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The regular monthly meeting of the Lansing Board of Alderman was held on July 13, 2009 at the Lansing Town Hall. In attendance was Mayor Jason Ring, Alderman Bill Cline. Brenda Reeves, Dennis Trainor Jr., Shane Duncan, and Israel Church. Also in attendance was Bernice Prestwood, Town Clerk, Charita Corzart, Finance Officer, Linda Burchett, Jefferson Post, Mauvine Shepherd, Larry Blevins, Nita Church, Jean Denny and friend.

Mayor Ring began the meeting at 7:00 by giving the floor to the finance officer Charita Corzart. The state has ordered the Town to get the water system in order, so it will sustain itself. For several years, the water system has been operating in the red. For the Town to get the system in order, the first thing to do is raise the water/sewer rates. After talking with West Jefferson and Jefferson water systems, the decision is to raise the water/sewer bill \$5:00. This with the new business will give us revenue of about \$13,320.00 a year. We hope that this will bring us to break even. Bernice will send a letter to each person on the system information them this was a state decision and we had no choice, except to raise the rate. A motion was made by Bill Cline and second by Brenda Reeves. All agreed. The Motion was carried.

Striping the parking lots in front of the Hardware. Depot Street starts at the corner of the Hardware's lot and goes to the light pole in front of the Fire Department. The money will come through the STEP Grant. A value of \$3200.00. Brenda Reeves made a motion to go ahead with the stripping and Shane Duncan second the motion, and everyone agreed. Motion carried.

A letter from Paul Combs was received to open a computer center in Lansing. It was suggested to rent Larry Blevins's Building for the center. Several computers would be set up, and classes would be given

on different subjects. The public would be charged a fee for the services. A game night would be available for the young people to play games on the computer. You could go in to check their e-mails. Glad would apply for the grant, and would be in charge of the projects. Israel Church made the motion to go ahead with the project. Brenda Reeves second. All agreed. Motion carried. Beth Rembert had a letter that the board needs to sign, so she could submit it to the USD of Commerce to show that The Town of Lansing and the GLAD Committee was very interested in this project.

The High Council of Government sent a resolution to the Town to adopt. There is no choice in the matter. Ashe County has to accept it. A motion was made by Israel Church to accept it, and was second by Brenda Reeves. All agreed. The motion was carried.

Jason Ring asked for all bills for the town to be itemized. Everything spelled out to see what is being used, or paid for. Motion was made by Brenda Reeves, and second by Dennis Trainor.

The Town needs a contract between the Town and the contractor who is doing the work. An understanding needs to be had with the town as of how much is being charged. Also a start a completion date. A motion was made by Brenda Reeves and second by Israel Church. All agreed and motion carried.

John Malone gave a bid for the wall at the Church's home. The Bid was \$9,475.00. Other means were discussed on how to fix the wall. Mayor Ring asked if the board wanted to table the discussion until the next meeting. He also asked for everyone to have their ideas in order.

The road behind Marie Blevins needs to be fixed. The person who fixed the pavement in front of the Hardware was supposed to bring a quote to the Town Hall, but he has not. Israel Church said that the person has looked at it. Israel will get in touch with him and get the quote.

The road behind ADAP needs gravel. There are large holes in the road. If the road is fixed, the people will go even faster than they do now. Could a speed limit be posted on the road? Dennis Trainor suggested two load of gravel. Bernice will call the newspaper and ask

for bid on the gavel for the street. Also Pat Henderson asks if the drain pipes that ADAP has put up, be put under the road to prevent the road from washing out again. Dennis Trainor made a motion to combine the gravel and to fix the pipes into one job, and to get bids on the projects. Everone agreed.

It was suggested that Lansing needed a leash law for the festivals and large gatherings. Israel Church said no, because we have on way to enforce it. He also said there was no leash law in the county. Brenda Reeves said if we had a sign that “all dogs must be on leash”. That would protect the Town. Brenda Reeves made a motion to adopt a Resolution that all dog has to be on a leash for all festivals and large gatherings. Shane Duncan second and it was carried.

When we have a leak could we get some outside help? There are times that Dennis can work on the water. Israel Church said to keep the work within the Towns people. Bill Cline made a motion to get the help if we need it. Brenda Reeves second and it was carried.

It has been suggested that the sex offenders in our town be kept out of the park or the walking trail. Jak Reeves has researched and has written up an ordinance to keep all sex offenders away from the park and walking trail. Dennis Trainor made a motion to accept the ordinance. Shane Duncan second, and Carried.

Jason Ring brought up the roof that Israel Church had the bid on. He wanted to know why it has not been completed. Mr. Church said the rain has held him up. He would have had it done if it had not rained so much. He said that it would be done in the spring, and it was not done. Then he said it would be done in June. Now he said it would be done by the second week in August. Brenda Reeves suggested that if he was so busy, maybe we should get someone else. Church said if we would let him do it he would be finished the second week in August. Dennis Trainor made a motion to accept that Church would be given to the second week in August to have the roof completed. Shane Duncan second and the motion was carried.

Jason Ring asked to give Doug Preston ten dollars reduction on his water bill, because he washes off the mud that washed down from where Jeanette Paisley built her house. How much higher was his bill than

normal? Table the discussion until next month until we have more information.

Jean Denny ask the Board to give her granddaughter a private parking space. She has two small children and had trouble crossing the road. Israel Church said that it would be showing favoritism. If we gave permission, others would want their own parking space. Israel Church made a motion to deny the request on the private parking space. Brenda Reeves second and the rest agreed and motion was carried.

Larry Blevins asked the Board to approve to buy sound systems for the park. The system will be paid for through the STEP Grant. Brenda Reeves made a motion. Shane Duncan second and the motion was carried.

Tim Church sent a letter on what he has done to improve the water system. With the orders that was brought back from the meeting that Israel Church and Dennis Trainor attended.

Nita Church wanted the permission for the three people to attend a meeting in Valdness on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed for Mauvine Shepherd and Beth Rembert to attend.

Bill Cline made a motion for the meeting to adjourn Dennis Trainor second. Carried.

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Jason Ring

Mayor, Town of Lansing

Bill Cline

Alderman, Town of Lansing