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The monthly meeting of the Lansing Board of Alderman was held on Monday December 14, 2009. In attendance were Mayor Jason Ring, Alderman Bill Cline, George Rembert and Brenda Reeves. Also Mauvine Shepherd, Linda Burchette (Jefferson Post), Joel (Mountain Times) Larry Blevins, Steve Greer, Beth Rembert, and Bernice Prestwood (Town Clerk).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Jason Ring and asking for a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Bill Cline made a motion, and was second by Brenda Reeves, and agreed by all.

The meeting was starting by swearing in the new Alderman. Mauvine Shepherd, Bill Cline, Brenda Reeves, and George Rembert.

James Williams was not at the meeting. He got the date wrong

Terry Paisley did not appear for the swearing in. Ring said he had to tell the Board that he did not want to serve. Mauvine Shepherd said he told her that he was not going to take the position. Also George Rembert said he thought it was in the newspaper that he would not take the position. So the Board can appoint someone to take the vacant seat. Or they can leave it vacant. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

A lady came into the office and asked if a sign can be made to ask people to park within the marked off spaces. A sign would not do any good; people are doing better about parking in the lines.

Brenda Reeves has an idea to have a float in next years Christmas Parade. The theme is Showcasing Ashe County. She would like the float to show what is happening in Lansing. This would keep Lansing's name in the public and could benefit Lansing. She can get the truck and the trailer and can do 70 percent of the work. But would need help. Brenda will head this project and form a committee. She will get some figures together and will bring it back to the Board. Everyone agreed this is a great idea. And should proceed with it.

The Town received two bids for snow removal. Mack Hamm and Dennis Trainor Jr... Trainor bid was \$105.00 per hour. Hamm bid was \$115.00 Per hour. George Rembert commented that he feels that it is wrong to pay by the hour. That is an incentive to go slow. Another subject that needs to be addressed, do we or do we not scrape drive ways. In the past they have not scraped driveways. All agree not to scrape driveways. Bill Cline said that Trainor would be here in town. Trainors bid are cheaper. George Rembert made a motion to vote. All aldermen voted for Dennis Trainor.

The Town of Lansing and the Fire Department had a contract to be signed for the building of a shed for the mower. The Town wanted more than two keys. Also the Town wanted to build the shed behind Ron Williams building. The Fire Department wants the contract to be as

written. George Rembert made a motion to accept the contract as is. Brenda Reeves second and it carried.

Dan Strickland could not be at the meeting, due to other obligation. There is a problem with the road not having enough width to make a turn. Also the sewer does have the composite to be used by the park. The town would like Strickland to put up a barrow (plantings) between the town and the park. This will be tabled until we get the new well. Jason Ring said that he and Sandy Lawrence would have a meeting about the well. But cannot get in contact with her at this time. We have to go through the engineer to get things done. The engineer has to give us the go ahead before we can do anything.

The Town received a letter from Lowe's' about the materials that Churches Construction purchased from them. An employee from Tri-State Components (where the tin came from) came over and looked at the metal, and he said it was damaged. He came back and measured the roof and faxed a copy of what we would need. We have agreed to give Church back the materials, and ask for our money back. Jak Reeves has written Church a letter telling him of what we want. He has 30 days to respond. It was agreed on to go ahead and order the tin from Tri-State Components, and let Brian Ashley to go to Parker Tie and get what he need to finished the roof.

The membership with the Chamber of Commerce is up for renewal. George Rembert said that he feels that we need to be a member. A motion was made by George Rembert to renew the membership. Bill Cline seconds the motion and all agree.

The Hospice Health Care System would like a donation for the business. It has been in the past not to donate to any business. Mayor Ring said that we ask for the amount of the money that goes to the executives and how much go to the projects. George Rembert said that we do not have the right to use the Lansing residents' money to go to a donation. George Rembert made a motion not to donate to Hospice. Mauvine Shepherd seconds the motion. All agree.

Mauvine Shepherd asks if the things that are on town property be moved. One reason is to get the striping done. When we adopt an ordinance the county will enforce it. Jason Ring said that we can adopt from the county. But we can't make our ordinance, because we can't enforce it. Bernice will find out what is legal to and can be enforce.

Larry Blevins ask if we can proceed with the roof. The tin will be ordered and we are on go. With no more public comment can we have a motion to adjourn. George Rembert made a motion to adjourn. Brenda Reeves second and all adjourn.