

**MINUTES**  
**BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**April 8, 2008**

***I. CALL TO ORDER***

Mayor Rick Owen called the regular meeting of the Beech Mountain Town Council to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Other Council Members present were Gil Adams, Randy Corn and Alan Holcombe. Also present were Town Manager Michael Boaz, Town Attorney David Paletta and Public Works Director Riley Hatch. There were a number of interested parties in the audience.

***II. Invocation*** – Charlie Burleson opened the meeting with a prayer.

***III. Pledge of Allegiance*** – All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

***IV. Adoption of Agenda*** – The Agenda was accepted as presented to the Council.

***V. Approval of the Minutes*** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the March 11, 2008 Regular Meeting minutes and the March 27 & 28, 2008 Special Minutes as amended and the April 4, 2008 Special Minutes as presented. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

***VI. Public Comment*** – Lee Wittman, 102 Rainbows End, addressed the Council noting previous meeting dates that he had been presented his concerns over the Town's appearance. Mr. Wittman passed out photos of trash bins that needed attention and voiced his concerns over the 'pole farms'. Mike Harris, 126 Wild Daisy Court, responded that one of the trash bins belonged to him and he was working with Mr. Hatch to move the bin to an appropriate location.

***VII. Old Business*** –

***a. Fire Department and Position Classification Study*** – Mayor Owen noted that the Council had discussed the issue at the Planning Retreat last month. Mr. Corn requested that the Fire Department study be contracted separately from the other proposed studies. After a brief discussion, Mr. Boaz was asked to obtain a new proposal from Springstead, Inc. with the Fire Department separate. Mr. Corn moved to approve the Fire Department contract with Springstead, Inc. on the condition that it does not exceed \$10,000. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

***VIII. New Business*** –

***a. Appoint Member and Alternates to the Board of Adjustment*** – Mr. Holcombe moved to appoint Paul Piquet as a member of the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Corn moved to appoint Fred France as the second Alternate to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Holcombe moved to appoint Renee Castiglione as the second Alternate to the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Owen seconded the motion. The motion

failed 3 to 2 with Mr. Adams, Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Corn voting nay. The Council will present other nominees at the May 13, 2008 Council meeting.

**b. *Appoint Member to Recreation Committee*** – Mayor Owen reported that Mr. Mooradian had resigned from the Recreation Committee. After a brief discussion Mr. Holcombe moved to appoint Brad Mettee to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**c. *Set Public Hearings*** – Mr. Corn moved to set Public Hearings on Dumpsters at Construction Sites, Parking Pad Requirements and the Tree Ordinance starting at 2:00 p.m. on May 13, 2008 in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Chamberlin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**d. *Requests for Traffic Calming Devices*** –

i. Mayor Owen reported that the Council had received a request to put a stop sign on Grassy Gap Creek road near the entrance to the Recreation Center. Mayor Owen noted that he was not in favor of the request. Mr. Chamberlin felt a warning sign or mirror would suffice. Mr. Hatch indicated that he had would look into removal of part of the bank around the turn. It appears to have a lot of rock in it and might have to be blasted. Mr. Boaz suggested a warning type of sign. Mr. Boaz was asked to investigate the possibilities and get back to the Council.

ii. Mr. Boaz reported that he had received a request from the Beech Mountain Club to place speed humps on Lake Road by the tennis courts. After much discussion, Mr. Boaz was asked to find the cost of the rubber speed bumps.

**e. *Set Dates for Budget Workshops*** – After a brief discussion, Mr. Holcombe moved to set 2008/2009 Budget Workshops for May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, all starting at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Holcombe moved to set the Public Hearing for the 2008/2009 Budget for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Budget Workshops and Public Hearing will take place in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

**f. *Phase I Distribution System Improvements Project Ordinance*** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve the Phase I Distribution System Improvements Capital Project Ordinance for \$687,910.25 with a \$68,000 contingency. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**g. *Direct Tax Collector to Advertise Taxes*** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to have the Tax Administrator advertise the delinquent taxes. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**h. *Resolution Approving Financing*** – Mr. Chamberlin moved to approve Resolution 08-04-02 approving financing through BB&T for water line improvements not to exceed \$760,000 with an interest rate not to exceed 3.19%. Mr. Corn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*i. Request for Annexation* – Mr. Boaz indicated that the Town had received a letter from Charlie Bureson of Charlie’s Beech Mountain Realty and Rentals, 3455 S. Beech Mountain Parkway, requesting that the property be annexed. Mr. Boaz noted that Mr. Bureson had requested permission to continue using his well for laundry and outside cleaning. The Council agreed and the exterior use of the well would be permitted to continue. After further discussion, Mr. Corn moved to direct the Town Clerk to verify the petition and to set a Public Hearing for 2:00 p.m. on May 13, 2008 in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

*IX. Town Manager’s Report – Michael Boaz* – Mr. Boaz reported; 1) Town Hall Day is June 4, 2008 in Raleigh. Mr. Boaz asked that anyone wishing to attend to let him know. 2) Mr. Boaz asked to be out of Town on May 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>. The Council agreed. 3) Mr. Boaz reported that the Fire Department had received a new fire truck.

*X. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (c) 6* – On a motion by Mr. Holcombe, seconded by Mr. Corn, the Council voted to go into closed session at 3:15 p.m. to discuss matters related to Personnel. Mr. Chamberlin moved to come out of closed session at 4:05 p.m. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken.

*XI. Other Business* – There was no other business to come before the Council.

*XII. Adjourned* – Having no other business to come before the Council, Mr. Corn moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by Town Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

Reba as I recall there were 3 against and 2 in favor of the speed bumps. as well as comments from the audience that the area in question is a congested area and should be marked and policed as such. Further that Mr. Chamberlin did not feel it appropriate to penalize law obeying drivers and their vehicles to control law breakers. Further that speedbumps constitute a public nuisance and wear and tear on all equipment.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Reba Greene

**To:** Pete Council

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 15, 2008 5:33 PM

**Subject:** draft 4-8-08

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