



7:57 p.m. **Town Manager's Report**

- Wrestling Request, **VOTE**
- Route 720 Speed Limit Discussion
- Point of View Breakfast – Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8 am at the Clover Club @ the Railyard
- Blfd, VA Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Noon
- Volunteer Christmas Dinner – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm at Blfd College
- Employee Christmas Dinner – Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm at Blfd College
- Town Offices Closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Mondays trash will be collected Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, No Recycling pickup on Tuesday
- Town Offices Closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mondays trash will be collected Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, No Recycling pickup on Tuesday

8:10 p.m. **Council Comments**

8:22 p.m. **Attorney Report**

8:24 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.6

8:54 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.1

9:24 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.3

9:54 p.m. **Executive Session:** Section 2.2-3711-A-1.7

10:24 p.m. **New Business**

- Appointment to Sanitary Board, **VOTE** – Mike Watson

10:28 p.m. **Adjourn**



## TOWN OF BLUEFIELD

### RESOLUTION

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, VA held on November 28, 2017, on a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote:

**WHEREAS**, the the Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, VA desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds up to \$40,000.00 to be matched through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue Sharing Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, VA hereby supports this application for an allocation of funds up to \$40,000.00 to be matched through the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program and

**WHEREAS**, \$40,000 of these funds are requested to fund construction of various sidewalks; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, VA hereby agrees to commit to their share of the total cost for preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction of the project(s) in accordance with the project financial documents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town Council of the Town of Bluefield, VA hereby grants authority for the town manager to execute project agreements for any approved revenue sharing projects for Fiscal Year 2019.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald R. Harris, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lesley L. Catron, Town Clerk

VIRGINIA: AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN HALL IN BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTION  
OF A HYDROELECTRIC PUMPED STORAGE FACILITY  
IN VIRGINIA'S COALFIELD REGION**

**WHEREAS**, we, the Town Council of the Town of Bluefield have worked tirelessly for many years to strengthen the economy of our community and create new job opportunities for our working men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, in examining prospects for development in our region, we have identified construction of a new hydroelectric pumped storage facility as a potential and promising source of new investments and jobs for our county and other localities in Southwest Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, this potential was recognized by the legislative leadership of Virginia's Coalfield Region, including Delegates Terry Kilgore, Todd Pillion, and Will Morefield and Senator Ben Chafin, during the 2017 session of the General Assembly through their sponsorship of House Bill 1760 and Senate Bill 1418; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation was passed by both the House of Delegates and Senate and signed into law by Governor McAuliffe; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation was designed to promote construction of hydroelectric pumped storage projects in the Coalfield Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Dominion Virginia Energy has recently announced that it is reviewing several sites in the region for potential development of such projects and has submitted preliminary permit applications to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the sites being evaluated; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study commissioned by Dominion Energy Virginia and issued by the respected consulting firm of Chmura Economics & Analytics confirms that development of a hydroelectric pumped storage facility would produce very significant economic benefits, including the creation of thousands of jobs, for our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chmura study specifically found that, depending on the final size of the facility, its construction would produce up to \$320 million in new economic activity and support as many as 2,083 new jobs in our region from 2017 through 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, the study also found the project, once in operation, would be a significant and urgently needed new source of tax revenue for local governments in Southwest Virginia, adding as much as \$12 million a year to tax collections to support vital services such as law enforcement, education and transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the study also forecast that, once the project begins generating electricity, it would produce each year almost \$37 million in economic benefits and support up to 50 permanent positions at the station itself; and



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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEFERRING  
A DECISION ON THE CLOSING OF ANY  
TAZEWELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia recognizes local, state, and federal funding for Tazewell County Public Schools is a serious issue in Tazewell County, Virginia, and is hopeful those funding issues will change in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia is optimistic that potential economic developments which have recently become increasingly likely, including but not limited to Project Jonah and Dominion Hydroelectric Plant, will locate in Tazewell County, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dominion Hydroelectric Plant could mean EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS in annual revenues to Tazewell County, Virginia and up to two thousand (2,000) jobs, and Project Jonah could mean up to TWO MILLION DOLLARS in revenues to Tazewell County, Virginia and up to one hundred and thirty (130) jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, either of those projects would change the aforesaid funding issue by providing an increase in local property tax revenues and an increase in school age populations in Tazewell County, Virginia and thus, enhance funding for Tazewell County Public Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA** that the Council of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia hereby respectfully requests the Tazewell County School Board defer any decision on closing any schools until a final decision is made as to whether the Dominion Hydroelectric Plant will be located in Tazewell County, Virginia or until Project Jonah will proceed in Tazewell County, Virginia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA** that this resolution is hereby adopted on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA** that this resolution shall become effective on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA** that Donald R. Harris, the Mayor of the Town of Bluefield, Virginia, shall execute this resolution on behalf of the said Council.

**IT IS SO RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE  
 ADOPTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RECORDED VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERS PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERS ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 RESULT OF VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

AYES	NAYES	ABSTENTIONS
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COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DONALD R. HARRIS, MAYOR  
 TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, A VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 LESLEY CATRON, TOWN CLERK  
 TOWN OF BLUEFIELD, A VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

# Memo

**To: Town Council**

**From: Mike Watson**

**Date: 11-22-17**

**Re: Tractor Purchase / Budget Amendment**



Council,

The Cemetery Department is in need of a new utility tractor with mowing deck and hitch blade for Maple Hill Cemetery. We received, under state contract, a price quote from John Deere for a 2016 John Deere Compact Utility Tractor with a 60D Mower and Hitch Front Blade. The total quote provided was \$15,805.00.

The equipment will be purchased from the General Fund. It is my recommendation that Council approve the purchase of the utility tractor and budget amendment for the Cemetery Department.

The Budget Amendment for this purchase is below:

**PURPOSE:** Tractor Purchase for Maple Hill Cemetery

## Revenue

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
0100-0509	Prior Years Reserves	\$170,830.39	\$186,635.59	\$15,805.00
		<u>\$170,830.39</u>	<u>\$186,635.59</u>	<u>\$15,805.00</u>

## Expenditure

Line Item		Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
9100-5850	Contingency	\$36,875.00	\$52,680.00	\$15,805.00
		<u>\$36,875.00</u>	<u>\$52,680.00</u>	<u>\$15,805.00</u>

Thanks,

Mike

# Graham High School

210 VALLEYDALE  
BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA 24605  
PHONE 276/326-1235

October 30, 2017

To: Mr. Mike Watson  
Town Manager, Bluefield, VA  
Mayor Don Harris  
Town Council  
Bluefield, VA

From: Tim Woodward  
Graham Wrestling  
Graham High School  
210 Valleydale Street  
Bluefield, VA 24605

Mr. Watson, Mayor Harris, & Town Council

I would like to thank you for the generous donation that the Town of Bluefield made to Graham Wrestling last season. This donation helped to make the 2016-2017 one of the most successful in school history. Alex Hicks was 195 lbs. 2A State Championship, Tracy Hagerman was 120 lbs. State Runner-up, and Caleb Fritz finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at 106 lbs.. The team finished fifth in the 2A Western Region and was seventh at the 2A State Tournament.

I would like to request a donation of \$650.00 for the 2017-2018 season. The donation will be used to purchase a set of sixteen new wrestling singlets. We need to replace sets of singlets that are over fifteen years old and can no longer be repaired. If this amount is not possible, any amount donated would be greatly appreciated. The Graham Wrestling Program is successful because of the donations we have received in the past from the Town of Bluefield, VA. I have included a copy of the Organization Tax Exempt form provided by Debbie Proffitt, Graham High School Funds Administrator.

I would like to present my request at the next Town Council meeting to discuss any questions or concerns. Please contact me at: e-mail [twoodward@tazewell.k12.va.us](mailto:twoodward@tazewell.k12.va.us) or 276-326-1236 (School) or 276-970-1698 (Cell).



Tim Woodward  
Head Coach  
Graham Wrestling

"Home of the G-Men"



# Memo

**To:** Council

**From:** Mike Watson

**Date:** November 22, 2017

**Re:** Water System Capital Improvement Project Engineering Grade Sheets

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Council,

On September 26, 2017, Town Council held interviews for Engineering Firms with Hurt & Proffitt and Thompson & Litton related to the Water System Capital Improvement Project. Each member of council was given a grading sheet and graded both firms on a scale of 1-10.

After tallying up all grading sheets, Thompson & Litton scored the highest with a 298 out of a possible overall score of 300.

It would be my recommendation that we award the Engineering Contract to Thompson & Litton.

Thank you,  
Mike