

Battle Ground Town Council
Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2025

Attending: Council President James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Chad Lohmeyer, Mary Jo Totten. Matt Coppock was absent.

Also attending: Eric Burns, Marshal BJ Moyars, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones

Guests: Fred Townsend, Bart Cole, Edward Mroosian, Steve Easter, Kathy Easter, Phil Brewer, Nichole Brewer, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck, Colin Sullivan.

James Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chad Lohmeyer moved to approve the minutes of November 8, November 17 Executive Session and November 17 public meeting. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Town Attorney

UMH Service Agreement – The service agreement developed to cover continued sewer service to Woods Edge has been provided to the owner, UMH, for approval. After it is signed by that company, the council will vote to approve and sign the document.

102 Jewett Street – The lawsuit will be filed by publication this week. He would like the town's file of all evidence for expenses which verifies how many days out of compliance for each of the ordinance violations. It is anticipated the process will take approximately 60 days. If a default judgement is rendered, the property would be advertised for Sheriff sale and transferred to the highest bidder.

504 Jewett Street – The storm water fees were paid by the owner, who advised the property was sold. There is no information about the new owner.

Employment issue – Burns answered questions about the subject of potential nepotism in the police department employee roster. The legal definition covers persons who are married, however that does not preclude a management decision to consider domestic partners in the same regard. After discussion there was agreement to consider the question again when all council members are in attendance.

Contract Services

Woods Edge - Chris Limiac reported the Gorman Rupp company has delayed the delivery of the Woods Edge lift station, possibly until January. Bowen Construction will manage the current lift station with the town until they are advised of the rescheduled delivery.

Hawks Nest – It is believed the construction by Rock and Dirt will be done this week. Then the electrical work will begin.

Municipal financing and Rate Review – This discussion is on hold until the UMH agreement is finalized.

Shawnee Ridge detention pond - Dave Buck recommended an engineering assessment of the storm water storage pond, to answer questions about the restoration that Rock and Dirt will need to do, and receive quotes for any additional work that may be necessary to rehabilitate the system at that location. He will provide a task order for this work at the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer

A **motion** to approve the Register of Claims November 11 to December 8, 2025 in the amount \$111,009.94 was offered by Chad Lohmeyer, with second of Steve Hahn. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The salary ordinance was reviewed. Recent updates include: Section II was adjusted for 27 pay dates in 2026; Section VI was corrected for the Chief Deputy job description, was originally shown as "Deputy Marshal", Marshal Moyars provided a list of hourly rates for the deputies and the reference to hours is changed from "up to 29 Hours per week" to read "up to 60 hours per pay period". Chad Lohmeyer moved to approve Ordinance 2025-655 with the above corrections. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Year end bonus was discussed and Chad Lohmeyer moved to allow \$250.00 per employee with appropriate withholding. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Discussions relative to the HR policy which are deferred to January include comp time and overtime for working on a holiday.

Chad Lohmeyer moved to approve the miscellaneous transactions for December 2025, with second of Steve Hahn. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The recent application for a CCMG grant from INDOT was approved for \$135,113.88. Bids or quotes are needed by March 1, 2026.

Chad Lohmeyer volunteered to respond to a recent inquiry about the Battlefield Monument.

A resident on Sherman Street requested assistance with the warning he received for violation of sidewalk snow removal, citing physical limitations. Georgia Jones shared an idea from another town, to implement a volunteer network which matches people in the community who offer to help with those who may need it. James Miller would like to see school corridor sidewalks be given priority even if the town pays for someone to clear them. Ron Holladay would like to be sure there is equitable application of any policy. The bus pickup points could also be identified as priority locations. Mary Jo Totten believes people should be responsible for their own sidewalk and likes the idea of a volunteer effort.

A request was made at town hall for an exception to the ordinance regarding trailer parking, for contractors who are working in town. Marshal Moyars said that if anyone will notify the police department with a special circumstance for parking, the department will not ticket for that circumstance.

Phil Brewer requested help moving snow piled at the corner of Jewett and Railroad Street. He complimented the police department on handling a recent situation at the Mini Mart. He appreciates increased patrol at the corner. Ron Holladay reported the dead tree at 102 Jewett, that would have fallen on Phil's parent's house, was removed.

Police Department

Bart Cole introduced himself as a new employee with the police department. Chad Lohmeyer requested and completed a ride-along with the department.

BJ Moyars reported giving warnings for snow removal and said there is a department phone number on the warning tag.

The shotguns previously approved were received. Moyars and Cole both spoke in support of training requirements for officers and offered to answer any questions the council may have.

A resident on Gallegos requested assistance with perceived “speeding” on that street, asking if a lower speed could be posted within the subdivision. This would take an action of the council to amend the traffic ordinance.

Utilities and Street

Ron Holladay reported damage to the snow plow on the 2011 F350 truck. His department is repairing it, to save some expense. The leaf vac needs to be refurbished and Ron would like to send it back to Brown Equipment Service to be rebuilt. It was purchased in 1999. The model is an upgrade for the make and the salesperson for new equipment recommended a complete overhaul would be cost efficient compared to the price of new equipment (\$150,000) for lower quality construction. Ron listed the repairs included, at a total not to exceed \$49,500. The council asked what warranty might be available and requested a second quote for the same work. No decision was made.

In 2026 there will be an EPA federal audit of the waste treatment plant. Ron requested approval to engage a consultant to ensure all the prerequisites and steps are completed correctly. James Miller moved to approve up to \$10,000 to retain Burke Engineering to provide technical consulting for this purpose. Second of Chad Lohmeyer, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The sewer main from Woods Edge plugged again last weekend after Bowen installed a pump to bypass the lift station. The pump does not shred anything like the lift station does, and this contributed to another stoppage at the check valve at Hawks Nest. The obstruction was cleared before there was any damage. Ron would like to set a date to remove the gate valve to avoid issues in the future.

The back window of the backhoe was lost during the last snowstorm. Ron is researching prices for repair. The new 24’ building for the street barn is ready for delivery, as soon as the lane from Railroad Street to the street barn area can be widened for the truck and trailer.

Area Plan – The council considered UZO Amendment # 122-A for fueling stations. Chad Lohmeyer moved to approve Ordinance 2025-657, with second of Steve Hahn. The motion was not approved, 0 Aye, 4 Nay. The council considered UZO Amendment #123 Large Data Centers. James Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2025-656, with second of Steve Hahn. In discussion it was clarified that this ordinance may be amended next year and the recommendation is to pass it and be able to accept the amendment as well. Call for the question, and passed with unanimous vote.

Committees

Public Relations The Council will research social media policy for cities and towns, in preparation to vote regarding use of social media for the town. Georgia Jones will provide a link to the recording for anyone who would like to review the information.

Old Business

Architect invoice - The architect has delivered one set of drawings for the police department. Georgia Jones requested approval from the recipients when both sets are completed, to pay the invoice.

New Business


Department purchase requests – Clerk Georgia Jones requests departments consistently give the council and clerk notice of purchase requests prior to the meeting, to provide time ahead of discussion to review and ask follow-up questions.

Sidewalk snow removal – addressed earlier in the meeting.

Motion to adjourn 8:16 PM by Chad Lohmeyer with second of Steve Hahn. Motion carried.



Georgia Jones, Clerk & Treasurer



James Miller, Council President
Chad Lohmeyer, Acting President

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance
Battle Ground Town Council

Date: December 8, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

in Person: James Miller, Councilors Steve Hahn, Chad Lohmeyer

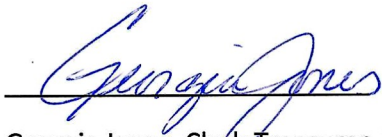
Via Zoom.us: Mary Jo Totten

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Kathy Easter, Phil Brewer, Nichole Brewer, Chris Limiac, Dave Buck,
Colin Sullivan.

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us, Youtube.com

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Georgia Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Clerk-Treasurer, Financial Clerk