

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
March 14, 2016
7:00 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 14, 2016. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor Dave Kelley, Vice Mayor Joe Yapsuga, Joanne Clendaniel, Anthony Carroll & Diana Dolan-Beulah.

Staff: Town Manager, Rebecca Greene; Town Clerk, Amy Thomas and Chief Levi Brown.

Public: Residents; Theresa Dula & Jonathan Wood

Water Leak – 108 Courtney Lane:

Rebecca explained to Council that there was a water leak at 108 Courtney Lane. Ralph informed them that it was on their side and not the Town. The homeowner contacted Collins Mechanical to make the repairs and after they started digging they discovered the leak was on the Town's side. Mrs. Dula is requesting that the Town pay for the bill from Collins Mechanical in the amount of \$412.

Motion: Councilman Yapsuga made a motion to accept the charges of \$412 from Collins Mechanical. Councilman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Citizens Concerns:

Mayor Kelley asked if there were any Citizens concerns. Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that a resident approached her about the potholes on Lovers Lane. Rebecca stated that the Town is aware of this and we just received a bid from Jerry's paving for about \$33,000 to repave Lovers Lane. Rebecca stated that she is hoping the project will be completed by the end of the summer.

Police Report:

Chief Brown presented the February 2016 police report. Mayor Kelley asked if Todd is working on his own and Levi replied yes he started last Thursday night by himself. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga stated that he is concerned for the Officers safety and was wondering if they could approach vehicles on the passenger side since it is so dangerous to be on the driver's side. Levi stated that they can approach vehicles on the passenger side but it is the officer's judgment call as to what side of the vehicle to approach during a traffic stop.

Levi stated that there has been discussion in the past about NARCAN and we all agreed that we didn't want the officers administering NARCAN. Levi stated that right now there is a grant that is providing the Town with two kits of NARCAN for the Officers. Rebecca stated this is a medical issue and the Officers are not trained to handle medical issues. Levi stated that he feels once they start administering NARCAN it will not be something that they can stop doing. We will be provided the first couple kits but after that we will be responsible for purchasing them. Rebecca asked how much the kits cost and Levi replied about \$130. Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that Police Officers are not trained to handle NARCAN nor are they trained to deal with any of the side effects that could be caused from NARCAN. Vice-Mayor Yapsuga asked if there is a problem with heroin overdoses in Town and Levi stated there is not a problem in Town but they do get called to respond to them out of Town. Rebecca asked Chief Brown when the last time was that Felton had to respond to an overdose and Levi stated a couple months ago. Mayor Kelley stated that he doesn't want to not administer NARCAN because it could be a liability issue and he feels if the officers can help someone he would like them to be able to do that. Councilwoman Clendaniel stated that she does not want the officers administering the drug. Mayor Kelley mentioned to Chief Brown that maybe this is something that the Officers need to discuss. After much discussion it was decided that the Officers will not be administering NARCAN and Levi will let them know that our department will not be participating.

Chief Brown stated that on February 20, 2106 a bank in Harrington was robbed and Officer Guild was one of the responders. He will be receiving an award for this at the next Council Meeting in Harrington.

Chief Brown stated currently Delaware is using a mobile CAD system. There was an email sent to agencies wanting to know if anyone wanted to participate. It is free and the only thing that we have to pay for is the equipment; which will cost about \$187 for all five. This is a mobile system where the officers are dispatched and it is also a GPS device for Kent Comm so they know where officers are during their shift.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Yapsuga made a motion to purchase the equipment for the Mobile CAD System. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Report:

Rebecca stated that she received the check from DELDOT. Mayor Kelley asked if Ralph and Josh are doing inspections and replacements with the fire hydrants and Rebecca replied yes.

Motion: Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to accept the January 2016 budget report. Councilman Yapsuga seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Town Council Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the February 8, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes asking if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Motion: Councilwoman Clendaniel made a motion to accept the February 8, 2016 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

FY17 Budget:

Rebecca stated that she will have the draft budget at the meeting next month. She is going to present one with employees getting a 3% raise and another with a 4% raise. Rebecca also stated that she wanted to discuss the change in Council pay and also Christmas bonuses. Rebecca explained that with most municipalities Council does not get a Christmas bonus so she suggested that there be a pay increase and Mayor and Council will no longer receive a Christmas bonus. Rebecca stated that we can increase the Mayor to \$125 a meeting and Council will increase to \$100 per meeting. Next year we will not do bonuses for the Mayor and Council and we can put that money towards Employees bonuses.

Motion: Councilman Yapasuga made to accept new pay for Mayor and Council, with the Mayor receiving \$125 and Council receiving \$100 per meeting and eliminate Christmas bonuses. Councilwoman Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

These minutes were prepared by Amy Thomas, Town Clerk.

Amy Thomas

Date