

# *Town of Ansted*

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Ansted, West Virginia 25812

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*Home of Hawk's Nest State Park &  
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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, and Holly Jeffers, (Council member Josh Cameron was absent), citizens Teresa Pridemore, Dan Chapman, Dennis Mullins, Cynthia McClung, Barry Seipel, Cheryl Seipel, Jane Crist, Steve Eades, Teddy Gill, Michael Bostic, Joe Leake, Bruce Steele, Logan Steele, and City Clerk Siobhan Wilson, Town Attorney Larry Harrah, Leslie Smith of US Army Corp of Engineers, Clay Riley of Thrasher Engineering, John Tuggle and Lesley Taylor of Region IV, and Serena Davanzo with WOAY News.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Greg Brewer led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Holly Jeffers led everyone in prayer.

The September 2024 minutes had been provided to council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read the September Financial reports. Greg Brewer moved that they be approved as presented to council, seconded by Maggie Crist, motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	\$ 222,318.44	General	\$ 319,211.46
Coal Severance	\$ 1,577.01	Depreciation	\$ 124,024.12
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 42,230.77	Working Capital Fund	\$ 69,085.09
Family Tree Fund	\$ 1,894.59	Customer Deposit Fund	\$ 19,879.43
Recycling Program	\$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,032.12		
Events Committee	\$ 3,427.63		
Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 1,670.40		

Mayor Pridemore and Leslie Smith, US Army Corp of Engineers, was interviewed prior to the meeting being called to order by Serena Davanzo of WOAY News regarding the awarding of a Million Dollar Grant to the town from the US Army Corp of Engineers for Phase 3: Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) of the sewer upgrades. Leslie Smith presented documents to be signed by Town Attorney Larry Harrah and Mayor Pridemore for the acceptance of this grant.

Mayor Pridemore called upon Clay Riely of Thrasher Engineering to give a sewer upgrade update. Clay congratulated the Town on the Corp Grant and noted it will be put to good use on Sewer Phase Three. He indicated that we should be seeing more mapping and investigation starting Wednesday of next week, they are working on an application to WPA for more monies

for the Plant and the I&I Phase four technical review in October, he asked if any questions, none were voiced.

Recorder Wilson read Amendment #1 to the Engineering Service Agreement Town of Ansted Fayette County, WV Phase 3: Inflow and Infiltration I&I Improvements, copy attached. Greg Brewer moved approval of the amendment as presented and that Mayor Pridemore be authorized to sign, Anthony Harmon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read Sewer Resolution #43; copy attached. Greg Brewer moved approval as read and that Mayor Pridemore be authorized to sign, Maggie Crist seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson read a request for assistance from the Governor's Civil Contingency Fund, copy attached. Greg Brewer moved approval as read and that Mayor Pridemore be authorized to sign, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised that the VFW and he had executed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Veterans Memorial, so now the Town of Ansted Veteran's Memorial Fund needed to be open, he recommended it be at the Ansted office of United Bank with Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, and Town Clerk K. Siobhan Wilson as signers, that a debit card be issued to K. Siobhan Wilson for this account, and that the account be added to the Town's online banking. Maggie Crist moved that his recommendation be approved, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised that a debit card, issued to K. Siobhan Wilson, was needed for the Sanitary Board Town of Ansted account (#\*\*\*\*\*64) that he, Robert T. Wilson, and K. Siobhan Wilson were signers of, and it is held at the Ansted office of United bank. Greg Brewer moved to authorize obtaining said debit card, seconded by Maggie Crist, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore recommended that trick-or-treat be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6 to 8 pm. Maggie Crist moved approval of this recommendation, Anthony Harmon seconded, motion passed unanimously.


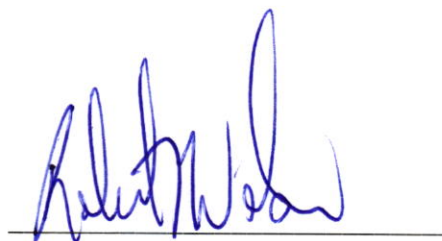
Mayor Pridemore indicated that the town had received a letter from Eugene Wayne Coen, III regarding issues with Henry Loving Street, copy attached. Mayor Pridemore indicated that he and street commissioner Greg Brewer had been addressing this issue, which required approval from a separate landowner on the street for removal of dirt, an old foundation and five or so trees, this approval has been obtained, and work to correct the problem should begin during this month.

Mayor Pridemore opened the floor to Jane Crist concerning issues with Holley Street paving, she expressed her concerns with water run-off down the street and the change of drainage at her driveway. Dennis Mullens expressed that water was running across church

street and onto the Grimmert property, and then onto his. He recommended that the town investigate the old drain at the corner of Holley and Church streets. Barry Seipel, owner of 102 and 103 Holley Street, indicated that his porch gets water from time to time, that speed bumps were needed on the street, and that the town needed to make arrangements to have the telephone poles moved off the street. Jane asked Mike Bostic for comment which he did not make any. Mayor Pridemore indicated that the issues expressed were noted.

Mayor Pridemore opened the floor to Cynthia McClung concerning Warren Street, up around Nutter Street and on to Layton Street, people parking vehicles along the road, blocking the road with a camper, lots of trash, etc. Teddy Gill showed pictures of various vehicle's parked on and in the road, Ms. McClung asked about an ordinance to address this problem. Mayor Pridemore indicated that the issues expressed were noted.

At 7:20 pm with no other business, Greg Brewer moved that the meeting be adjourned, Maggie Crist seconded, motion passed unanimously.

  
Stephen R. Pridemore, Mayor  
Robert T. Wilson, Recorder

This is **EXHIBIT K**, consisting of 2 pages, referred to in and part of the **Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services** dated June 2024, September 2024.

## AMENDMENT TO OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT Amendment No. 1

**The Effective Date of this Amendment is: September 2024**

### Background Data

Effective Date of Owner-Engineer Agreement: June 2024

Owner: Town of Ansted

Engineer: The Thrasher Group, Inc.

Project: Phase 3: Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Improvements

### Nature of Amendment:

  X   Additional Services to be performed by Engineer

### Description of Modifications:

***This Amendment adds on Environmental Assessment Additional Service to the project, as it is now required due to the US Army Corps of Engineers Program Funding requirement. This additional work will be performed for \$30,000; lump sum.***

### Agreement Summary:

Original agreement amount:	\$553,000
Net change for prior amendments:	\$ 0
This amendment amount:	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Adjusted Agreement amount:	\$583,000

Change in time for services (days or date, as applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing Agreement Summary is for reference only and does not alter the terms of the Agreement, including those set forth in Exhibit C.

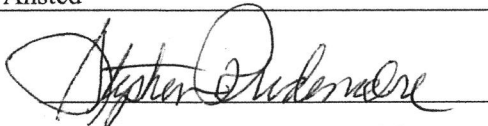


Owner and Engineer hereby agree to modify the above-referenced Agreement as set forth in this Amendment. All provisions of the Agreement not modified by this or previous Amendments remain in effect.

OWNER:

Town of Ansted

By:



Print Name: The Honorable Stephen Pridemore

Title: Mayor

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

ENGINEER:

The Thrasher Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Clay P. Riley, P.E.

Title: Vice President of Strategic Growth

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPENSATION PACKET AS-4:  
Additional Services – Lump Sum**

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Article 2 of the Agreement is supplemented to include the following agreement of the parties:

*C2.05 Compensation for Additional Services – Lump Sum Method of Payment*

A. Owner shall pay Engineer for Additional Services, if any, as follows:

1. *General:* For services of Engineer's personnel engaged directly on the Project pursuant to Paragraph A2.01 or A2.02 of Exhibit A, except for services as a consultant or witness under Paragraph A2.01.A.20, (which if needed shall be separately negotiated based on the nature of the required consultation or testimony) a lump sum amount per additional service detailed in paragraph C2.05 A2.
2. The following is a list of the additional services the Engineer shall provide for the project:

Land and Right-of-Way Surveying	\$ 5,000
American Iron and Steel Compliance Review	\$10,000
Environmental Assessment	\$30,000 <b>(An Increase of \$30,000)</b>

B. Other Provisions Concerning Payment for Additional Services

1. The Lump Sum includes compensation for Engineer's services and services of Engineer's Consultants, if any. Appropriate amounts have been incorporated in the Lump Sum to account for labor costs, overhead, profit, expenses (other than any expressly allowed Reimbursable Expenses), and Consultant charges.
2. In addition to the Lump Sum, Engineer is also entitled to reimbursement from Owner for the following Reimbursable Expenses (see Appendix 1 for rates or charges): N/A.
3. The portion of the Lump Sum amount billed for Engineer's services will be based upon Engineer's estimate of the percentage of the total services actually completed during the billing period. If any Reimbursable Expenses are expressly allowed, Engineer may also bill for any such Reimbursable Expenses incurred during the billing period.

C. *Period of Service:* The compensation amount stipulated in Compensation Packet AS-4 is conditioned on a period of service not exceeding forty-eight (48) months. If such period of service is extended, the compensation amount for Engineer's services shall be appropriately adjusted.

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ANSTED APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Ansted ("Town") has reviewed the invoices attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference relating to the design & construction of the Sewer Improvements Project to be financed by a WV Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (CWSRF Loan), a WV Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund Forgivable Loan (CWSRF Forgivable), and a WV Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council Soft Cost Grant (IJDC) and finds as follows:

- a) That none of the items for which the payment is proposed to be made has formed the basis for any disbursement theretofore made;
- b) That each item for which the payment is proposed to be made is or was necessary in connection with the Project and constitutes a Cost of the Project;
- c) That each of such costs has been otherwise properly incurred; and
- d) That payment for each of the items proposed is now due and owing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Town of Ansted that Mayor Stephen Pridemore is hereby authorized to request payment of said invoices as follows:

VENDOR	Total	IJDC Soft Cost Grant	CWSRF Loan	CWSRF PF
Triton Construction, Inc.	\$13,400.39	\$0.00	\$13,400.39	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,400.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$13,400.39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

ADOPTED BY THE Town of Ansted, at the meeting held on the 3rd day of October, 2024.

By:   
Stephen Pridemore, Mayor

***Town of Ansted*****30 Rich Creek Rd P.O. Box 798****Ansted, West Virginia 25812*****Stephen Pridemore, Mayor*****Telephone 304-658-5901*****Robert T. Wilson, Recorder*****FAX 304-658-4680*****Home of Hawk's Nest State Park &  
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October 3, 2024

Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Attn: Ann Urling, Deputy Chief of Staff  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, WV 25305

RE: Governor's Civil Contingency Fund.

Ms. Urling:

Please consider this correspondence as a formal request for assistance from the Governor's Civil Contingency Fund.

The Town of Ansted's wastewater system currently serves 582 residential and commercial customers, including the Hawks Nest State Park. The initial collection system was implemented in the 1960s. The collection system was last updated in 2000 by slip-lining selected gravity sewer mains and replacing antiquated pumping equipment. Recently, the system's pump stations were updated; however, significant inflow and infiltration exists within the system, accounting for up to 77% of treated flows.

The Town's engineering firm, The Thrasher Group, has proposed a project to address inflow and infiltration issues by separating and replacing portions of the collection system in the Rich Creek area. The total project cost is \$3,221,000. The Town of Ansted, with the assistance of Region 4 Planning & Development Council has secured a US Army Corps of Engineers Section 340 allocation of \$900,000 for the project. The Town is seeking \$333,333 from the Governor's Civil Contingency Fund as non-federal match for the USACE Section 340 grant, as recommended by The Thrasher Group.

If there are any questions or if additional information is required, please contact Clay Riley, The Thrasher Group, at (800)273-6541, or Lesley Taylor, Region 4 Planning & Development Council, at (304)872-4970.

Sincerely,



Stephen Pridemore  
Mayor





## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Between:**

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7695  
Ansted, West Virginia

**And:**

Town of Ansted  
Ansted, West Virginia

**Purpose:**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Town of Ansted will assume responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the local Veterans Memorial, which honors the service and sacrifice of local veterans.

**Responsibilities:****1. VFW Post 7695 Responsibilities:**

- Provide historical information and records related to the Veterans Memorial.
- Offer guidance and support to the Town of Ansted regarding the memorial's upkeep and preservation.
- Appoint one representative to work with the Town of Ansted to discuss and arrange for necessary maintenance.
- Participate in regular reviews of the memorial's condition and maintenance needs.
- Organize and conduct ceremonies and events at the memorial in collaboration with the Town of Ansted.
- Transfer the current Memorial Fund to the Town of Ansted to be used exclusively for future major repairs and construction.

**2. Town of Ansted Responsibilities:**

- Assume responsibility solely for the regular maintenance and upkeep of the Veterans Memorial, including landscaping, cleaning, and repairs.
- Allocate necessary funding and resources to ensure the memorial remains in a dignified and respectful condition.
- Select an individual to converse with the appointed representative of VFW Post 7695 to discuss and arrange for necessary maintenance.
- Consult with the appointed VFW Post 7695 representative on any significant repairs or enhancements to the memorial.

- Promote the significance of the memorial within the community and encourage public respect and care for the site.
- Ensure the memorial is accessible to the public and properly maintained year-round.

**Financial Considerations:**

The Town of Ansted will allocate funds from its budget for the maintenance and upkeep of the Veterans Memorial. Any additional funding or donations received specifically for the memorial's maintenance will be managed by the Town of Ansted in consultation with VFW Post 7695.

**Term and Termination:**

This MOU shall commence on the date of signing and continue indefinitely unless terminated by either party with a 60-day written notice. In the event of termination, both parties will collaborate to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. In the event that the VFW is dissolved the Memorial and property shall transfer to the Town of Ansted

**Amendments:**

Any amendments to this MOU must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

**Signatures:**

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

**For the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7695:**

Mitchell B. Carter

Date: 9-17-2024

**For the Town of Ansted:**

Steve Pridemore

Steve Pridemore, Mayor

Date: 9/17/24

September 10, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to formally address a matter of critical concern that has been persistently neglected by the town authorities, despite repeated reports and requests for intervention. The road serving the two residences, located at the top of Henry Loving Street, has deteriorated to a condition that can only be described as perilous. This road, although state owned, is town maintained, a fact that has been overlooked and disregarded by those responsible for its upkeep.

For an extended period, I, along with other residents, have sought the Town of Ansted's assistance in repairing this vital access route. However, each appeal has been met with a disturbing lack of action and repeated assertion that the responsibility lies with state maintenance. This is not only a misrepresentation of the facts, but a dangerous abdication of duty that places lives at risk.

The current state of this road is beyond unacceptable, as it is in a very serious, hazardous condition. In the event of a medical emergency, it would be nearly impossible for an ambulance or emergency services to reach the residences at the top of Henry Loving Street. The consequences of such a scenario are potentially fatal, and I cannot overstate the gravity of this risk. It is beyond unconscionable that this situation has been allowed to persist without resolution.

I am now compelled to escalate this issue to all relevant authorities, including, but not limited to, the Ansted Town Mayor, the Ansted City Council, the County Commissioner for the Department of Highways, and the West Virginia Attorney General. It is imperative that immediate action be taken to rectify this blatant neglect of the top of Henry Loving Street, before a preventable tragedy occurs.

I urge you to treat this matter with the seriousness it demands. It is my sincere hope that we can resolve this issue swiftly and without further escalation. However, let it be very clear, that the current state of the top of Henry Loving Street is intolerable and will not be allowed to continue unchallenged.

I can be reached directly by email, at [coenwayne994@gmail.com](mailto:coenwayne994@gmail.com) or by phone, at (304) 651-2130.

Respectfully,

Eugene Wayne Coen, III 

Cc: Ansted Town Hall

Ansted City Council

John Dixon, Oak Hill DOH

Fayette County Commissioner

West Virginia Attorney General

WVDOH, District 9 Headquarters

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The Town of Ansted held a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Josh Cameron, and Holly Jeffers. Citizen's present: Joshua Crist and Nora Crist.

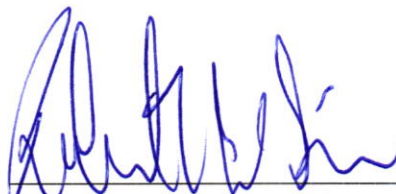
Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Pridemore advised Council that he had located a used 2018 Police Interceptor Explorer with 42,000 miles, road ready, which would only require the town to move the radio and radar out of the cruiser with the seized engine, with a price of \$16,715.00. Josh Cameron moved that the Town purchase this unit, seconded by Greg Brewer. Motion passed with Margaret, Greg, Anthony, Holly, Josh, and Stephen voted in favor of the motion. Recorder Wilson abstained from the vote. Motion Passed.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:35 pm, Maggie Crist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh Cameron, motion passed unanimously.



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The Town of Ansted held a special council meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Josh Cameron, and Holly Jeffers. Councilmember Anthony Harmon was absent. Citizens Josh and Nora Crist.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that an Audit Committee needed to be appointed to review Audit Services Proposals for fiscal Periods ending June 30, 2024, and 2024. He would recommend to the council that Siobhan Wilson, Robert Wilson, and himself serve on this committee. Maggie Crist moved the appointment as recommended, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:40 pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist, Motion passed unanimously.

  
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The Town of Ansted held a special meeting of the Audit Committee Friday, October 25, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, and Town Clerk Siobhan Wilson.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Each of the Audit Proposals bids, to select an auditor for fiscal periods ending June 30, 2024, and 2025, were reviewed and scored in accord with the audit proposal score sheet summary. BHM CPA Group scored 83 points, Stephen P. Glaser, CPA scored 70 points, and Jessica Heldman, CPA scored 64 points. Robert Wilson moved that the audit committee recommend to council selection of BHM CPA Group to perform the audits for fiscal periods ending June 30, 2024, and 2025, Siobhan Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:25 pm, Robert Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Siobhan Wilson, Motion passed unanimously.

  
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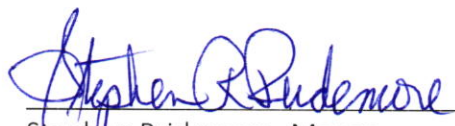

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Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Recorder Wilson advised council that the Audit Committee had met earlier at 6:00 pm and did the audit proposal score sheet on each the Three Proposal received by the town for Audit for Fiscal periods ending June 30, 2024 and 2025, BHM CPA Group scored 83 points, Stephen P. Glaser, CPA scored 70 Points, and Jessica Heldman, CPA scored 64 points, and that the Committed recommend the awarding of audit services to BHM CPA Group. Josh Cameron moved that the recommendation of the audit committee be approved, Greg Brewer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:38 pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist, Motion passed unanimously.

  
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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, and Holly Jeffers, Josh Cameron was absence, citizens Richard McVey, Dennis Mullins, Jane Crist, and Stephen Eades, and Chief of Police Kevin Willis.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Anthony Harmon led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Recorder Wilson led everyone in prayer.

The October 2024 Council and Special meetings, minutes had been provided to council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.

October Financial reports were provided to the council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer moved that they be approved as presented to council, seconded by Maggie Crist, motion passed unanimously.

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Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,032.98		
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Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 1,670.47		

The council was provided with information from Mayor Pridemore on the Sewer Project, the town had received \$222,000 in a Governor's Community Fund Match, 20% of the earmark funding for upgrade to the sewer plant. He indicated that the funding request for WDA Economic Enhancement Grant for \$4,753,000 passed the council review now awaiting funding meeting and approval.

Council was provided with WWTP Upgrade Projects Documents prior to the meeting, Greg Brewer moved that the Mayor Pridemore be authorized to complete and sign the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424, Grants.gov Workspace Form, and EPA Form 6600-06, seconded by Anthony Harmon, motion passed unanimously.



Greg Brewer gave a report from the Hometown Hero Banners Committee and moved that the town adopt the practice of no request for placement of the banners, they would start on one end of town and go to the other as they are pickup up out of the group, Holly seconded the motion. Greg, Holley, Maggie, Steve, and Andrew voted for the motion. Robert Wilson voted no. Motion passed.

Mayor Pridemore reported that New River Engineering had taken ground penetrating radar onto Holley and Church street to find the old drainage system at the corner of the streets, the radar was unable to find any drains in that area, after reviewing the water drainage of Holley street they recommended to placement of a 12 inch Fibre Reinforced Pre Slope Channel about 20 feet across Holley Steet with 300 feet of 8 inch drain pipe to follow the ditch between the Masonic Lodge and Church street with flow exit over the hill at a material and rental equipment cost of \$7,156.56. He advised all that there was a 2-to-3-month lead time on the slope channel. All in attendance agreed that that this should fix the water flow problem on Holley Street. Greg Brewer moved approval of this proposal, Andrew Harmon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore reported to council that work had been done over the years attempting cleaning up, and codify the Ordinances of the town, has been attempted over time with an intern who gathered ordinances and passed it on to the town Attorney for his review, this project had not come to completion, the Comprehensive Plan committee recommends that this be accomplished and in that regards the Town received a quote from American Legal Publishing for the codification of ordinances and legal review for the Town of Ansted, at a base cost of \$6,600.00 with additional expense to be determined as the project goes on, based upon the number of pages required, with a \$595,00 per year fee for placement and updating on the internet. Greg Brewer moved approval of the proposal, Maragret Crist seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore advised council that he had been in meetings with the Little League group and the Fayette County Board of Education, in regards to the Midland Trail High and Middle Schools Girls Softball teams using the Town Park, a memorandum of understanding is to be prepared between the groups with the Little League having first use. He indicated that a rental fee would have to be worked out with the Board for the use and he was working on a number based upon costs to the town for their use of the park. Motion for the Town to enter into an agreement with the Little League and Board of education for use of the town park by the two groups was made by Greg Brewer, seconded by Holly Jeffers, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore recommended to Council that improvements be made to the park in the amount of \$31,243.73. Maggie Crist moved that the improvements be done, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore asked if Council had any comment or concerns with the draft copy of an ATV Ordinance he had previously provide to council, there being none, he stated that it would

be posted for public comment, and that the matter would be presented at the December meeting.

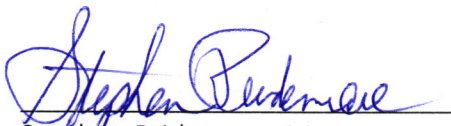

Chief Kevin Wills advised council that Police radios needed to be updated and replaced, he had received lease options and provided council copies. Maggie Crist moved that this item be tabled to the next meeting so that more information could be obtained, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Kevin Wills and Mayor Pridemore both reported and discussed issues that the town was having with the two explorer police cruisers, Greg Brewer moved to table this matter with more information to be obtained, seconded by Maggie Crist, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore provided the council with a customer proof of decals to be placed on the town police cruisers, copy attached, two quotes had been received, Sign Arc, \$3,936.85 and Strip T. \$2,500.00. Maggie Crist moved approval of having Stripe T doing this work on the Town Cruisers except for the two ford explorer cruisers, Greg Brewer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pridemore gave council information on purchase of an Full Color LED Message Board to be placed down in front of Town Hall with it being able to be read in both directions of those traveling on route 60 through town, Cost estimates were from \$14,185.00 to \$18,247.00, he also indicated that the town did not have funding at this time. Maggie Crist moved that this matter be tabled at this time, Andrew Harmon seconded, motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 7:43 pm, Greg Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Crist. Motion passed unanimously.

  
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The Town of Ansted held a special council meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Josh Cameron, and Holly Jeffers. Citizen's Present: Joshua and Nora Crist.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Pridemore recommended to the council that a one-time year-end adjustment be made for the town's 8 full time employees in an amount of \$250.00 and that and adjustment of \$150.0 be given to Town's part time employees. Maggie Crist moved that this one-time year-end adjustment be given as recommended, Seconded by Josh Cameron, motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 6:04 pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maggie Crist, Motion passed unanimously.

  
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The Town of Ansted held its regular monthly council meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Greg Brewer, Josh Cameron and Holly Jeffers by Zoom, Anthony Harmon and Maggie Crist were absent, citizens Richard McVey, Doug Bennett, Pat Bennett, Sally Harper, James Law, Patricia Law, John Eades, Theresa Pridemore, James Burt McKenna Wallin with Roger Willis attending by zoom. Chief of Police Kevin Willis, Officer Jacob Rice, and Clerk Siobhan Wilson.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Josh Cameron led the meeting off with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Pridemore led everyone in prayer.

The November 2024 Council and Special meetings, minutes had been provided to council prior to the meeting. Greg Brewer, moved they be approved as presented, seconded by Josh Cameron, the motion passed unanimously.

November Financial reports were read by Recorder Wilson, Greg Brewer moved that they be approved as read to council, seconded by Josh Cameron, motion passed unanimously.

Municipal:		Sewer:	
General	\$ 216,155.84	General	\$ 318,902.97
Coal Severance	\$ 1,181.28	Depreciation	\$ 126,303.35
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 46238.41	Working Capital Fund	\$ 69,994.24
Family Tree Fund	\$ 1,894.59	Customer Deposit Fund	\$ 19,568.08
Recycling Program	\$ 1,600.34		
Fire Escrow Acct	\$ 5,033.78		
Events Committee	\$ 3,427.63		
Opioid Settlement Acct	\$ 1,670.47	Veteran's Memorial Fund	\$0.00

Mayor Pridemore reported that the sewer update was the same as last month, still waiting on grants to move forward.

Recorder Wilson gave the first reading of the ATV Ordinance, by title only since it had been posted for public comment on the town website, and that each member of council had been given a copy for review, copy attached. Greg Brewer moved that the ATV Ordinance be adopted as presented, seconded by Robert Wilson, several questions and concerns were discussed regarding the ordinance, Mayor Pridemore and Officer Rice spoke to these items, The Laws and Bennett, thanked both Mayor Pridemore and Officer Rice for the clarification of the ordinance and left the meeting at 6:40, Motion passed unanimously.



Mayor Pridemore gave an update on the town park, Dennler had gotten most of the metal poles up and gates in should string fence next week, weather permitting, two sets of 15 foot long 5 high bleachers had been ordered and should be installed prior to the girls High School softball in March. He had been talking with Jerney Crist on replacing current lights, with Led ones, rehab of the Dugouts had started, and the current bleachers will be refurbished, and he would be discussing rent for use of the field with the Board of Ed.

Recorder Wilson moved that Council go into executive session at 6:56, seconded by Greg Brewer, motion passed unanimously.

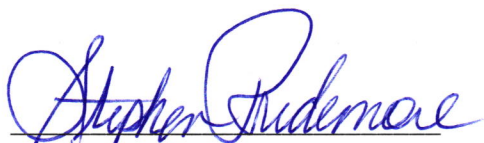
At 7:05 Recorder Wilson moved that Council come out of executive session, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Holly Jeffers moved that the Town hire a part-time clerk to work exclusively on the Ordinance Project, for a time period of 3 months, working 20 to 30 hours a week with pay up to \$12.00 an hour. Greg Brewer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson moved that with the receipt of a \$202,000 grant to hire a full time Police Officer for two years, that an offer be made to Shawn Campbell to serve as Captain of the Ansted Police Department, with an hourly rate of 26.44 per hour with benefits, seconded by Josh Cameron, motion passed unanimously.

Recorder Wilson moved that Chief of Police Willis's hourly rate be increased from the current \$25.00 an hour to \$27.00 an hour, Josh Cameron seconded, motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 7:16 pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Brewer. Motion passed unanimously.

  
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The Town of Ansted held a special council meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the Ansted Council Chambers, located at 104 Cemetery Street, Ansted, West Virginia. Those in attendance were Mayor Stephen Pridemore, Recorder Robert T. Wilson, Councilmembers Margaret Crist, Greg Brewer, Anthony Harmon, Josh Cameron. Holly Jeffers was absent. Chief of Police Kevin Willis.

Mayor Pridemore called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.


Mayor Pridemore advised the council that part of the Police Department Grant in the amount of \$202,000.00, that the town had received was to fund a full-time officer for two years and the purchase of certain police department equipment. He recommends to council the purchase of 5 Body Armour kits for the officers, at a cost of \$7,759.80, purchase and upgrade of radio's as previously discussed with council for \$18,000.00 and the first payment on the purchase of body camera's for the officers, for an amount of \$7,500.00 for the first year, coming from the grant, and the next four annual payments of 2,755.88 coming from town funds, he advised council that our current Taser annual purchase cost pay out in 2025 and will be re-budgeted to the camera's. Josh Cameron moved approval of the recommendation, Greg Brewer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

At 5:07 pm Josh Cameron moved that we go into executive session to discuss hiring of a Chief Sewer Plant Operator, Maggie Crist seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

At 5:23 pm Robert Wilson moved that we come out of executive session, seconded by Josh Cameron, motion passed unanimously.

Maggie Crist moved that we offer the job of Chief Sewer Pant operator to John Bradford, to start January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, an hourly wage of \$25.00 an hour with benefits, seconded by Josh Cameron, Motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to conduct, at 5:28 pm, Josh Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Brewer, Motion passed unanimously.

  
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