

Town of Ceredo Town Council Regular Session March 2nd, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall

The Town of Ceredo Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen Dennis Adkins, Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond, Robert Leslie and Joe Ratcliff.

Reading of the Minutes

The Mayor asked if Council had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 regular session. None being heard and on a motion by Dennis Adkins and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to wave the reading of the minutes of the February 3rd, 2020 regular session and accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Robert Leslie presented Council with the balance of each account and the expenditures as of February 29th, 2020. The Mayor asked for questions on the report. None being heard, the Mayor requested the report be made part of the minutes.

On a motion by Robert Leslie and a second by Dennis Adkins, Council voted to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Annual Audit Update

The Mayor reported the annual audit had been completed on Friday, February 29th. He also reported on the findings of the audit and actions that were being taken to address the needed changes.

I-64/Broad Hollow Bridge Project

The Mayor advised Council the six million dollar (\$6,000,000) I-64/Broad Hollow bridge deck replacement project should begin March 16th, 2020 and be completed around the end of October 2020 with the Town seeing approximately \$120,000 in B&O Taxes.

2020-2021 Budget

The Mayor advised he was in the process of completing the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 and that a statutory meeting would be held around March 16th to approve the proposed budget.

Police Department Report

The Mayor discussed the activities of the police department for February 2020.

Ramsdell House Meeting

The Mayor reported on the excellent turnout for the Celebration of Unity/Black History Month event held Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 and the interesting speakers who participated.

Maintenance Superintendent Report

Maintenance Superintendent, Ronnie Jarrell, updated Council on the problems with the grinder sewer pumps at 855 Main Street and 1181 Goodwill Road and the upcoming sewer project at the Tri-State Airport.

Mr. Jarrell advised Council the Town crew was working on the storm sewer cleanout and that both garbage trucks had been put to use picking up the trash, which helped with the manpower for the other jobs being done the rest of the week in the Town. He also reported on the Little League Scoreboard project.

Sewer Department Truck Transfer

The Mayor discussed the need to transfer the 2015 Ford F250 truck, used by the sewer department, to the floodwall department.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Joe Ratcliff, Council voted to transfer the 2015 Ford F250 truck to the floodwall department. All were in favor, motion carried.

2020 Audit Preparations

The Mayor presented the bill from Lisa Thornburg, CPA in the amount of \$3,500 and advised Ms. Thornburg provided the service of preparing the Town for the audit.

On a motion by Steve Diamond and a second by Robert Leslie, Council voted to pay Lisa Thornburg, CPA \$3,500 for preparing the Town for the audit. All were in favor, motion carried.

Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant Report

Mr. Dustin Long, Stormwater Manager/Administrative Assistant, reported on the cleaning of the catch basins for the stormwater runoff. He also discussed the problems being encountered with people getting into the pickleball courts and leaving trash on the playing surface.

Mr. Long advised Council on the progress being made in updating the Town's website, helping the Cemetery Board prepare a website and locating the software for the programs. He also reported on the passing of Ed Layman, Past President of the C-K AutumnFest, Inc. Board of Directors.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Town of Ceredo Town Council Statutory Session March 16th, 2020

The Town of Ceredo, Town Council, met in Statutory Session on Monday, March 16th, 2020 at the Ceredo City Hall. The Mayor, Paul A. Billups, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those present included the Mayor, Paul A. Billups; the Recorder, Stanley E. Fink; and Councilmen, Dennis Adkins, Oscar Adkins, Steve Diamond and Bob Leslie. Joe Ratcliff was absent.

The meeting had been called to hear and consider any objections or revisions and final approval of the 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Levy.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Levy

The Mayor presented Council with the 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Levy, which had been approved by the State Auditor's Office.

After discussion and on a motion by Bob Leslie and a second by Steve Diamond, Council voted to approve the 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Levy as presented. All were in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment

No further business was brought before the Council. The Statutory Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. All were in favor, motion carried

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR PAUL BILLUPS, MAYOR

With acknowledgement to American patriot Thomas Paine, these are the times that try men's souls. The coronavirus pandemic is a once in a lifetime crisis for most of us, and it is affecting every one of us in different ways. I won't try here to add anything to what we are seeing daily on television, other than to say that we are trying to maintain town services as best as is possible while protecting our employees from risk. Please do your part. This is a most serious situation, both medically and economically.

As we move toward summer, albeit slowly, our maintenance department hopes to

initiate work on two major projects. Contracts should be awarded in April for paving on B Street between 2nd Street East and 4th Street East, along with a section between Main Street and the west alley. A second contract is expected to be awarded for installation of new street lights on Main, B, 1st Street West, Fairwood, and Greenwood Drive.

Annual pothole patching should be underway, weather permitting, by mid-April. In conjunction with this project, the flood gate on Route 60 will be "test installed" by order of the Corps of Engineers. Erecting the flood gate will be completed over two days,

and will likely cause traffic slowdowns until the area can be re-paved when the project is completed.

The Beautification Committee will be overseeing our hanging flower baskets and flower gardens, in addition to re-landscaping the front of the former elementary school. I urge everyone that attended Ceredo Graded to contribute \$25 to the school project, with proceeds used to purchase new trees, plants, and flowers. As we move forward with new community uses for the building and grounds, we must maintain the street appearance of the property that served as school grounds for

over 100 years.

Congratulations are in order for Ramsdell House volunteer intern Isabella Carpintero. A student at Morehead State University, Isabella has spent several months cataloguing several hundred books that were found in the Ramsdell attic. This process entails searching each book for items possibly left between pages, and Isabella recently found a hidden gem in the form of a letter dated June 27, 1862, written by then-Lieutenant and later President William McKinley and addressed to Captain Z.D. Ramsdell of the 5th Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

The letter found by Isabella has been inspected by the William McKinley Presidential Museum staff and determined to have likely been written in McKinley's hand rather than dictated to a scribe. Archeology Magazine has made note of the find with a piece in its recent issue. When the Ramsdell House reopens after our current shutdown, the letter will be placed on public display.

I close by acknowledging our town employees that have maintained essential services for us under these trying conditions. Our staff is making every attempt to work alone or with proper social

distancing, and has so far not missed a beat in keeping our town safe and clean. I would also recognize the several businesses and individuals that have stepped forward to volunteer services during this crisis. Ceredo was founded by a group of people working together for a common cause, and that spirit remains today.

Please follow the guidelines issued by our various governmental agencies and health-care experts, and remain healthy to enjoy another great year in Ceredo.

Beautification Project Underway

The Ceredo Beautification Committee, the oldest such organization in the state, has announced a new project that will be undertaken this Spring. In conjunction with the Town's refurbishment efforts at the former Ceredo Elementary School, the Beautification Committee will undertake to redesign and install new landscap-

ing in front of the school property.

The project, known as Celebrate Ceredo Graded School, will include the purchase and planting to flowers, shrubbery, and trees; installation of landscape lighting; some exterior painting; and lawn maintenance. Renderings of the completed project will be featured on

the Beautification Committee's summer postcard series.

The project design has been donated by George Kotalic of Kotalic Landscaping. Work will be performed by members of the Beautification Committee, members of the Ceredo Indoor Pickleball Club, and other community volunteers.

To help defray expenses in completing this project, the Committee is asking for donations of \$25 until May, 2020. In addition to the donation, the Committee is asking that donors include a paragraph of "favorite school memories" that will be included in a bound volume at the Ceredo Museum. All donors will be recognized on

a plaque displayed on the school property. This is a most worthy project that will help beautify Ceredo and help maintain a property that has touched most of our lives in some way.

Please help by sending your donation of \$25 along with any memories of the school to "School Beautification Project", P.O. Box 691, Ceredo,

WV 25507, or drop them off Town Clerk's office. Current members of the Beautification Committee are Kathy Billups, Debbie Adkins, Brenda Francis, Kelly Adkins, and Cathy Jarrell.



Ceredo Police Blotter



Christopher Neeley	12/25/ 2019	Summons - Animal Abuse
Daniel Kelley	12/30/2019	Summons - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Austin Palmer	01/11/2020	Arrest – Driving Revoked for DUI
Casey Holbrook	01/14/2020	Arrest – Fugitive from Justice
Justin Daniels	02/15/2020	Arrest – DUI Arrest – Possession of Controlled Substance
Christina Pauley	02/15/2020	Arrest – Possession with Intent to Deliver
James Trimboli	02/19/2020	Arrest – Driving Revoked for DUI
Chandra Ross	03/03/2020	Capias – Failure to Appear
Randy Ward	03/04/2020	Arrest - Driving Revoked for DUI
Billy Robinson	03/06/2020	Arrest – Driving Suspended (2 nd)
Daniel Kelly	03/07/2020	Arrest – Failure to Appear
Melissa Johnson	03/12/2020	Arrest – State Warrant
Cassandra Hite	03/22/2020	Arrest – Fugitive from Justice

Ceredo Quarantine

The Coronavirus pandemic is certainly new to those of us now living in Ceredo, but an epidemic is not new to the Town. In 1902-03, Ceredo suffered through the smallpox epidemic, a deadly virus that caused enforcement of measures even more strict than those imposed by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The smallpox virus was common in the United States around the turn of the Twentieth Century, but thanks in large part to travel being far less than it is today the virus did not spread rapidly across the country. Rather, the virus moved slowly between cities, but when it landed in a city or town it spread with haste and was deadly.

By the best accounts available, the smallpox virus found its way to Ceredo in early 1902 by a most unfortunate series of

circumstances. It appears that a railroad employee once stationed in Ceredo was transferred to St. Louis. Some months later the smallpox virus became rampant in St. Louis, and was soon contracted by the former N&W Ceredo employee. The poor chap in St. Louis, wanting to let his friends in Ceredo know of his fate, sent a letter to a Ceredo N&W employee. Shortly after opening the letter, the Ceredo employee was diagnosed with the town's first case of smallpox, and two members of the man's family were also later stricken.

Exact numbers are not known, but various newspaper accounts state that at least fifty residents of Ceredo were infected at one time and that at least twelve residents died from the disease. The situation in Ceredo was of such

magnitude that the Health Department ordered a "pestilence house" to be established in Brownstown (the current Walker's Branch Road section of Ceredo), and that all persons infected with smallpox be moved to the "pest house" to be quarantined from the general population. It is hard to comprehend in today's world, but apparently once a person was infected, they were forcibly moved there to recover or not.

An interesting side note to the "pest house" is that guards were hired to keep persons from entering or leaving. During the roughly one-year that the "pest house" was in existence, two of the guards were killed by trains passing on the railroad tracks just behind the house. According to Ceredo Advance newspaper accounts, in each instance

the guards were thought to have been sleeping on the rail line and were run over by trains. One could surmise that perhaps alcohol played some part.

By February 20, 1902, the city councils of both Ceredo and Kenova decided to enforce a strict policy that every school child must be vaccinated for the virus, and by the end of the day 412 children had felt the needle. Area physicians sited dogs and cats as prime carriers of the disease, and Marshal Jim Marcum was ordered to "kill all dogs and cats running about the streets." By one o'clock in the afternoon the streets of Ceredo and Kenova were littered with the carcasses of "more than forty dogs and nearly one hundred cats." The Ceredo Advance went on to report "It was hoped that the strenuous measures resorted to

would put an end to the terrifying epidemic."

A number of those that perished during the smallpox epidemic were laid to rest in the Ross Cemetery, now part of the Crescent Hill Cemetery in Ceredo. Many of the smallpox graves were located in the area that was disturbed in 1963 by the construction of I-64, and locals at that time warned the community to stay away when the bodies were exhumed for fear of the smallpox virus still being alive some sixty years later. No new cases were reported, but those doing the exhumations did wear protective clothing as a precautionary measure.

As difficult as life has become during the current pandemic, it clearly was worse in 1902. The governing bodies of Huntington and Catlettsburg issued a quarantine order prohibiting residents of

Ceredo and Kenova from entering the neighboring cities, claiming that "unsanitary and unhealthy living conditions" in Ceredo and Kenova presented a danger to others. Forget the Mexican border wall, think for a minute about armed guards at the Big Sandy Bridge keeping local residents from crossing into Kentucky.

We will survive the Coronavirus pandemic by using common sense and following the advice of our medical experts. Fortunately, we won't face the possibility of a "pest house", dead animals on our streets, or being cited for unsanitary living conditions. While this is a once in a lifetime experience for those of us now residing in Ceredo, remember that it was once worse.

Parks Remain Closed

Pursuant to the Order of Governor Justice, most parks and recreation areas within Ceredo remain closed. The exception to this mandate is the walking track located in Paul T. Billups Park, which remains open with the advisory that walkers maintain proper social distancing.

The A Street Playground, indoor pickleball facility, outdoor pickleball and basketball courts, softball field, and the Mitch Stadium complex remain closed.

With warm weather arriving it is tempting for most of us to get outside, but to curtail the spread of coronavirus these steps are necessary. Residents are urged to walk, jog, or ride bikes with proper precaution until further notice.

The only problem area so far has been with the basketball court, where several young lads devised a method of entering beneath the fence to avoid locked gates. We deeply regret to tell enterprising young boys that they can't play basketball, or to deny field use to small groups of anxious softball players, but if we allow four at a time, the next day there will be eight or ten wanting to play. It is a sacrifice we don't want to make, but must.

Please find alternative ways to exercise. As quickly as the ban is lifted we will get our parks open

Spears' Confectionary

It is said that in retail business, location is everything. Roscoe Spears had the location. From the early 1950's through around 1970, Roscoe operated Spears' Confectionary in a small wood-frame building located directly on the north side of Ceredo Graded School. For over twenty years, nearly every child that attended the elementary school visited "Mr. Spears."

Roscoe's merchandise was geared toward elementary age children. Kool-Aid frozen in Dixie cups, peanuts in paper tubes with a coin hidden inside, wax lips, stick pretzels, and shelves of penny and nickel candy. A visit to "Mr. Spears" with a dime in your pocket presented decisions harder than those students faced on a Josephine Brown math test.

From time-to-time, usually once a year, parents would complain about children spending lunch money at Spears' Confectionary, or sneaking to the store during recess. When this occurred the school Principal, Martha Rowe, would announce that visiting the store during school hours was prohibited. The school children would fret a few days, and within a few weeks business returned to normal.

Roscoe lived across Main Street from his store, and was always pleasant with the many children that crowded the small aisle each day. The store operated until Roscoe's health prevented him from continuing, and the building was demolished soon thereafter. The structure and Roscoe are long gone, but the memories of every child that visited the wonderland of candy will remain forever.



Roscoe Spears

CEREDO FIGURES

Much publicity has recently been given, and deservedly so, to the three African-American female mathematicians that worked for NASA during America's space race. The movie, "Hidden Figures," depicts the story of the outstanding contributions of these women as our country started the exploration of outer space. As great as these women were, Ceredo had one of our own that was capable of the same contributions had she been called to do so.

Betty Perdue didn't have an advanced formal education, no Ph.D. in mathematics, and no years where she could spend long hours honing her math skills. Betty spent most of her life as a housewife, lived on the southside of Ceredo and raised her five children while caring for her husband, Jack Perdue. Most of us had no idea of her spe-

cial skills until well after her children were raised and Betty took a job as Utility Clerk for the town.

In the early 1970's, Ceredo provided water and sewer service to slightly over 900 households, meaning each month slightly over 900 water and sewer bills had to be calculated, put in invoice form, and mailed. An equal number of payments were received each month, meaning that many entries had to be made and deposited. In today's world this is a full-time job, with the aid of adding machines, computers, and copying machines. In Betty's day, she was aided only by a pencil.

To the amazement of everyone at Town Hall, Betty had the very unique ability to do math "in her head." With only her pencil and almost never requiring the eraser, Betty could transfer water meter read-

ings to invoice cards while calculating the water rate in her head, using her pencil only to enter the final rate information on the invoice and to write the customer's address on the card. It was more than amazing to watch Betty work, hardly ever did she make a mistake in calculation, and on the rare instances when she did make a mistake, she caught the error herself.

Clearly, if Betty Perdue's life led to a place where her skills were recognized by NASA or any other organization that relied upon persons with a unique ability with numbers, Betty would have qualified. Never one to boast about her abilities, Betty went about her work as if what she did was ordinary, but her skills far exceeded the norm.

In today's world the extraordinary skills of Betty Perdue might never have been recognized, what with



Betty Perdue

most tasks being performed by a computer program and even addresses automatically printed on each card,

but during her twenty-odd years as Ceredo's utility clerk we were fortunate to have had a lady with her

unique ability to perform a job so well.

CENSUS UNDERWAY – BE COUNTED

The 2020 federal census is underway. For many years local individuals went door-to-door each ten years to collect information for the census, and more recently the Census Bureau utilized the Postal Service and mailed forms to each family to be completed and returned to the Bureau. This year, those of us resid-

ing in Ceredo and other small burgs will have a different census approach.

For those people living within Ceredo but on a postal Rural Route, you should be receiving a packet in the mail. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Census Bureau has suspended field operations, meaning it is unlikely that a

census-taker will be coming to your door. If you have received a census form, please complete it and place it in the mail. If you have not received a census form, it is most important that you either complete the census form online or contact the Census Bureau by telephone to provide the requested information.

It is very important that each of us completes the census information. Federal funding is in many ways based on population; thus, every person must be counted if we are to receive our share of federal program revenues. Additionally, the census guides apportionment for representation in Congress and

the state Legislature. Your participation in the census will have a direct impact on the voice our area has with federal and state decision making.

Please watch for a packet left at your door and complete the form as quickly as possible. If you do not receive a census packet in the next few days, please

go to the Census Bureau website (www.2020census.gov) and complete the short form to ensure that you and your family members are counted. The census only occurs once every ten years, please do your part.

CEREDO TOWN STATS

POPULATION.....1,412
MALE.....42.6%
FEMALE 57.4%
ELEVATION 552
AREA 2.26 SQ. MI.

LAND 1.53 SQ. MI.
WATER73 SQ. MI.
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HOUSING UNITS 718

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Jim and Pat Billups	02/21
John C. Hall	05/20
Paul and Kathy Billups	10/21
Jack and Ann Riggs	05/21
Mike Watts	09/20
Leigh Ann Johnson	04/22
Connie & Mark Beford	10/20
Dinah and Dale Ledbetter	10/20
In Memory of Herb & Helen Stephens	08/20
In Memory of Coach Dale Craycraft	08/20
In Memory of J. J. & Roma Gail Billups	08/20
Rhonda & Barry Scragg	04/20
In Memory of Robert (Pete) & Carolyn Sullivan	04/20
In Memory of Alberta "Dossie" & Sherman Medley	04/21
Tim Wilson	05/20
Dr. Ron & Lucinda Akers	06/20
In Memory of Clarence & Dotty Clarkson	07/20
Marlene Simmons	07/20
Herm Matney	08/20
In Memory of Anagene Wooten Gibbs	08/20
In Memory of Kathleen Wooren Marcum	08/20
In Memory of Larry Cole	08/20
In Memory of Charles & Dorothy Watts	09/20
Jeanette & Roger Barker	03/21
Karin & Mike Dawson	02/21
American Legion	01/21
Ceredo-Kenova Community Center	01/21
Evaronis	01/21
CUMC	12/20
R.J. and C.A. Mitchell	03/21
Jennifer Ferguson	04/21
Oscar, Bonnie, Michelle Booth	04/21

The New Crescent Honor Roll is intended to be a way we give special recognition to those persons who donate at least \$50.00 during the year to support our publication. Since the Honor Roll is a twelve-month feature, you will need to renew your contribution every twelve months to remain on the Roll. Your name not appearing indicates your year had expired. A very special "Thank You!" to all of you who have helped us to continue the paper with your gifts. With your help, we have been able to publish and deliver The New Crescent to every home in Ceredo since February 1990!

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AROUND TOWN

As we follow precautionary measures to combat the COVID-19 virus there are many more residents using handy wipes, baby wipes, Clorox Wipes, and other sanitizing materials. It is important to keep in mind that these materials, despite advertising claims, ARE NOT sewer-friendly. Please do not flush any products other than toilet paper. Paper towels and wipes clog sewer lines and with our 200 grinder pump units these items clog the impellers and burn the pump. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. *****

During the first week of the "stay home" and "non-essential business closures" in Ceredo, the following businesses have been temporarily closed: House of Hair; Vivid Salon; Pam's Video Poker; State Farm, Matthew Rowsey; State Farm, Patty Edwards; Natural Wellness Massage; Becca Lynn's Video Poker; L. Harrison Salon; Polished Nails and Spa; Java Joe's; Fiesta Hair Fashions; Mountain State Piano; Hair & Beyond; Austin's Ice Cream, and Marzella and Associates.

As we move back toward normalcy, hopefully soon,

please support these businesses. Local restaurants, including Rocco's, Subway, Pizza Hut, and Holy Smokes BBQ remain open for take-out and delivery orders. Please support these businesses, as the loss of "sit-down" dining revenue will be harsh. *****

Special thanks to the Golden Girls Group Home and the Rose Tree Boutique for sewing protective masks for our first responders in Ceredo. Both organizations stepped forward and volunteered to produce masks at no cost for the rescue squad, fire department, and police department. Voluntary acts such as this make us all proud to live in Ceredo and thankful for our businesses that are willing to sacrifice for the safety of others. *****

A funeral procession was traveling on Route 60 through Ceredo a few weeks ago, and oncoming traffic pulled to the side of the road and stopped as the procession passed. This was a meaningful gesture, carried out by people likely unknown to the deceased, to show respect for the process and those mourning the loss.

There was a time when this was common, even when other travelers would stop and stand beside their vehicles as a funeral procession passed. It was good to see that such acts of respect still occur in Ceredo, and all that show this respect should be applauded. *****

During the course of the COVID-19 restrictions on travel and in an effort to ease concerns of our senior citizens or disabled residents, the Town will provide grocery or essential items pick-up at no cost. This service is provided in conjunction with Right At Home Health Care, Austin's Ice Cream, and other Ceredo businesses volunteering to help residents during this crisis. Persons needing assistance should contact the Ceredo Social Service office at 304-453-4675. *****

South Ceredo resident Barry Mosser is again maintaining the High Street Twelve Pole Bridge. Barry does a great job in controlling vegetation and road debris that collects on the bridge, and has performed this volunteer duty for several years. His assistance is greatly appreciated.

CVFD medical personnel have continued their great work during the pandemic. Emergency personnel are called several times every day to enter situations that most of us are sheltered from, and the men and women have unflinchingly carried out their duty. As the pandemic moves toward its peak our personnel will undoubtedly be put in harm's way. Please keep these people in your thoughts and if the situation presents itself give them your thanks. *****

Opening of the Ceredo Farmer's Market is uncertain due to the coronavirus restrictions now in place. Hopefully, we will be past the current restrictions by June, and the market can open as usual for its fourth season. Our local farmers are hard at work with Spring plantings and should be ready when restrictions are lifted. *****

Long-time Ceredo maintenance employee Tommy Workman remains away from work due to medical issues. In addition to his "day job" in town, Tommy also worked as the caretaker of Crescent

Hill Cemetery for many years. Tom did outstanding work at the cemetery. For the time being, members of the maintenance staff will perform perpetual care work at the cemetery, with hopes that Tommy will someday be able to return to work. *****

We continue to have trouble with large household items being placed with normal household garbage for town pick-up. This problem is especially acute around our several apartment buildings, where it appears that people are moving out and simply leaving any unwanted furniture and appliances with the household garbage.

We have long prided ourselves in Ceredo with providing twice-weekly trash pick-up at a very minimal cost to our homeowners. Unfortunately, large household items present an additional expense to the town when we take them to the landfill. We don't mind providing the service, but we can't incur landfill charges in excess of our monthly billing.

Going forward, the property owner will be charged an extra fee for non-household

garbage pick-up. If we find a mattress and television outside an apartment building, the owner of the building will receive an extra charge on the monthly invoice. This is the only fair way to handle large items without forcing an across the board increase. *****

The Wayside Golf Alumni Club has proposed the construction of a three-hole, par three golf set-up on rehabilitated property that was once the town dump. The group proposes to construct oiled-sand greens, similar to those that were used on the original Wayside layout.

Alumni Club member David Pennington, a former caddy master at Wayside, says the proposed greens would utilize vegetable oil instead of motor oil to stabilize the sand, thus making the greens eco-friendly. The layout would be constructed with volunteer labor, and would provide local golfers a nearby and fun place to practice as well as a chance to experience a part of Ceredo's history.

Crescent Hill Cemetery Webpage

The Ceredo Crescent Hill Cemetery Board of Directors is pleased to announce the creation of a Crescent Hill Cemetery website. Through the cooperative efforts of the Board and webmasters Dustin Long and Jake Skeens, the new site provides viewers with complete information about the cemetery, including pricing, rules and regulations, and a complete listing of all persons interred at Crescent Hill.

In addition to the alphabetical listing of interred persons, the site contains a cemetery map, by sections, that will hopefully help those searching for a loved one's resting place to locate the same. Work is in progress to include the birth and death dates of each person.

Members of the Board – Stan Fink, Charles Clarkson, Ric Griffith, Kevin Moore, and David Amos – are avail-

able to answer inquiries about plot availability or grave locations by telephone at 304-453-4675, or by email at info@ceredowv.gov.

To view the new website go to www.ceredowv.gov, click the "Around Town" link, then click on the "Crescent Hill Cemetery" link. Crescent Hill is a perpetual care cemetery, owned and maintained by the Town. *****

The Cemetery Board, in conjunction with the Gold Star Mothers, Daughters of the Revolution, American Legion Post 93, and the Town is now collecting information concerning all military veterans interred at Crescent Hill. The purpose of this information is two-fold: first, this information will be added to the Cemetery's roll of interred persons, and second, the Cemetery will participate in the

annual "Wreaths For Veterans" program.

At a cost of \$10 per wreath, wreaths will be placed on all veteran's graves annually. Additionally, a flag will be placed on each veteran's grave on respective holidays. To assist in this effort, persons having a veteran relative buried at Crescent Hill are asked to contact Town Hall, either by telephone (304) 453-4675, or email info@ceredowv.gov. Please provide the veteran's name, military branch, years of service, theater of service (if know), and location within the cemetery (if known).

Donations of \$10 toward this most worthy project may be mailed to Town Hall, Military Veteran's Project, P.O. Box 691, Ceredo, WV 25507.

1977 STREET MAINTENANCE GROUP PHOTO


From left to right: Charley Watts, Foreman; Jack Bowen, Tom Peterman, James McFann, Jr., Michael Stevenson, Robert Adkins, Kenneth Blankenship. Absent when the picture was taken was William Carver, Jr.



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Pistachio Orange Cake
by Natalie Hemann

To say the past month for everyone has been stressful is an understatement. I do not think that any of us have lived during a pandemic in our country. We all need to stay calm and make the best of the situation. We also need to treat ourselves a little during this time. This cake looks like a “happy” cake to me, if a cake can look happy! I think this may be an old-fashioned recipe, but I thought it was a good time to share a recipe that may bring back happy memories for some of you.

Stay healthy and wash your hands!

- Ingredients:**
 1 cup butter
 2½ cups white sugar
 3 eggs
 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
 2½ cups buttermilk
 3¾ cups all-purpose flour
 2¼ teaspoons baking powder

- 2½ teaspoons baking soda
- Topping:**
 1 – 8 oz. Truwhip or Cool Whip
 1 cup milk
 1 – 3.4 oz. Box Pistachio Pudding
 1 – 8 oz. Can Crushed Pineapple (well drained)
 1 – 8 oz. Can Mandarin Oranges (well drained)

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9x13 inch pans. Sift together the flour, baking powder and baking soda. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Beat in the flour mixture alternately with the buttermilk, mixing just until incorporated. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake in the preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool. Mix Tru-Whip, milk, and pudding together; add pineapple. Frost with topping and decorate with mandarin oranges. Refrigerate until serving.

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2020 Budget Approved

The Ceredo Town Council has approved the General Fund budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020. The total General Fund revenue budgeted for next year is \$1,326,133. In addition to the General Fund, the Town is expected to receive approximately \$86,000 from the Excess Levy that is earmarked for certain projects. The water and sewer utilities that are required by the Public Service Commission to operate as stand-alone entities will each have slightly in excess of \$300,000 in revenue, bringing the total funds passing through the Town to be in the neighborhood of Two Million Dollars.

General Fund revenues come primarily from Business and Occupation Tax (\$502,000), property taxes (\$178,233), Utilities Excise Tax (\$60,000), Franchise Fees and Federal Fuel Fees (\$95,000), Floodwall and Stormwater Fees (\$83,000), and Refuse Collection revenues (\$58,000).

Anticipated spending next year includes \$350,000 for general expenditures (utilities, insurance, salaries other than police), \$387,000 for the Police Department and Communications, \$207,000 for the Street Department and Garage, \$59,500 for the Garbage Department, and \$40,500 for Parks, Museums, renovation of the former elementary school, and recreation programs. A total of \$12,500 has been budgeted for beautification programs, and \$2,500 for cemetery improvements.

A major change between the 2019 and 2020 budgets is in insurance costs. During the last year the town paid a total of \$264,834 for insurance, including health insurance, life insurance, worker's compensation, and general liability insurance that covers the fleet, buildings, and professional liability. It is anticipated that 2020 insurance costs will decrease by approximately \$94,000, in large part due to safety programs implemented and obtaining group health coverage. This is very important because the savings will work to offset anticipated B&O tax decreases as the coal industry finds a new level.

To our benefit in 2020, the Interstate 64 bridge over Broad Hollow Road will be replaced. This construction project will yield a one-time B&O tax influx of approximately \$150,000, but it is important to keep in mind that this is "one-off" revenue that will not be in our 2021-2022 budget. It is anticipated that the majority of these construction taxes will be used to complete one-time projects such as street and sidewalk improvements, floodwall repairs, and dilapidated house removals.

The earmarked Special Excess Levy funds must be spent for items listed at the time of the 2017 levy election. The approximately \$86,000 is divided between Town building improvements, police equipment, parks and beautification, street and sidewalk repairs, and the Volunteer Fire Department.

The budget was prepared and approved prior to the economic downturn occasioned by the coronavirus, thus changes may well have to be made if tax collections decrease. We will watch closely and maintain contact with local businesses so that adjustments in spending may be timely made if required.

This budget fits well with the four-year plan implemented by the town in 2017. During the first three years of the plan we have made necessary capital expenditures for "large items" such as updating the maintenance and police fleets, modernizing the Town Hall computer system, changing landscaping in common areas, construction of the pickleball and basketball courts, and refurbishing the Ramsdell House. The plan called for all capital projects to be completed prior to the final year, and with the exception of installing the new street lights, the plan has been successfully completed. The fourth year was intended to be a "clean-up, re-group, and replenish" year, and with the current budget that should be possible.

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

LEVY ESTIMATE – BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF CEREDO, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code 811-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	200,000
Property Taxes – Current Expense	178,233
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	1,000
Gas and Oil Severance Tax	3,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	60,000
Business and Occupation Tax	502,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	46,600
Licenses	50,000
Building Permit Fees	1,000
Franchise Fees	13,000
Inspection Fees	250
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	82,000
Parks & Recreation	1,000
Refuse Collection	58,000
Floodwall Fees	83,000
Gaming Income	2,000
Interest Earned on Investments	1,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	1,000
Insurance Claims	1,000
Accident Reports	300
Video Lottery (LVL)	16,750
Miscellaneous Revenues	25,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 1,326,133

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

Assigned Fund Balance	1,000
Coal Severance Tax	2,000
Interest Earned on Investment	-
Reimbursements	-
Refunds	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 3,000

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office	26,000	
City Council	28,500	
Recorder's Office	14,000	
Treasurer's Office	2,400	
City Clerk's Office	50,000	
Police Judge's Office	21,000	
City Attorney	4,000	
City Auditor	6,000	
Rehabilitation of Property	5,000	
Printing	1,000	
Regional Development Authority	500	
Elections	1,000	
City Hall	350,000	
Public Grounds	6,000	
Contingencies	38,000	
Police Department	269,000	
Communication Center/Central Dispatch	118,000	
Streets and Highways	187,000	
Street Lights	45,000	
Snow Removal	1,000	
Central Garage	20,000	
Sidewalks	2,000	
Airports	5,000	
Public Transit	2,500	
Garbage Department	59,500	
Storm Sewer	5,133	
Parks & Recreation	7,500	
Fair Associations/Festivals	2,000	
Community Center	9,000	
Youth Program	2,000	
Museum Commission	10,000	
Historical Commission	10,000	
Library	2,000	
Beautification Programs	12,000	1,000
Cemeteries	2,500	2,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,326,133	\$ 3,000

MUNICIPALITY OF CEREDO, WEST VIRGINIA LEVY PAGE REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY 2020 - 2021

Current Year	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 14,979,640	25.00	\$ 37,449
Personal Property	40,098		100
Total Class II	\$ 15,019,738		\$ 37,549
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 13,416,990	50.00	\$ 67,085
Personal Property	14,304,452		71,522
Public Utility	3,838,523		19,193
Total Class IV	\$ 31,559,965		\$ 157,800
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 46,579,703		\$ 195,349
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	9,767
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Proj. Rev. Less Delinquencies to calculate)		2.00%	3,712
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing if Applicable - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			181,870
Less Assessor Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		2.00%	3,637
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes For Budget Purposes (Amount carries to #301-01 on GF REV tab)			\$ 178,233

MUNICIPALITY OF CEREDO, WEST VIRGINIA EXCESS LEVY PAGE 2020 - 2021

Current Year	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
Class II			
Real Estate	\$ 14,979,640	12.50	\$ 18,725
Personal Property	40,098		50
Total Class II	\$ 15,019,738		\$ 18,775
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$ 13,416,990	25.00	\$ 33,542
Personal Property	14,304,452		35,761
Public Utility	3,838,523		9,596
Total Class IV	\$ 31,559,965		\$ 78,899
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 46,579,703		97,674
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	4,884
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	1,856
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy For Budget Purposes:			90,934

LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Ceredo is regulated as a Phase II Small MS4 Program. MS4 stands for storm-water discharge from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. The stormwater sewer in Ceredo is separate from our sanitary sewer. Sinks, toilets, and interior floor drains must be connected to the sanitary sewer system. The wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer receives treatment to remove pollutants prior to release to creeks and rivers. Pollutants contained in stormwater runoff flow directly into local waterways, without treatment where they can be harmful to humans and the environment. Oil and grease, food waste, paint, concrete-related wastewater, chemicals and even dirt must be prevented from entering the storm drain system in order to preserve our local waterways.

Stormwater runoff is a fact of life. How we deal with storm water runoff requires everyone's involvement.

Low Impact Development (LID) includes a variety of practices that mimic or preserve natural drainage processes to manage stormwater. LID practices typically retain rain water and encourage it to soak into the ground rather than allowing it to run off into ditches and storm drains where it would otherwise contribute to flooding and pollution problems. LID strategies integrate green space, native landscaping, natural hydrologic functions, and various other techniques to generate less runoff from developed land. LID is different from conventional engineering. While most engineering plans pipes water to low spots as quickly as possible,

LID uses micro-scale techniques to manage precipitation as close to where it hits the ground as possible. This involves strategic placement of linked lot-level controls that are "customized" to address specific pollutant load and storm water timing, flow rate, and volume issues. LID is often less expensive than conventional storm water management systems because of fewer pipe and less below ground infrastructure requirements.

A reduction in surface runoff leads to less pollution damage to our local waterways: Jordan Branch, Twelvapole Creek, and the Ohio River. The Ohio River is currently impaired by dioxin and PCBs. Twelvapole Creek is currently impaired by fecal coliform and iron. Iron impairments are caused by excessive erosion

from stream banks. One strategy to decrease the iron content into Twelvapole Creek is to increase the vegetation along the stream bank in order to decrease the volume of water flowing and eroding the stream bank during storm events. Rain barrels are another option to improve water quality. Homeowners use rain barrels to capture water from roof gutters and store the water for watering lawns and plants. By decreasing the volume of water that enters the storm drains during a rain event, the downstream erosion decreases. In addition, LID practices filter out pollutants such as oil, bacteria, sediment and nutrients as the collected water seeps through vegetation and soil. The water that eventually reaches groundwater and surface water is much cleaner.

LID techniques can be used in new development and redevelopment throughout the Ceredo area to find opportunities to reduce runoff and prevent pollution. By working to keep rainwater on site, slowly releasing it, and allowing for natural physical, chemical, and biological process to do their job, LID avoids environmental impacts and expensive treatment systems. Examples include planning the least amount of impervious surfaces necessary to complete job (less pavement or permeable pavement), adding storm water planters to collect street runoff and incorporating landscaped curb extensions. Opportunities to apply LID principles and practices are infinite -- almost any feature of the landscape can be modified to control runoff (e.g., buildings, roads, walkways, yards, open

space). When integrated and distributed throughout a development, watershed, or urban drainage area like Ceredo, these practices substantially reduce the impacts of development.

To learn more, please follow our periodic articles in this newspaper on storm water and Ceredo's MS4 program regarding water quality, storm water management. As you read these articles, you will see that we all have the ability to have an impact on our most precious natural resource by promoting responsible methods or making small changes in our everyday lives. In addition, the Town of Ceredo's MS4 program is routinely discussed at town council meetings, and the public's involvement is encouraged.

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