

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Teleconference via GoToMeeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
3:30pm

Mayor Paulin, Vice Mayor Sitoula and Councilwoman Grumbine met in work session via teleconference on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Also, in attendance Town Manager Ryan Hicks, and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Federal Legislation: Cable Franchises – The Council discussed an email they received from the Town’s legal counsel, Fred Sussman, as it relates to pending federal legislation that could have a significant impact on the Town’s cable franchising authority. The Council agreed to send a letter opposing the legislation and suggested following up with MML on their stance on the proposed legislation. The Council plans to follow up with other municipalities during the MML summer conference scheduled for next week.

Blue Crabs Advertising Opportunity –The Council discussed the information received from the Blue Crabs as it relates to advertising opportunities. Mayor Paulin said local businesses are currently leveraging that opportunity. The Council was not in favor of the advertising opportunity, they did not feel it was a necessary expense at this time.

R.O.O.T.S. End of Summer Block Party – Mayor Paulin received an email from R.O.O.T.S. Youth Outreach and R.E.C.C. requesting to hold a block party at the Village Green Pavilion. Town Manager Hicks stated the indoor area is not available due to renovations, but the outdoor area would be available with access to the indoor restrooms. Council was in favor of allowing the use of the Village Green for a strictly outdoor event.

July Town Meeting Agenda – Mayor Paulin suggested if the letter of opposition is completed it could be added under new business, otherwise no changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – None.

Vice Mayor – None.

Councilwoman – Councilwoman Grumbine has not received any sponsorships for the 4th of July event so far, Mayor Paulin has also not received any response. Town Clerk Brady has not received any responses either.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks discussed the upcoming renovations at the Pavilion.

Town Clerk – Town Clerk Brady asked Council about NETS request to use the Pavilion in November and December for their annual food baskets. Town Manager Hicks said the building will be available, and Council agreed to approve the use.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the meeting at 3:42pm.

The closed session has been rescheduled to next month.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk