

The Special Joint meeting of the McGill Town Council and the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners was held on April 15, 2014 at the McGill Senior/Community Center located at the top of Avenue K at 6:00 P.M.

The following McGill Town Council Members were in attendance:

Bob Winder, Chairman
Roxane Ballandby, Vice-Chairperson
Mike Borovansky, Member
Anne Schroeder, Member

Absent Council Member:

Ed Dubrutz, Member

County Official/Representatives in attendance:

John Lampros, WPC BOCC Chairman
Mike Lemich, WPC BOCC Member
Richard Howe, WPC BOCC Member
Mike Coster, WPC BOCC Member
Lin Burleigh, WPC Clerk, Ex Officio BOCC
Patrice Lyle, WPC BOCC Office Secretary
Elizabeth Francis, WPC Finance Director
Chris Flannery, WPC Building Official
Kathy Ricci, WPC kHR Director
Steve Marques, WPC Sheriff Deputy
Jim Garza, WPC EDC Director
Elaine Blackham, WPC EDC Office

Also in attendance:

Delores Manchester, McGill Secretary/Clerk
Valerie Flannery
Andy McVicars
Margaret Cooper
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill Revitalization Association
Eva Trimble, Kinnear Library
Bonnie Gurr, Kinnear Library
Sue Winder, Kinnear Library
Stacy Laird, McGill Revitalization Association/McGill Business Rep.
Nancy Johnson
Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc.
Elinor Blackham, McGill EMS
Brenda McConaha, McGill volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary
Margie Peyton

County Commissioner, John Lampros, called the Joint County Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

McGill Council Chairman, Bob Winder, called the Joint McGill Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

County Commissioner Lampros led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS AND/OR CONCERNS TO BE BROUGHT UP BY MCGILL RESIDENTS, MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL, AND WHITE PINE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill MRA, inquired why this joint meeting had been scheduled.

County Commissioner Lampros explained that joint meetings used to be held each year; however, in recent years they had moved away from joint meetings. The BOCC has felt that it is time to begin visiting the towns again to learn firsthand what the residents are concerned about.

Andy McVicars addressed the assemblage asking about the recent change of old power poles, and the location of some of the newer power poles.

County Commissioner Lampros explained that the change of power poles was contracted by Mt. Wheeler Power as a result of recent upgrades. The power company is out of the control of the County Commission, but the BOCC can carry these concerns back to Mt. Wheeler Power.

Margaret Cooper addressed the assemblage asking in reference to the slag ditch and lack of maintenance on the slag ditch.

County Commissioner Lampros explained that the BOCC is presently working with the County Road Superintendent, Bill Miller, regarding this matter. Apparently Kennecott has developed a berm and rain runoff is now flowing through the slag ditch. They have been in communication with Kennecott regarding this matter.

Nancy Johnson asked why would they place some of the power poles in the middle of the streets.

County Commissioner Lampros answered that the BOCC has spoken to Mt. Wheeler about this and was given an answer that the contractor placed the poles there.

Town Council Member, Anne Schroeder, asked about the 2% tax increase.

WPC Finance Director, Elizabeth Francis, explained that the 2% tax has been changed to 1% tax. This was a franchise fee that was first implemented by the Department of Taxation.

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County Commissioner Lampros assured the assemblage that the tax override will not be for the new swimming pool.

WPC Clerk, Lin Burleigh, thanked the McGill Town Council for the letter of thanks that they sent expressing the Council's appreciation for the assistance her office provides. That letter meant a lot to her staff.

Andy McVicars asked about the possibility of riding 4-wheelers on public streets.

County Commissioner Lampros answered that the BOCC discussed the matter and it was voted 4 against to 1 aye. County Commissioner Coster will present a revised proposed ordinance to the BOCC after he has inserted some suggested revisions.

Kinnear Library representative, Eva Trimble, addressed the assemblage stating that their volunteer library group has permission from the McGill Town Council to set up their volunteer library at the McGill Senior/Community Center. They had originally wanted the original Kinnear Library Building, but as a volunteer group, they could not occupy that building. She would like to know the status of the Kinnear Library building, because the McGill Town Council and the Kinnear Library group have jointly expressed an interest in the building as partners for the Town Hall/Kinnear Library Building. She would also note that they have already outgrown the back portion of the Senior/Community Center and there is a need to move into the Kinnear Library Building some day.

EDC Director, Jim Garza, explained that there are 5 counties within the Brownsfield Coalition. They have looked at the Kinnear Library Building and identified contamination. Phase 2 will look at the funding to do the demolition/removing of the hazardous materials through NDEP, as they have the funding to clean up the contaminates.

McGill Council Member Schroeder inquired about the status of the McGill Swimming Pool.

County Commissioner Lampros explained that the McGill Swimming Pool will always remain as the McGill Swimming Pool.

County Commissioner Coster explained further, stating that the Pool holds historic value, it was recently renovated and it is the County and McGill focus.

County Commissioner Lemich further explained that the Ely Swimming Pool will be an asset for the McGill Swimming Pool. Staff at the Ely Pool will always be available to help staff and train the lifeguards at the McGill Pool.

Cynthia Angelopoulos stated that she has concerns about how the Town of McGill looks. They have turned in complaints the Town Council, of which they have forwarded on to the appropriate

agencies, many of the unsightly yards. Sheriff Deputies come out and issue citations, but many of the people don't clean their yards anyway.

County Commissioner Lampros explained that many people have purchased homes in McGill for their summer homes. Trouble is, they rarely return but for a few weeks, and they do not employ someone to maintain the property in their absence. Recently the BOCC responded to McGill Town Council's request for the abatement of the Old Standard Market Building as a dangerous building. The cleanup of that building could cost \$100,000 to complete. If the owners opt to let that property go tax title, then the county will have to abate the building.

County Commissioner Lemich noted that he feels there is an end to that "tunnel". There is a process to go through, but it takes time.

WPC Building Official, Chris Flannery, explained that the State Statutes lay out the process for the Standard Market for the abatement. This District Attorney is the "point of the spear" so to speak. Presently his office is only half way through the abatement process for that building. His office has responded to other requests from the McGill Town Council and he has experienced some successes, to name a few: the Old Goodman Tidball Building, the abandoned trailers at the southern end of McGill. It takes several hours for him to conduct his investigation and it is an extremely time consuming project.

McGill Council Chairman Winder thanked the BOCC and the Building Official Flannery for all their hard work in trying to abate the Old Standard Market Building. After 20 plus years reporting that building, the Council can now see movement toward this abatement process.

Andy McVicars explained that there is a group of people trying to rebuild the Little League and Baseball Diamond at the McGill Ball Park. They have organized a large group of volunteer to cut the sod, work on the sprinkling system, raising funds for materials, and hauling in the required clay for the baseball mounds.

EDC Director Garza explained that they also need to coordinate with the McGill Parks personnel and WPC Maintenance Super, Bill Calderwood. The SNPLMA funds are for many of the upgrades and they were successful in having the transformers (containing hazardous material) removed, but there is still much work to be completed.

Joni Drahos, McGill Revitalization Assoc., explained that the MRA, along with the McGill Volunteer Fire Department, has taken on the McGill Ball Park as their project. They have raised funds for some of the upgrades, and they have girls and boys teams ready to play.

Brenda McConaha, McGill Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary, stated that they have the volunteers to do a lot of the work, including scheduling of the Honor Camp. One of their problems will be the hauling in of the clay.

EDC Director Garza noted that the SNPLMA funds can be used for upgrades, but not to bring in the clay.

Elaine Blackahm, EDC Office, noted that, hopefully, additional funds will come available for additional upgrades to the Ball Park.

Town Council Member Schroeder asked about insurance for the Little League.

WPC Finance Director Francis explained that WPC carries liability insurance, but also the Little League carries their own insurance; however, she will check to verify this.

Andy McVicars asked about the Ball Park lighting.

EDC Director Garza explained that the SNPLMA grant funds did not include the Ball Park lighting. Possibly future grant funding could address that matter.

Elaine Blackham referred to the Car Wash located at the southern end of McGill. This Car Wash area has become a place for travelers to use as a public bathroom. There was a possible buyer for the Car Wash. That person wanted to open the Car/Truck Wash and place a Frosty Stand at that location so they could watch the place. The owners refused to sell, but the prospective buyers do not wish to give up.

McGill Council Chairman Winder explained that the McGill Town Council sent correspondence to the owners of the Car Wash informing them that their business was being used as a bathroom for travelers, and that the area had become extremely unsightly with the human waste and toilet paper blowing in the wind. The Town Council asked if they could post it private property with the hopes that people would stop using the area as a public bathroom, but the Council did not receive any response from them.

JOINT MEETING ADJOURNED:

County Commissioner Chairman Lampros entertained a motion to adjourn the joint meeting between the WPC Board of County Commissioners and the McGill Town Council.

County Commissioner Howe moved on the motion, County Commissioner Coster seconded.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

Town Council Chairman Winder entertained a motion to close the joint meeting between the McGill Town Council and the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners.

Town Council Member Schroeder moved on the motion, Council Vice-Chairperson Ballandby seconded.

Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the quorum present.

There being no further business or questions to come before the McGill Town Council and the WPC Board of County Commissioners, the joint meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Upon conclusion of the joint meeting, volunteers of the Kinneer Library gave a tour showing everyone the accomplishments of the Kinneer Library.