

Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of the Borden Town Council

10.14.2025

ROLL CALL:

Rudy Cook called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Steve Williams (via webcam), LeAnn McClure, Faith Sauber, Brenna LaDuke, Matt Duncan

VISITORS:

Nick Sauber, Chris Burnett, and Ann Burnette

Opening

- Prayer by Chris Burnette
- Pledge of Allegiance by Rudy Cook

Budget Hearing

- Open for public comment; none present and no comments
- Motion to close the budget hearing: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve via webcam.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Regular Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting: LeAnn made a motion to approve the minutes, and Rudy seconded.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via web cam
- Motion to approve the minutes from work sessions on September 9th, September 17th, and September 25th: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye

- Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
- Motion to approve last month's bills: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Business Items

Scheduled Visitors

- None

Sewer Department

- Star Valley Way Sewer Project - LeAnn made a motion to terminate the contract with PAF, the contractor for the Star Valley Way sewer project, in accordance with the recommendations and advisement of our engineering firm. Steve seconded the motion.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Clerk and Treasurer

- Motion to accept the sewer adjustment for Ronnie Weisenbach: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Park Board Update – Chris Burnett

- Ready grants for paving and restrooms are awaiting approval.
- Exploring funding options for the sensory walk.
- Haywood entrance gates to be re-cabled.
- Park and rule signs are being made.
- Basketball lighting options are being explored, considering the current electrical setup.

- Creek bank erosion repairs to be addressed; Billy Kirchgessner to provide a quote.
- Park Board voted to split the cost of gutter repairs for dugouts with the Friends.
- Star Valley car show in the park on October 17th.
- No more fish fries this year.
- Sound system work for the amphitheater continues.
- Looking into planting shade trees around the amphitheater.
- Sponsorship bids for the Strawberry Festival go out in January.
- Annual Friends of the Park membership meeting on November 14th.
- Trunk or Treat is on October 18th in the park.
- Light Up Borden is on November 23rd.
- Friends meeting time was changed to 7 PM.
- Next Park board meeting is October 27th; Friends meet again on November 3rd.

Cemetery Update (Brenna)

- Kathy Weatherford sold six plots in recent weeks.

Police Department Update (Chief Jones)

- One reserve officer to join in January (pre-basic required).
- No personnel changes.
- Equipment is in good shape.
- Received two used tasers from the Sheriff's Department.
- Applied to the Lions Club for \$2,000 towards vests and portable breathalyzers.
- Applied to the Wood Carr Foundation for an additional \$2,000.
- Received a federal COPS grant for a new police officer starting in January.

Town Business (Brennan)

- Wood Township interlocal agreement to be delivered. The resolution was signed and delivered.
- Trick or treating is October 31st, 6-8 PM.
 - Subdivision will be blocked off.
 - Asking if the county will assist.
- Christmas party: Wednesday, December 10th at 7 PM.

- Capital Group Simple IRA: The Town would be able to offer the 401K benefit after 1 year of employment instead of 2 years. Matt asked if we had an employee handbook. Brenna shared that we don't have one; we have just completed one for the police department, but she was developing a handbook with the town's policies and procedures and would include that information.
- LeAnn made a motion, which was seconded by Steve, to amend the benefit so that it can be offered to an employee after one year instead of two years.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
 - Volunteering Annexation: We are moving forward with the four properties, but with the new school complex, the school corporation has asked for a proposal letter. The Town could waive the \$1,500 connection fee and offer them the in-town commercial sewer rate if they are annexed.
 - Motion to send a letter to the school board for the proposal for the sewer: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
- Truck or Treat at the park: Waiting until Thursday to decide if cancellation is needed due to weather.
- Light Up Borden is November 23rd; working on sponsors.
- Borden Tri-County Regional Water District board appointees: Rudy Cook, Chris Gertin, and Junior McCoy.
 - Motion to keep the appointees the same: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
 - Rudy Cook: Abstained
- Note in the minutes that Rudy Cook abstains.
- INDOT is doing underground utility work in front of Borden and Bargains.

- Paving in the parking lot: Milling on Thursday and Friday this week, paving next Thursday and Friday.
- Paving on Walnut Street: a bid from Temple & Temple was presented for \$1,800, and a bid from C & R Construction for \$7,490. The council discussed why there was such a big difference, but it is due to that Temple was awarded the bid for the parking lot at the Town Hall, and they will have their equipment in town. The scope is the same.
 - Motion to accept Temple's bid for \$1,800: Moved by Rudy, seconded by LeAnn.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
- Subdivision storm drain repair:
 - Motion to accept Billy Kirchgessner bid for \$3,850:
 - Moved by Rudy, seconded by LeAnn.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
- Town signage: Working with Chris and Todd on street signs and new signs for Haywood and Main Street. They will put it in place soon.
- Old State Bank: Engineering design done; working on BOT or regular bidding procurement.
- Town Resolution for accepting a BOT procurement process:
 - BOT (Build Operate Transfer) explained by Matt:
 - Public-private agreement.
 - Alternative procurement methods offer flexibility.
 - No change orders.
 - Streamlined approach.
 - Motion to adopt resolution 10-13-2025: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye

- Steve Williams: Aye via webcam
- Wood Carr Grant: Applying for the remainder of the \$2,000 needed for vests and breathalyzers.
- Sensory Walk: Working on funding.
- READY 1.0 funding: Waiting for the final signature from IEDC's lawyer to move forward.
- Rural Placemaking Studio: Shared the design, we can work with the artist on the changes we would want. This would go along the side of the Borden Business Park.
- South Monon Trail: Radius to award the town with a \$750 check for spraying and mowing on Thursday this week.
- Granola Store: Grand opening moved from December to February/March. Meeting with the owner once he returns to the county. Working with Radius on the ribbon-cutting.
- COP Grant: Waiting for directions on how to proceed, once the government opens back up.
- Park erosion money: Quote from Billy Kirchgessner for \$7,800, plus additional costs for blocks and riprap. To be addressed with the park board and the Friends board.
- Next month's meeting is on November 4th.
- Talked to Rick Koetter about the business opening in the business park, planning a ribbon cutting, and including 1si.

General Business

- Faith requested approval for the State Board of Accounts called Virtual series meeting:
 - Motion to pay \$125: Moved by LeAnn, seconded by Steve.
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye
 - Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Public Comment

- None.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. Moved by Steve, seconded by LeAnn
- Roll call vote:
 - Rudy Cook: Aye
 - Leanne McClure: Aye

- Steve Williams: Aye via webcam

Meeting adjourned.

Faith Sauber, Clerk-Treasurer

Steve Williams, Town Council President

Faith Sauber, Borden Clerk-Treasurer 11.4.2025