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# Bowman Town Hall Meeting Minutes

## March 3, 2020

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### Attendance:

- Mayor Patsy Rhett
- Councilman Michael Void
- Council Person Shaquetta Pelzer
- Councilman Leroy Harley
- Councilman Ike Carter

The Town of Bowman Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patsy Rhett at 7:00pm; invocation was brought forth by Councilman Michael Void.

### I. Swearing in Ceremony of Ike Carter:

- Mr. Ike Carter was sworn in by his spouse Mrs. Sherry Carter and took his seat as the fifth Councilman for The Town of Bowman.

### II. Approval of Minutes:

- The Town of Bowman Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patsy Rhett at 7:00pm; invocation was brought forth by Council Person Michael Void. The meeting minutes from February 4, 2020 were presented, approved and adopted. Motion was offered and minutes were second by Council Person Michael Void and they will be stored on file.

### III. Acknowledgement of Bowman Essay Winner from Bethune Bowman School:

- Mayor Patsy Rhett presented Master Gregory Shuler with a Certificate of Excellence on the behalf of the Town of Bowman and with a Special Recognition gift from the Carters.

### IV. Presentation from Lower Savannah Council of Governments:

- Vernon Stephens and Nora Sanders presented to the Town of Bowman some of the resources that Lower Savannah Council can provide. The LSCG programs are divided into six departments: Administration; Aging, Disability and Transportation; Housing; Planning, Community and Economic Development; Tourism; and Workforce Development. Staff assists the aging population of the region; administer regional transportation programs; plan for future land use in communities; provide grant writing and administration services; provide workforce training and development; and much more.

### V. Departmental Reports:

- Administrative Updates by Mayor Patsy Rhett:

- Mayor Patsy Rhett received a letter of Resolution of Support from Orangeburg County Council supporting how important it is that the Town of Bowman participate in the 2020 Census; Each Councilman signed the Resolution of Support.
- Finance Report Updates by Town Clerk Toni Glover:
  - General Fund  
Beginning Balance - \$17,420.40 Ending Balance - \$37,730.48
  - Municipal Fund  
Beginning Balance - \$3,909.93 Ending Balance - \$6,311.54
  - Sewer Operations and Maintenance Fund  
Beginning Balance - \$1,873.62 Ending Balance - \$14,007.43
  - ❖ It was properly moved by Councilman Michael Void and properly second by Councilman Harley to accept the minutes for the finance report and they will be stored officially in the Town of Bowman records.
- Water/Sewer Report Update by Councilman Leroy Harley:
  - Ensured the community that all the pump stations are working properly but wanted to reiterate that due to the large amount of rain that we have had lately that special attention has been given to the PH Levels and Ammonia Levels are correct.
- Police Department Update by Councilman Michael Void:
  - The Police Department filed a total of 5 incident reports during the month of February, the reports are as follows:
    - ❖ 1 - Juvenile Problem
    - ❖ 1 – Stolen Vehicle Tag
    - ❖ 1 – Domestic
    - ❖ 1 – Animal Complaint
    - ❖ 1 – Use of Vehicle w/o Consent
  - The Police Department is in dire need of a newer patrol vehicle; the dodge charger has major engine issues and needs to be dead lined and replaced.
- Parks and Recreation Update by Council Person Shaquetta Pelzer:
  - Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am - Beautify Main St. (cleaning) designated meeting location will be the Bowman Museum – asking for volunteers and any donation of use of personal tools.
  - Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm – Easter Egg Hunt – meeting location will be the Bowman Museum
  - At this time no update from HGTV
- Streets Update by Councilman Ike Carter:
  - No report

## VI. Old Business:

- Addressed a question that was placed before the Bowman Council at last month meeting in reference to an update on the Town of Bowman allocation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Monies. Mayor informed that we have

remaining funds left that will be used by December that allocation will be spent on the Water and Sewer Department.

## VII. New Business:

- Mayor clarified the Town Hall/Water and Sewer Department policy for employees using company vehicles on the weekends and after hours.
- Upgrade for all sewer lift stations
- Purchase of the Old Dime Store – Bowman Council will meet and decide whether or not to move forward with the purchase; the Mayor did ask the community to begin to think and make suggestions on ideas of what that space can be used for in an effort to bring positive growth.
- County Council informed the Mayor that in March 2020 that the bidding process will begin for a new Bowman Library
- Financial report from the Harvest Festival Committee by Councilman Michael Void:
  - Fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup> starting @ 11:00am in the Town of Bowman Banquet Hall
  - Balance \$17.27, they have \$67.00 in cash that will be used to support the fundraiser on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Community Question – Is there any additional funds that can be allocated to Harvest Festival Committee and the Beautification Committee?
- Mayor Rhett requested that the Council and the community participate during the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> by reading to students at Bowman School as they celebrate Dr. Seuss Birthday week by reading to the students.
- Acquisition of new equipment for the Town of Bowman repairs for current equipment: the water and sewer department white truck

## VIII. Executive Session:

- Administration addressing some concerns with Councilman J. Ravenell

## IX. Adjournment:

- Councilman Michael Void properly moved for adjournment and for the Council to go directly in Executive Session; second my Councilman Leroy Harley Properly moved and second that the Town council go into Executive Session