Board members present: Mayor Tim Helms

Mayor Pro Tem Kent Otto

Commissioner Kitty Fouche

Commissioner Alice Lentz

Commissioner Tom Widmer

Board members absent: Commissioner Bill Gilliland

Town staff present: Alex Carmichael, Town Administrator

Angie Murphy, Town Clerk

Approximately 11 members of the public were also present. Mayor Helms called the Public Forum to order at 6:31 p.m., and held a moment of silence.

**Agenda Approval**

Commissioner Fouche moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Widmer seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

**Public Forum**

Mrs. Clare Frist of 98 Frist Road reported a car was blocking the roadway on Mississippi Road and with the piles of snow there was no way for them to get by. Mr. Carmichael advised Mrs. Frist that we would contact the officer to duty to respond to this issue immediately.

Mrs. Mary Standaert of 118 Shenandoah Terrace thanked Commissioner Widmer for recording the forum for those that cannot get here due to the weather. Mrs. Standaert looks forward to it being a regular feature. Commissioner Widmer advised that going forward the Town will be trying a couple different technologies and platforms of making the meetings available to everyone.

Mr. Tom Frist of 98 Frist Road wanted to remind the Town Staff that the Cozad’s home on Frist Road is included in the public portion of roads that should be paved and plowed. Due to the recent snowstorm the Cozad’s were relatively homebound because the road was not plowed up to their driveway. Mr. Frist also asked what the plans were for paving on Frist Road now. Mr. Carmichael advised that the snowstorm delayed the paving and the backup plan is next week - weather permitting. Mr. Frist stated that the Cozad’s question if the road will be wider in front of their house. Mr. Carmichael replied that the roadway would meet the minimum standards as set forth by street rules and regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Otto stated that he spoke with Public Work Crews on Sunday and because of the consistency of the snow there were multiple roads they were struggling to get plowed. Mr. Carmichael stated that crews were working 24 hours shifts beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday with around the clock shifts going until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday at which point they returned to their standard 10 hour shifts. Mr. Carmichael reported that employees were stuck at home and other employees had to go them. This snow was very wet and heavy and it took a toll on our equipment. The average truck was running 58 miles a shift and 8 sets of chains were broken.

Mrs. Mary Standaert stated that she was under the impression that housing was provided for the Crews and asked if that would be addressed this evening. Mr. Carmichael reported that several members of the community had volunteered their homes as well as the MRA who had offered up the Glen Rock Inn as a place for Crews to rest.

Ms. Debbie Ferguson, Director of Development at Montreat College, announced that graduation would occur this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with approximately 99 students graduating.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lentz moved to adjourn the Public Forum. Mayor Pro Tem Otto seconded and the meeting was adjourned 4/0 at 6:43 p.m.

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Tim Helms, Mayor Angie Murphy, Town Clerk