

# MINUTES

Name of Meeting: Business Meeting

Date 09/24/2019

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Location: GOSPORT TOWN HALL

## ROLES

Chair: Brian Gessler

Minutes prepared by: Donnie Hall

### **Attendees:**

Brian Gessler, Melvin Hall, Brenda King Terry English

Absent,

TOPIC	KEY POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION	OPEN ACTION LOG REFERENCE #
<p>1. <b>Approval of September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.</b></p>	<p>Melvin made a motion to approve the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	
<p>2. <b>Approval of September 24<sup>th</sup> bills to pay</b></p>	<p>Melvin made a motion to pay the bills as presented plus adding Wallace after completion and inspection Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.                      Brian Gessler recessed the meeting to hold a Budget Adoption hearing. After reading the proposed 2020 Budget and having no concerns or questions from those in attendance Brenda made a motion to adopt the budget and Melvin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0. Brian called for the recess to end and return to the regular meeting.</p>	
<p>3. <b>Water</b></p>	<p>1 Update; Mike reported that the testing is up to date.                      2 Mike reported that the leak on 7<sup>th</sup> street was suppose to be repaired today September the 24<sup>th</sup> but due to the black top repairs it had been backed up a day.                      3 Back Flow preventers; Everyone is in compliance at this time and he thinks next year will be smoother.                      4 Back hoe; Was returned on 9/20/2019 and had a cylinder that had to be replaced due to a crack. The additional cost was estimated to be around 400.00.</p>	

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<p><b>4. Sewer</b></p>	<p>1 Update; Mike reported that both pumps at the railroad tracks had been pulled and cleaned since the back hoe was returned.                  2 Bobby Neibel; Requested the town waive or adjust the hook on fee for his lot on Church St as there is a lateral already located on the lot and the town will have no expense in the lateral. Brian made a motion to charge a couple hundred bucks but that motion died for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bobby stated that if he paid a 1000.00 the town would put in a new lateral and that it would cost more than a 1000.00 to put it in. Terry English stated that the 1000.00 was not for installing a lateral but was the fee established in the ordinance. Mike said he would locate the lateral and expose it for connection. Melvin motioned that the 1000.00 would be for a legal working lateral and Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	
<p><b>5. Streets</b></p>	<p>1 Update;</p>	
<p><b>6 Fire Dept.</b></p>	<p>1 Update;</p>	
<p><b>7 Police</b></p>	<p>1 Update;</p>	
<p><b>8 Old Business</b></p>	<p>1 Golf Cart / Utility Cart; After discussing the advantages of having the cart and hearing the recommendation from the clerk on where to get the funds to pay for it Brenda made a motion to purchase the cart. Melvin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried 3 to 0. (50% water 10% sewer and 40% riverboat)                  2 Trees between the sidewalk and streets; Brenda asked where that project was at? She was told that there was in fact an ordinance passed in the early 60s. Melvin suggested to amend the ordinance to allow honey locust trees only be planted. No official action was motioned or voted on.</p>	

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	<p>3 Play ground equipment in the park; information from the insurance company was that the liability increase would be minimal if at all and that the equipment coverage would depend on the amount of coverage needed. Since the previous meeting it was suggested that maybe the alley could be closed and that area be used for the location. While looking at plans provided by Rachael the question came up about how hard it would be to close the alley? Several in the audience became impatient and cursing could be heard, voices were raised beyond acceptable levels, the entry door was slammed, and accusations were made. In coming council member Gerry Lunsford asked council President Gessler if he was a member of the GBA? Brian responded no. Lunsford then asked if Nikki was a member and Brian replied yes. Lunsford implied that there was a conflict and that he should not vote on the issue. Several people began yelling at Gerry which could not be understood from the front of the room. Mr. English suggested making a resolution that would allow the GBA to proceed with fund raising, grant writing and plans and then have a formal approval later after more information was available. Brian motioned to make a resolution but that motion died for lack of a second. With several people talking at once Brian asked for a motion to adjourn. Melvin made a motion to adjourn Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion carried 3 to 0.</p>	
<p><b>9 New Business</b></p>	<p>1 Sign has been ordered for the town hall.</p>	
<p><b>Citizens</b></p>	<p>1 While the meeting had already been adjourned Mariah Sink asked if she could use the park on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>? Not sure but clerk thought that he heard the council say yes.</p>	
	<p>Meeting had been adjourned at the end of the play ground discussion.</p>	

Approval:

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Brian Gessler, President

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Melvin Hall, Vice President

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Brenda King, Council Member

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Donnie Hall, Clerk/Treasurer