

**ENNIS TOWN COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ENNIS TOWN HALL**

Open Meeting: Mayor Pine opened the April 13, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Appointment of New Commissioner: Blake Leavitt was recommended to fill the vacant Commission seat left open when Larry Pine was appointed to the Mayor's position.

Palmerton made a motion to appoint Blake Leavitt to the vacant Commission seat. Bourk seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Leavitt was sworn in and he took his seat at this Commission meeting.

Commission Present: Bourk, Bancroft, Palmerton and Leavitt

Minutes of the February 19th and 25th meetings and the March 10th meeting: The February meeting minutes were not voted on due to not having a quorum of Commissioners at this meeting that were present at the February meetings.

Bourk made a motion to approve the March 10, 2016 minutes. Bancroft seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bourk, Bancroft and Palmerton voted yes. Leavitt abstained as he was not on the Commission yet. Motion approved.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Farm2Fork Farmer's Market Location Request: Max Maxfield told the Commission Farm2Fork (F2F) would like to hold the Farmer's Market on Wednesday this year and would like to have it at the School parking lot, that the Town has an agreement with the school to use during the summer months, so he is here to see if something can be worked out for that to happen.

Mayor Pine spoke in regards to Liability Insurance. There will have to be riders from both the Town and F2F on the Memorandum of Understanding that will be drawn up with the school for the use of their parking lot.

The Mayor is to pursue the MOU between the School, Town and F2F.

Local Government Review Committee: Tabled

Tree Board Arbor Day and Summer Plans: Dan Dedman told the Commission the plans that have been made for Arbor Day, April 29th, and what other plans the Tree Board has for this year.

Repeal of Old Sign Ordinance: Art Behar explained the addition that repeals the old sign ordinance. All this does is administratively clean up and question that may arise in regards to the old ordinance.

Bourk made a motion to approve the “repeal of the old sign ordinance” as presented. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Department Reports: Library: There was no Library report.

Law Enforcement: John Moore submitted his written report to the Commission and answered questions regarding the “your speed is” sign and changes that will be proposed in the fireworks ordinance.

Ambulance: John Moore submitted his written report for the Ambulance service and told the Commission about the mock accident demonstration that will take place on April 15th.

Public Works: Dan Dedman submitted the written report to the Commission and gave an update on the Moore’s’ Creek Culvert project.

Zoning: Art Behar presented a sign “type” request from Berkshire/Hathaway. It is for a digital sign that will be inside their window that will show properties they have offered for sale. Behar asked the Commission to approve or deny this request as there is no precedence for this type of sign. The Commission discussed the request and does not have any objections to this type of sign. The sign is alright to be permitted.

Clerk: Ginger Guinn submitted her written report to the Commission.

Attorney: James Greenbaum told the Commission the eviction case for the trailer behind Town Hall is in its final stage. The sidewalk MOU with Deemo’s and Sugar High is still being worked on.

Mayor’s Report: Pine asked for an interview committee for the open Commission seat the Town will have upon Bourk’s resignation. Bancroft and Leavitt will be the interview committee members.

Pine explained that the Planning Board is down to four members. He would like to see a full board, if possible, for the foreseeable future as he feels it is important during the re-write currently in process for the Subdivision Regulations for the Town.

Pine told the Commission the Library Director is retiring and he will be asking the Library Board position on hiring her replacement.

Pine asked the Commission to consider what monthly financial report(s) they would like to see.

The Chowning Alley matter is still pending and needs to be finished and finalized.

Pine said he will not serve on the Tree Board but is going to stay on the Ambulance Board.

The contractor that is doing the entrance and roof at Town Hall should be starting in the next 2-3 weeks.

The road maintenance schedule for this coming summer is also being worked on and should be ready soon.

Commission Comments: Bancroft asked about livestock in Town that is being called a “pet”.

The reason nothing can be done, at this point, was explained. Bancroft agreed to look at the Animal Ordinance and see if changes need to be made.

Claims: Palmerton made a motion to approve claims. Bourk seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

Adjourn: Bancroft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Palmerton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: All Commissioners voted yes. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Larry Pine, Mayor

Ginger Guinn, Clerk/Treasurer