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Town of Blowing Rock
Board of Commissioners
Budget Work Session
May 20, 2014

The Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners began their annual budget work sessions on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. The work sessions were held at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Commissioners Albert Yount, Dan Phillips, Sue Sweeting, Doug Matheson, and Ray Pickett. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott Fogleman, Town Engineer, Doug Chapman, Finance Director Nicole Norman and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Town Manager Fogleman began the discussion regarding the need for a regularly scheduled water line flushing of the town's system preferably every 6 months. He advised that flushing of the lines had tentatively been scheduled for the last week in May, 2014 and should be done again approximately 6 months later which would be in November. Mr. Fogleman also advised the event would be publicized accordingly. Council requested the water line flushing be completed earlier in May of 2015.

Town Engineer Doug Chapman was present to discuss capital improvements such as water/sewer lines, ditch line maintenance, Memorial Park improvements, and the proposed Public Works Facility, etc. Council reviewed a list of streets that had cast iron or galvanized lines that were in need of replacement and the cost of replacing those lines.

Mr. Chapman then discussed ditch line maintenance needed in many areas of town. Council felt it would be a good idea to be more pro-active regarding this matter and for the Town's street crew to regularly check and prioritize needed ditch maintenance.

Mr. Chapman explained that plans had been proposed in 2011 for a Public Works Facility, he then reviewed the plans with Council in detail. Council felt a wash bay including an undercarriage spray wash needed to be added to the plans to help increase the life of town vehicles.

Mr. Chapman reviewed several areas in need of maintenance in Memorial Park such as a retaining wall near the tennis courts, renovations to the lower basketball court, installation of additional stairs with handrails entering the park from Wallingford Street, etc. Council discussed the various features of the Park and agreed that the retaining wall area was a top priority. Town Manager Fogleman reviewed the infrastructure items and the costs for these improvements with Council.

In closing, Mr. Fogleman advised the budget work session would continue the following day, Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

MAYOR _____
 J.B. Lawrence

ATTEST _____
 Sharon Greene, Town Clerk