Coldwater and it was the recommendation of the Planning Board to set the initial zoning at R-8 (Single Family Residential).

Mayor Furr opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from citizens.

Mayor Furr closed the public hearing.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to set the initial zoning for Town owned property recently satellite annexed into the Town of Landis, at R-8 (Single Family Residential). All voted aye.

The next order of business was a public hearing to discuss revisions to the Town's existing Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Manager Linn explained that several years ago they had codified the Town's ordinance. However, some things had been left off and there were typos. They were here tonight to clean up some of the language. If the Board had any questions about the changes, Captain Roger Hosey was present to answer them.

There was some discussion before the Mayor opened the public hearing and the Town's Attorney Rick Locklear had no comments or issues with any of the revisions.

Mayor Furr called to order the public hearing.

There were no comments from citizens.

Mayor Furr closed the public hearing.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the recommended amendments to the Town's existing Nuisance Abatement Ordinance as presented, with an effective date of August 5th, 2014. All voted aye.

The next order of business concerned the Drinking water Supply Loan application (for the autoread water meters). Mike Acquesta was present to address the Board. Mr. Acquesta stated that a year ago the Town had made application for a loan to cover the cost of installing autoread meters. The response had been approval for a grant that would pay nearly all of the cost of the meters. Tonight the Board needed to agree to the loan application, which would show the Town's agreement to accept the grant funding for the meters. The Town's portion of this would be an \$184,200.00 loan and the grant would cover the remaining \$736,800.00 cost of the project, for a total of \$921,000.00.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to accept the grant and loan application as outlined by Mike Acquesta. All voted aye.

The next order of business concerned a loan resolution with the USDA concerning funding for the Town's sewer project. Allen Hart from the USDA Rural Development was present to address the Board. The sewer project had gone out for bid, and had come in over budget compared to the numbers from 2008. This resolution was required to move forward with the project. The new total for the sewer project would be \$2,549,759.00. The packet that Mr. Hart had provided the Board included the letter of intent to meet the conditions set forth by the USDA; everything was the same as the letter of intent that had been passed in 2008 except for the total cost of the project. The new resolution/letter of intent reflected the amount of the bids that had come in. The Board would need to approve the loan resolution as well as the grant agreement in order to proceed with the sewer project. Mr. Hart stated that he was pleased that the USDA could be part of this project.

Alderman Safrit stated that he appreciated everything Mr. Hart had done to help the Town through this entire process.

Mr. Hart read the loan resolution to the Board.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the loan resolution as presented by Allen Hart of USDA Rural Development. All voted aye.

There was then a short recess while Mayor Furr signed all accompanying paperwork.

Mayor Furr called the meeting back to order.

The next order of business was a contract amendment with Municipal Engineers in the amount of \$20,143.19 for the water project. Mr. Acquesta stated that the inspectors had stayed longer and thus had incurred more expenses than originally projected. It had been Mr. Hart's recommendation to make this contract amendment.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to amend the contract with Municipal Engineers for the water project in the amount of \$20,143.19. All voted aye.

Phil Conrad then addressed the Board concerning an update on the Rowan Express program. Rowan Express is a bus service that connects Kannapolis and Salisbury, serving Landis and China Grove. The program started in 2008-2009. Mr. Conrad provided some background on the program. The program had been largely funded by grant money and an interlocal agreement had been established in the summer of 2008.

The cost of riding was \$1.00 for a one way trip, with free transfers into the Rider system, which connects Salisbury to the Concord Mills area. The service had started in 2009 and based on their study of the numbers, it seemed that the majority of the riders used the service to get to and from work.

There was some discussion of the funding history and Mr. Conrad was looking for feedback from the Board. With the county population increasing, most of the area was now considered "urban" under federal guidelines and therefore the funding for the project would be going away. Under the current arrangement, funding for the program would be depleted by April 2015.

Gary Price then addressed the Board concerning funding options given that Rowan Express was no longer eligible for funding sources that they had used in the past. One option would be to reduce the service, cutting out all midway runs to finish the fiscal year with no impact to current budgets. If this did not happen, they would notify the public that service would conclude on April 1st, 2015 due to the lack of funding.

Mr. Price then went over some funding options for the 2016 fiscal year. He said that there are some employment funds to use since so many people use the service to get to work (though this was not a large amount). They would also request an additional \$2,500.00 from each municipality each year (making the total contribution \$10,000.00). The service would still maintain the schedule of only running in the mornings and evenings for those using the service for employment. Right now Rowan Express runs ten times a day. They would also continue to look for other funding opportunities to help reduce the fiscal impact for municipalities. Right now, they were just providing the Board with information, but they were recommending to immediately cut midday service from the program for the rest of the fiscal year.

Alderman Safrit inquired about how many people used the service during the midday hours. Mr. Price said he did not have those exact numbers but that most employment related riders used the service in the morning and evening. Alderman Hilton stated that a lot of the riders use the midday service for doctors' appointments because they do not have any other way to get there. It was his desire that they be able to keep midday as a service for those people because it was needed. He stated if they absolutely had to cut the midday service that was fine, but he felt the program did need to continue running, in general.

Mayor Furr stated that the first year Mr. Conrad had approached the board with the numbers, the money spent per rider was not really justifiable. However, now the program had met the projected numbers and was doing well, and they were going to have to change back to square one with the funding issue. Mayor Furr agreed that it was a valuable service and he had used it himself to get to work.

Mr. Price stated that some months they hit the 2000 riders mark for the service. He inquired if the Board was agreeing to the reduced schedule which would cut out the midday service for this year. Alderman Safrit stated that he was reluctant, but if it would save the program he would be willing. He reiterated Alderman Hilton's concern that a lot of elderly people use the midday service for doctors' appointments.

Mr. Conrad stated that the last thing they want to do is impact the current fiscal year and they could open a dialogue about the upcoming fiscal year. They simply did not want to "assume value". Alderman Safrit stated that he was still concerned about the midday service going away. Mr. Conrad stated that they wanted to put as much service on the road they can, of course, but they also did not want to "push the envelope" and lose it all together. There was some discussion of the matter.

The next order of business concerned the Fat, Oil, Grease and Wax Program as requested by Salisbury Utilities. Salisbury had adopted this program concerning their treatment of wastewater and they had asked us to adopt the same program since we send our wastewater to Salisbury. There are only a handful of facilities in Landis that this would govern – restaurants, Pinnacle, etc – and it included nothing more than Landis had done in the past, Salisbury simply wanted it formally recognized.

Mayor Furr inquired if it was simply "boilerplate", nothing new included. Public Works Director Steve Rowland stated that there are certain things that the state and federal governments mandate to be able to

operate and be in compliance. By adopting this program, Landis would be agreeing to be in compliance and use the same standards that Salisbury uses. This would not affect residential customers at all. There was some discussion. Alderman Brown asked if there were any businesses not currently in compliance. Director Rowland stated that they were all in compliance at this time. This agreement would impact the Town's system the most.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Safrit, to adopt the Fat, Oil, Grease and Wax Program. All voted aye.

The next order of business was a statement of commitment to provide local funding for the bike and pedestrian greenway projects. The Landis portion would be the Grants Creek Greenway and the Town's matching part would be \$42,000.00 – which was 20% of the total. The state would be supplying the other 80%. West Ryder Avenue would follow Grants Creek on Town property to Mt. Moriah Church Road. There was some discussion.

Alderman Abernathy inquired what all this would include. Manager Linn stated that it would be clearing, leveling and installing a bridge if needed, as well as a surface to walk on. Any bridges installed would be for walking/biking only.

Alderman Brown motioned, seconded by Alderman Abernathy, to accept the statement of commitment to provide local funding for the bike and pedestrian greenway projects with the state paying 80% of the total cost and the Town paying 20% of the total cost. All voted aye.

Alderman Tony Hilton then went over a presentation and update from the MPO. He spoke of various projects that would affect our area, including their time line and budgets. One project in particular was the Kimball Road extension. This was the one they had been “fighting for” and it had an April 2018 bid date. The project was already funded and it should begin shortly after the grade separation on Kimball Road was complete so that it will not dump so much traffic onto Chapel and Bostian. That much traffic influx on those roads as they stood now was unacceptable.

There was also one project that was very “near and dear” to Alderman Hilton. It was to improve the roadway/sidewalk/bike lanes between Concord and China Grove. It had been assigned the largest amount of points possible in ranking. It would greatly improve safety as well as be an economic help.

Alderman Safrit inquired if there had been any discussion concerning the Main Street project – when would it be completed at Ryder and Kimball, would there be any additional paving. Alderman Hilton stated that they would be installing a turn lane at Ryder and Main and the Post Office. Alderman Safrit asked if they would be repaving Main Street. Alderman Hilton said that was not on the books at this time. There was some discussion.

The next order of business concerned the revised agreements with the North Carolina Railroad. Chuck Purnell was present to discuss the matter and to answer any questions the Board may have.

One of the agreements involved the past movement of the historical structures and the movement of the gazebo by 2017. The other agreement was a landscape agreement. Staff had met with the railroad and both had been revised.

Town Attorney Rick Locklear stated that he had read both revised agreements and that he had no issue with the Release of Donated Interest and Bill of Sale, he found it to be acceptable. However, he did have some issues with the Landscaping Agreement and he wanted additional time to review it before the Board acted. It was his recommendation to pass the Release of Donated Interest and Bill of Sale tonight and to table the Landscaping Agreement until he could review the map.

Alderman Abernathy wanted to know who was speaking for the railroad because Town Staff was being told one thing one week and another the next. No one seemed to know what anyone else was doing. He wanted to know who they could trust to speak for the railroad.

Mr. Purnell stated that the Department of Transportation was managing the projects and they had bid out the contract. With the North Carolina Railroad they were sort of like the landlord. Mr. Purnell stated that he was not involved with the NC DOT part and any changes being made were being done by the DOT/federal government. It was his advice that Staff speak to the local division engineer's office with NC DOT.

Alderman Hilton stated that there was a disconnect between the railroad and the DOT. He stated that they had spoken to the district engineer and he was not always included in the emails concerning changes being made. Mr. Purnell reiterated that was through the NC DOT Rail Division, not the North Carolina Railroad.

Mayor Furr stated that the citizens felt "victimized" by that disconnect.

Mr. Purnell stated that Norfolk Southern has requested these things so that the motoring public can see the train coming. This would be a distance of 500 feet which would be in the green sight distance area. There was some discussion of the new requirements.

Mr. Locklear stated that based on the agreement as it was written, Landis would lose all of its trees downtown and he thought the agreement needed more consideration and revision. If they were talking about a brand new crossing he would understand it, but this was about downtown. There was some discussion and Mr. Locklear stated that he could not in good conscience recommend the Board pass the Landscaping Agreement as it stood. Mr. Purnell stated that they were just trying to cooperate with Norfolk Southern.

Mayor Furr stated that there was no bigger advocate for clear sight at railroad crossing than him; his mother had nearly been killed at a railroad crossing. However, the only issue regarding line of sight the Town had ever had was with the chain link fence, which had been removed years ago. It was his opinion that these changes were excessive and that the current line of sight was more than adequate.

Alderman Hilton inquired if they would be installing extended crossing arms when they redo the Ryder crossing. Mr. Purnell stated that the DOT engineers would be handling that. Alderman Brown stated that with DOT closing all other crossings in Landis except for the one at Ryder, they know full well that they are going to put in extended arms, as they would not risk people being able to go around them.

Alderman Abernathy stated that he could not support the Release of Donated Interest and Bill of Sale agreement because it included the movement of the gazebo and he felt that one should be tabled as well.

Alderman Hilton motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to approve the Release of Donated Interest and Bill of Sale Agreement and to table the Landscaping Agreement until it could be reviewed further. Alderman Brown, Hilton and Safrit voted aye. Alderman Abernathy voted nay. The motion passed.

The next order of business was an update on the Lake Corriher Wilderness Area and Tranquil Lake Drive. Manager Linn stated that he had met with the residents of Tranquil Lake and that while they supported the park, they had some concerns. Staff would continue to keep an open line of communication with the residents and seek out their input in the future.

Manager Linn then provided the findings of fact surrounding the issue which detailed some of the residents concerns including:

- Increased traffic in neighborhood has made it unsafe for playing children
- Increased traffic would possibly bring more crime and vandalism into neighborhood
- Future traffic increases due to park improvements will compound current issues
- Trash that is left on roadside by vehicles littering
- Current width of road makes passing other vehicles on the road dangerous
- Values of current properties in the neighborhood decreasing making them difficult to sell
- Pedestrian traffic using Tranquil Lake Cir. to gain access to Lake Corriher instead of using the trails
- Location of the proposed rustic cabins

The findings of fact also included some options that had been discussed and suggested by residents during the various conversations:

- Acquiring 25 acres of land off Flatrock Rd and making that the entrance into the park
- Building a bridge over creeks and accessing parking lot through Kimball Rd
- Putting gates up at park office that stay locked at all times and are only able to be accessed by employees, but it still used as the handicap access to the park.
- Utilize the YMCA parking lot as the only access to the park
- Extra security patrols on Tranquil Lake Circle
- Add additional signage to include “No Parking”, “Park Entrance”, “Handicap Parking Only”
- Fishing and pedestrian traffic not allowed to use Tranquil Lake Cir. as an access to Lake Corriher. Must use existing trails.
- Park Employees making daily passes on Tranquil Lake Cir. to collect trash and monitor area.

Manager Linn then reviewed the recommendations Staff was suggesting after reviewing all of the information:

- Designate the upper entrance of Tranquil Lake Circle as the main entrance to the park office and provide signage to indicate such
- Install “No Parking” signs along the upper portion of Tranquil Lake Circle from park office to Mt. Moriah Church Road
- Consider installing a gate at the park office to secure the area after hours
- Increase police patrol in the area
- Before park staff leaves for the evening they will patrol the area for any trash that may have been left behind
- Consider relocating the proposed rustic cabins and bathhouse
- Encourage all pedestrian traffic traveling to Lake Corriher to utilize the existing trail system and not Tranquil Lake Circle
- Relocate the service road gate closer to Tranquil Lake Circle
- Encourage park users to utilize the South Rowan YMCA soccer field parking as the main parking area for the park
- Make Staff available to entertain any ideas or concerns regarding the park in the future in order to keep lines of communication between the Town and citizens open
- As budget allows, consider widening the upper portion of Tranquil Lake Circle (the Town owned portion) to accommodate increased traffic flow

Manager Linn said they would keep the lines of communication open so that the residents could continue to voice any concerns. All of the meetings had gone well. It was also recommended, as the budget allowed, that they consider paving the part of Tranquil Lake Drive that the Town owned.

In addition, the Town had conducted a traffic study regarding vehicle traffic that was utilizing the new parks office. The study took place over a 30 day period between June 20th and July 20th between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm. This excludes any Town vehicles. The findings were as follows:

- High: 21 visitors on Saturday June 28th
- Low: 7 visitors on Friday June 20th and Monday June 30th
- Average: 12.96 cars per day
- Average for a weekday: 12.4
- Average for weekend: 14.1

Alderman Abernathy inquired what it would take to widen Tranquil Lake Drive (on the portion the Town owns). Manager Linn stated that they had not gone that far in planning yet. Alderman Safrit asked how quickly the new signage could be installed. Manager Linn stated that Recreation Director Andrew Morgan had already done some of the installation on the Town owned side, but Staff wanted to

meet with the property owners of the private part of Tranquil Lake Drive to see what kind of signs they wanted. In addition, they would be encouraging visitors to use the YMCA parking lot and the available paperwork would indicate that.

Alderman Hilton inquired if there was anything to preclude the residents who lived on the private portion of the road from gating both ends. Manager Linn said that the residents were allowed to do that, but the Town would need to have discussions with the residents concerning various Town services if they did that. Alderman Hilton reiterated that this was an option for the residents though. Manager Linn confirmed that it was.

Alderman Safrit stated that unless the residents did gate the private section of the street, there was no way for the Town to actually stop traffic there. They could put up signs but they would be unable to guarantee there would be no park related traffic without gates. Alderman Brown stated that the Town would do everything they were able on their part to alleviate the traffic though. Manager Linn stated that they were still trying to work things out, that there were still issues that needed to be solved. Alderman Abernathy stated that it was a great start. Mayor Furr stated that he had heard the concerns and he felt this was a well thought out attempt to address those concerns.

Alderman Abernathy motioned, seconded by Alderman Brown, to accept the staff recommendations concerning the Lake Corriher Wilderness Area and Tranquil Lake Drive as presented. All voted aye.

Department Head Comments

Town Manager Reed Linn: stated that Staff had met with Matthew Simmons of the NC DOT Rail Division concerning utilities lines on South Central. The Town had prior rights so the NC DOT will be bearing the cost of relocating those lines. The Town has an agreement with the NC DOT concerning the movement of water/sewer/power lines. The agreement should be signed and returned this week. Manager Linn clarified that with an agreement in place making the NC DOT liable for any costs associated with the project, was it now the Board's desire to move forward. The Board was in agreement. The work would be contracted out. There was some discussion.

Police Captain Roger Hosey (filling in for Police Chief Bob Wood): went over the calls received by the Police Department during the month of July:

- 3 accidents
- 13 calls for assistance
- 17 disturbances
- 8 property crimes
- 0 violent crimes
- 12 arrests from warrants
- 29 citations issued out of 85 stops

There were 191 general calls. The Police Department averaged a response time of 1.07 minutes for emergency calls and 2.03 minutes for non-emergencies.

Captain Hosey reminded everyone that National Night Out would be Tuesday, August 12th. The date had been changed due to a scheduling conflict. He encouraged everyone to come out.

Also, on behalf of Chief Wood, Captain Hosey wanted to thank Lieutenant Benfield. He had “inherited a mess” and has done an outstanding job of getting everyone’s training up to date. Also, the School Resource Officers had attended training in July and they would be going next week for additional training before the school year began.

Board Comments

Alderman Tony Hilton: wanted to echo Captain Hosey, commending Lt. Benfield for getting the training standards back on track. He also thanked Captain Hosey for keeping the computers going.

Alderman Dorland Abernathy: stated that the Town needed to look into things at the proposed passive park/old hardware store. He said things were not in good condition there and they needed to figure out what to do with the building, for good or ill. Mayor Furr agreed, stating that they were working on funding.

Citizens Comments

Nadine Cherry: stated that she was going to continue her comments from the July meeting. She stated that in January 2008, then Mayor Brown had signed an agreement with the USDA concerning ADA standards and that the Town said they would be completely by 2009. She stated that then Mayor Brown had also signed other USDA documents about the sewer project stating that the Town was in compliance with various acts and standards, including the ADA standards. Then on March 20th, 2012 the Town had written a letter to Allen Hart requesting more funding for the water distribution system due to an overage. Ms. Cherry stated that Director Rowland had told the ADA advocate that they would not put up signs until they had to. It was her opinion that the Town was not compliant with ADA standards.

John Derhodes: inquired when the Board received the findings of fact that Manager Linn had presented tonight. The Board confirmed that they had received it on Friday. Mr. Derhodes stated that he liked what had been discussed tonight, but that it all wasn’t in the recommendations passed. He stated that there had been some discussion of making the parking at the parks office be designated for only handicapped and Town vehicles. He felt this was a matter that still needed to be discussed and looked into and wanted to know how to get it changed to be included. He also thanked Staff and stated that they had done a good job. He discussed the mentioned contract regarding lights, police, fire, etc on the private part of Tranquil Lake Drive, but nothing had been said about road maintenance. Mr. Derhodes stated that the Board had voted on the findings of fact but that he wasn’t sure exactly what they had agreed upon. It was clarified that the vote had been for the staff recommendations portion of the findings of fact only. Mr. Derhodes also voiced concerns about the planned existence of cabins at all, but he realized they were part of the grant. He commented that “grants are like Christmas, free money” but that in one way or another citizens do pay that money back and anyone who thinks that’s not the case is sadly mistaken.

Mr. Derhodes stated that he was interested in the process that had gotten the Town from having two lakes that feed the water supply to a park that all of the citizens were now responsible for. He stated that he does not like the idea of a “black hole” and that he felt the park was a black hole and that there was no way the Town could ever break even. Mr. Derhodes stated that he had a list of questions and concerns that he was going to provide the Board with and he wanted answers and he wanted time on the next agenda.

Mr. Derhodes wanted to know if there was a line by line statement for the 2013/2014 budget available to the public detailing what had been spent. Manager Linn stated that the auditors would be coming in next week; the audit was due to the LGC by October 31st, 2014. When the LGC sent the completed audit back to the Town, it was then made available to the public.

Mr. Derhodes stated that he wanted to see how the parks and recreation budget was being done because it was “our” money the Town was spending. He wanted to know where the \$42,000.00 was going to come from (the matching money for the greenway), or would it be like everything else and be handled via a loan. He also commented upon the \$400,000.00 matching grant for the park – where was that money coming from? If the Town had \$200,000.00 “lying around” he felt they were taxing the citizens too much. If the Town was going to borrow the money, how were they going to pay it back? How could they justify the spending and it was his opinion that they weren’t going to stop. There had been a house located where the new parks office was, he wanted to know why the Town could not have used that instead of tearing it down; he wanted to know why the parks office needed a conference room and a police office. He stated that he does not like how the city is run and that he was going to be a “pain in the butt” because it was not right that the park had been put in and he did not feel the Town was being run properly; that the Town was spending money it didn’t have.

Alby Stamey: stated that it was nice to have a neighbor who felt the same way. He stated that if they wanted to come and talk to him fine, but threatening to arrest him for parking on the street was wrong. He stated that he had put the trash in the parks office parking lot because it had been left in front of his house. He inquired of Manager Linn had worked with the DOT to get the traffic study. Manager Linn stated that they had used the camera at the parks office. Mr. Stamey said it was “wrong” to accept that into the minutes because they had only done one way and that they needed to count traffic in and out. He stated that the study was “wrong and needed to be doubled”. He stated that he felt like Alderman Safrit was saying it wasn’t the Town’s responsibility to put up signs. Mr. Stamey stated that a sign needed to be put up that said “private drive” not “entrance to money pit”. Mr. Stamey stated that when he spoke to Alderman Safrit he had stated that the Town wasn’t going to do anything. Alderman Safrit spoke up to disagree, stating that he had never said that. There was some discussion. Mr. Stamey stated that he had approached the Town “nice as can be” at first and that the other day he had let his dog out and the dog started barking at a family walking by to go fishing. He stated that they did not belong on his property.

Mr. Stamey stated that the Town needed to put into the paper which entrance to use as well, not just on the website.

Mayor Furr then stated that he did not disagree with some of the things Mr. Stamey was saying, but that he was also claiming some things were said that were not. Mayor Furr stated that Mr. Stamey had gone over his allotted five minutes and that his tone had gotten inappropriate and he requested Mr. Stamey to please take his seat. Captain Hosey also requested that Mr. Stamey conclude his comments.

David McCarty: commented that Mayor Furr had said that citizens felt victimized by what the railroad had done; Mr. McCarty stated that the residents on Tranquil Lake Drive also felt victimized. He had purchased his home ten years ago and it had been a quiet neighborhood with no development. He stated that the park had been forced on residents with no input. He stated with the changes that were being made, it would force traffic off of the private side of Tranquil Lake onto the Town owned side where he lived and he did not want that. He stated that the park wasn't a bad idea but the Town needed to stop spending money "blindly" and more research should be done. He stated that the park office was in a "horrible location" and he did not want his yard to become part of it. He stated that temporary solutions were fine, but they needed a more permanent one. He stated that his yard did not need to be the main entrance to the park. Mr. McCarty stated that he knew this couldn't be solved overnight, but the Town needed to step back and look at the situation and to make it better for citizens and think about things more.

Donald Gariepy: stated that he lived on Sawtooth Oak Drive and that he was here to see how the meetings went and to introduce his son to how things worked. He thanked the Board.

Gary Morton: stated that he appreciated all of the concerns from his neighbors and that the subject of a long term solution had been brought up. He stated that he already knew of one good long term solution. He stated that there were 25 acres for sale for \$125,000.00 on Flatrock Road that connected to the park. He felt the Town should purchase that land and make that the main entrance for the park. He felt with "\$800,000.00 to spend" that this should be a viable option. He stated with the money that was planned for the bathhouse/cabins they could purchase the land instead and make that the entrance. Mr. Morton said that was a long term solution and he wanted to see it discussed.

There were no more citizens' comments.

Alderman Safrit motioned, seconded by Alderman Hilton, to go into Executive Session to discuss Legal Matters and to adjourn the meeting once the Executive Session concluded. All voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm on Monday, August 4th, 2014.

Heather Wood
Administrative Assistant