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## Town Council Meeting

### Cedar Grove Town Hall

July 23, 2024

7:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Mayor Young at 7:00PM.

#### Roll Call

Mayor Melissa Young – PRESENT

Recorder Samantha Goodwin – PRESENT

#### Councilmen/women:

Leslie Sigler – PRESENT

Clayton “Jock” Young – PRESENT

Ryan Coleman – PRESENT

Mark Harrison – PRESENT

Ashley Young – PRESENT

#### Approval of Minutes

Leslie Sigler motioned to approve the minutes from July 9, 2024. Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

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## OLD BUSINESS

### Street Update

The leaks in the Community Center were fixed and no more leaking was noticed when it rained. The grass has been cut.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Regional Intergovernmental Council – Bruce Mullins

Bruce Mullins presented information regarding the existing sewer project—a resolution and invoices. There were 3 invoices. One is for Benchmark Construction which pays them off in full totaling just over \$9,620. The others are for the Regional Council totaling \$731 and Thrasher Engineering totaling \$1,959. Bruce also has the paperwork to request funds from the West Virginia DEPSRF for \$731 and West Virginia IJDC \$11,579. Jock motioned to allow Mayor Young to sign the documents. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### Sewer Project Phase II – Thrasher

Representatives from Thrasher, Fred and Brian, came to propose work on the town's sewer pumps to get the town into compliance. They also wanted to propose that we try to get an additional \$4 million grant to complete the project in and around the area of Cedar Terrace. Fred explained that we will use the remaining funds for camera work as the council has discussed before. Thrasher will work with Bruce Mullins to help apply for the necessary funding so that the Town of Cedar Grove does not have any debt or rate increases—Fred claims that the goal is to have all new pipes and little to no increase on the sewer rates. Bruce spoke up to notify Fred that the necessary forms have been submitted already to the IJDC for the funding. Fred said that these projects can be sectioned off based on how much funding the town is able to receive, so if the funding is cut off, the project can be put on hold. Brian explained that the camera work will help to see where the worst areas are located and they can replace those areas first. Mark Harrison made the motion to approve moving

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forward with the new project and necessary paperwork for funding. Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### Investment Pool

Mayor Young shared the information about investing money with the accountant and he broke it down into how much we are able to invest based on each account/fund. The General Fund balance is \$635,806. If we invest \$550,000, the town will see about a \$30,000 return each year. Randy said that he did not feel there was any issue with it. Mayor Young shared that Randy has left enough money to continue running the town. Jock said that he believes if Randy is okay with it, then it is okay with him. Mayor Young said that investing this money will help cover the raises given to the town employees. Mark Harrison motioned that we invest the \$550,000 from the General Fund because if the town needs any money, they can remove it in a matter of 2 days. Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The Sewer Fund balance was \$153,700. Randy suggested investing \$100,000-\$110,000 with a return of \$5,400 or greater. Ashley Young motioned to invest \$100,000 from the Sewer account. Ryan Coleman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### Pump Repair – Precision Pump and Valve

Mayor Young has an invoice from Precision Pump for the pump repairs totaling \$3,611. Leslie Sigler motioned that we pay to fix the pump. Mark Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

### Grass and Solid Waste Ordinance

Mayor Young spoke with the City of Smithers said that their ordinance was 12 inches but they were pushing to get it down to 6 inches. They post a notice on the door and take photos. They give them 5 days to correct it and if they have to return again they increase the fine and the process repeats until they max out at \$100. The tickets also come with court costs for each ticket.

Mayor Young said that they have passed out notices to those who have not paid their garbage bills. Several will not be having their garbage picked up in the following week. Those who do not get their garbage picked up or present receipts/proof that they are disposing of their trash at the landfill will be fined for “open dumping.” Dee Gibson claimed that there were homeless individuals burning trash on Route 60 and wanted to know what we would do about them burning trash. Jock Young said that they would need to call 911 and report an illegal burn.

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Dee Gibson wanted to know the status on the police. Mayor Young said Chief Jack Ice is on administrative leave. He also wanted to know about the drainage issue that he has previously brought up. Mayor Young said she has called multiple times and has had no luck.

Alicia wanted to know about possibly doing a neighborhood watch or something similar while we have police again. Mark Harrison said you have to meet with the Sheriff's Department to start that kind of group. Mayor Young said that the biggest issue is getting people to participate. Alicia also brought up the cars illegally parked on the street again. Mayor Young said she sent the mail but it did not go where it was intended so she is not certain if it will be delivered in time—she said they have 10 days from the paper being sent to respond.

Jock Young said that the sidewalks are looking good, but he wanted to know about the storm drain in front of the post office is not done correctly. Mayor Young told him to ask the workers about it.

Leslie Sigler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ashley Young seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.