

**COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF BOLIVAR
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 23, 2024 6:30pm
Bolivar Community Center**

Stephen Paradis, Mayor
Victoria Gale
Chris Higdon
Dan Jimeno
Sarah McMains
Sarah Shafer
P. Jean Reed, Recorder, Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Paradis asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and for the Pledge of Allegiance. Please keep in mind those that are struggling this Christmas for whatever reason.

A special meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order on Monday December 23, 2024 at 6:30pm by Mayor Stephen Paradis.

The only item on the agenda was:

1. Discussion/action for W. Washington Street Mailbox replacement

Mayor Paradis said J. P. Burns was in town last Monday and met with Laura and myself. Councilperson Sarah Shafer joined us in this meeting. We did discuss the issues that the Council brought before this body. The meeting with Mr. Burns was so he could sign off and the contractor could get paid and closing this project. Since we had safety concerns we were not ready to close the project.

Mayor Paradis said he had already discussed the access issues with the mailboxes and other issues. We just need to find a way to resolve these issues. We do have money left on this project.

Mayor Paradis said we are concerned about safety issues with the mailboxes. We are also concerned about the speed of cars when citizens are trying to get their mail. Some recommendations were:

- Some may not want to replace

- Select a new mailbox that has a back door and access via concrete pad
- Leave mailboxes as is
- No speed bumps on W. Washington Street.
- No painting the bump outs or cross walks
- No painting the mailboxes

Councilperson Sarah Shafer said after standing near the mailboxes and watching the traffic flow and speed, Mr. Burns could see why we were concerned for our residents' safety. Mr. Burns said we need to close out and finish this project.

Councilperson Sarah Shafer said you can't close this project out until all Council members agree to this.

After more discussion about sending a letter to residents on W. Washington Street that have mailboxes and getting a number of mailboxes that need to be changed, we will be getting out general information to these specific residents. We need an answer as soon as possible.

Councilperson Dan Jimeno moved to appropriate but not to exceed \$300 for mailing letters to residents on W. Washington Street to correct the mailbox safety issue.

Councilperson Sara Shafer seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6 – 0

Councilperson Sarah Shafer said she would make every effort to contact anyone that does not notify us back. She will go door to door if necessary.

Mayor Paradis thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

Adjournment

Councilperson Victoria Gale moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Sarah Shafer seconded the motion. Motion passed. 6 - 0 Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Jean Reed
P. Jean Reed, Recorder

Stephen Paradis
Stephen Paradis, Mayor