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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on November 30, 2020 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the December 7, 2020 meeting.

The below items were discussed.

Planning and Zoning- The First Baptist Church has submitted an building permit application to build a parking lot and a handicap ramp on the vacant property beside the church. It is not determined yet if the meeting will be held in person or via zoom.

Mayor Pucciarelli recognized the passing of Betty Howard.

Finance- Nothing to report.

Law and Order- The next court date is set for December 19, 2020. A citation was written for the person who hit the concrete wall on Pennlyn Street.

Historical- The case with 601 Pennlyn is still on going. Answers are being prepared to the interrogatories.

Streets- There was nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation- There was nothing to report.

Tourism- There was nothing to report.

Water- The town personnel is still actively looking for leaks. The leak detection equipment was used on all the fire hydrants and some of the water meters. The remaining water meters will be checked later this week.

Sewer- There was nothing to report.

Fire Department- There was nothing to report.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- There was nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Bicycle Grant- The bicycle grant is still being worked on. A combination of single speed and multispeed bikes are being researched. Mayor Pucciarelli commented that helmets will not be provided and a clause will be included in the waiver releasing the town from any liability. The implementation of the program will be finalized once the equipment is received. The mayor is talking to several merchants about the possibility of being involved in the program.

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Alderman Appointments- At the meeting next week, Mayor Pucciarelli plans to recommend John Douglas and Jerry Hopson to the vacant seats. The third seat is pending until the town receives notification from Rick Bain. Mr. Bain was elected but has since moved out of town and has yet to officially resign from office.

Zoom meetings- Mayor Pucciarelli stated he is considering conducting the planning meetings via zoom while the regular board meetings would be held in person.

New Business:

Sound System- The sound system, co- owned by the town and merchants association, is now back to being stored at town hall.

Training Opportunity- The town, up to twenty (20) people, has an opportunity to participate in a training opportunity thru MTAS. The four training sessions will begin in March with topics covering leadership, innovation, growth, and resilience. The training is free and will be conducted on site.

Ordinance 8-2020- An Ordinance Adding Internet, Cyber Security, and Sensitive Information Sections to the Town's Personnel Policies and Procedures

This ordinance is necessary in order to be eligible for cyber security insurance. A cost for the additional insurance will be obtained and announced next week.

Estep Property- A citizen inquired about the status of purchasing the Estep vacant lot. Mayor Pucciarelli responded that has been put on hold due to financial insecurities due to COVID-19. In the meantime, funding options are still be researched.

Beer Board- The beer license for the Pineapple Tea Room will be revoked due to the establishment closing.

There was no other discussion and the meeting ended.

Recorder