

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
March 8, 2010
7:00pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council of Felton Meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday, March 8,2010. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Joe Yapsuga Jr., Kevin Fletcher, Joanne Clendaniel and Mike Routh.

Staff: Town Manager, Rebecca Greene; Chief of Police, Levi Brown; Town Clerk, Sarah Ferguson.

Public: Henry Twardus, Resident

Citizen Concerns:

Mr. Twardus suggested that since the town will be receiving more funds from the stone depot a certain amount should be put aside in an earmarked fund for the purchase of heavy duty snow removal machinery.

Mayor Kelley stated that one of the biggest problems they had during the last snow was where to put it. Since the town does not have a tractor that could lift the snow high enough over the snow banks that were already there they had to hire contractors to help and that cost the town a lot of extra money.

Councilman Fletcher agreed and added that the town employees did an outstanding job. He was concerned though because of an incident that happened in Middletown where they had a house fire and the snow was stacked on the fire hydrants so the firemen could not get to them in time and now there is a lawsuit against the town because of this. He added that he did not know what we can do about snow on the fire hydrants but he does not want to see our town in the same situation.

Police Report:

Chief Brown reviewed the February 2010 Police Report (see attached). He stated that the tickets for February 2009 and 2010 were:

Officer	2009	2010
9451	238	77
9452	240	117
9453	90	70
9454	39	9
9455	Deployed	62

Chief Brown explained that station hours were high and tickets were low because of the snow. When Officers are on snow patrol they are to stay inside unless dispatched for a complaint or accident.

Chief stated that Highway Safety will be sponsoring a DUI Patrol for March 17th to the 20th for the St. Patrick's Day holiday and that a signup sheet has been posted.

Chief also said that an additional \$7,000 in grant money was made available from the Criminal Justice Council and that they will be using it to purchase a new laser, since this is the only grant that allows speed measuring equipment, a Tazer with refill cartridges, an in-car laptop to replace Officer Swan's (the cost to refurbish is only \$300 less then the cost of a brand new one) and a digital camera to be used to gather evidence.

Officer Thomas will be the town's representative in the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Rebecca stated that she had reviewed the SEU breakdown and for every \$1 the town is spending they are receiving \$3.07 in fines.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to reinstate SEU and to accept the Police Report. Councilman Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Rebecca asked if there were any questions regarding the current budget report. Councilman Yapsuga asked what Wireless Rental meant and Rebecca answered that the companies that have cell phone antenna on the water tower pay rent to the town.

Motion: Councilman Fletcher made a motion to accept the Budget Report. Councilman Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY11 Budget Discussion:

Rebecca said that she will have draft budgets for next month's meeting and would like some idea of what council would like to include. Councilman Routh stated that he was hoping that there would not need to be a tax increase and that he does not mind employees getting a raise.

Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that she wants Council pay to be reinstated. Councilman Yapsuga agreed and added that the Planning & Zoning Committee's pay should also be reinstated. Councilman Fletcher asked what the pay is and Rebecca responded that the Mayor's is \$80 per meeting and Council's is \$60 per meeting. She also added that the charge for Planning & Zoning would have to go before their Committee.

There was discussion about the Employees receiving a raise and a raise of 1½% in July and 1½% in January.

Councilman Fletcher asked if all this could be done without raising taxes and Rebecca said that she would add up all the expected expenses and income and they will see what the shortfall will be.

Stone Depot Contract:

Rebecca stated that Pioneer wants the stone depot contract to be effective April 1st so she needs an ok from the council to deal with the lawyers and for Dave to sign so it does not have to come back to council at the April 12th meeting.

Motion: Councilman Fletcher made a motion for the Town Manager to work with the attorney on the Stone Depot Contract and for the Mayor to sign that contract. Councilman Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the February 17, 2010 Public Hearing Minutes and the February 17, 2010 Town Council Meeting Minutes and asked if there were any corrections. Councilman Yapsuga stated that he had reviewed the minutes and did not have any comments or corrections.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the February 17, 2010 Public Hearing Minutes and the February 17, 2010 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 10-R001: Adopting the Revised All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Felton Town

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to adopt the Revised All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Felton. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sarah Ferguson, Town Clerk prepared these minutes.

Sarah Ferguson

Date