

**Town of Bentonia  
Special Board Meeting  
Speed Bumps  
May 14, 2020**

**The Special meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Roger Burton III. The following members were present Robert Demus, Patricia Stevens, Clint Lancaster, Colby Park, Fire Chief Gary Taylor, Chief Nolan Warrington, Clerk Kim Tyer and members of the community. Absent: Greg Shaffer.**

**The Mayor gave a brief overview of the regular board meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 and stated that speed bumps were approved by the board of alderman for Pritchard Avenue. It has since been brought to the attention of the town that in order to be immune from liability for any injury or damage to any person or property certain procedures must be completed prior to the placing of speed bumps. The town was unaware of this when speed bumps were put into place. House Bill No. 198 2005 explains in detail procedures that must be completed prior to the placing of speed bumps in order for the town to be immune from liability.**

**The Mayor stated that House Bill No. 198 2005 and also case law where other towns and cities have been sued and lost due to the fact that the necessary procedures were not followed is available for anyone who wishes to view the documents.**

**Jay Soday addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman with his concerns about speeding on Mosley Ave. Mr. Soday stated that nothing slows down the traffic on Mosley. The speed bumps have not slowed down traffic nor have the Police slowed down traffic. Mr. Soday was in opposition of the speed bumps being removed.**

**Niki Jolly addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman with her concerns of having speed bumps on Pritchard Ave and Woods Circle. She stated that her daughter rides her bike around town and knows to get out of the road when vehicles are approaching. She also stated that Pritchard Avenue is a main road in town and needs to remain open free of speed bumps due to the fact that the life flight helicopter has had to land on Pritchard in the past and run the gurney with a patient on it down the road to the helicopter. Niki also stated her water meter has been ran over numerous times from vehicles going around the speed bumps on Woods Circle. Niki stated that her mother is on hospice and the speed bumps are noisy at night when cars pass over them.**

**The Mayor stated that in order for the town to be immune from liability all speed bumps in town would be removed from the road way. The Mayor stated that he would contact the county supervisor to get speed limit and children a play signs placed along Pritchard Ave and other areas of town.**

**A motion was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Client Lancaster to have all speed bumps removed from roads inside the town limits of Bentonia; motion passed with all in favor.**

**The Mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Motion was made to adjourn by Colby Parks seconded by Robert Demus; motion passed with all in favor.**

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**Kim Tyer, Town Clerk**

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**Roger Burton III, Mayor**