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Upcoming Events:

April 9 th	6:00 p.m.	Howell Town Planning Commission Mtg.
April 9 th	7:00 p.m.	Howell Town Council Mtg.

An invitation to visit our town's website: howelltown.org.

Our monthly newsletter is also posted on our website. On the home page select Community. From the drop-down menu select "Newsletter". You will be taken to the newsletter page. At some point we hope to eliminate the paper copy that is included with the water/garbage bill. We also realize there are some who don't have internet service. They will be accommodated. There are several who receive the newsletter via email. Please let me know how you want to receive the newsletter. Call or text (preferred) 435-279-6499.

From the March Town Council meeting

Deputy Sheriff Merkley

Reported that there wasn't much going on in Howell. There were no calls.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

- Our interest income is increasing.
- The budget is in good shape.
- Amounts received in our road fund have increased.

Greg Stevens: Engineer for Beehive Broadband Plans for installing fiber optics in Howell.

Cameron Francis, CEO Beehive Broadband, reviewed the history of Beehive Broadband. They are in sixteen counties in Utah. Their start was in Nevada. Through grants from the Federal Government and Utah State Government, they were awarded the contract in Box Elder County to

provide high speed internet access to rural Box Elder County. Rebecca Dilg, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity Broadband Office, reviewed the State's involvement in getting high speed internet to all rural Utah. Greg Stevens, Head of Engineering Beehive Broadband, reported that they couldn't go overhead with their broadband cable. It will all be underground. The engineering is done. They will start installing the main lines at the end of May. In the Jul/Sep time frame they will be installing broadband in residences. There will be a deadline to sign up for a broadband connection. While the crews are here in the valley the installation in residences will be free. If someone decides to get a connection after the deadline and the crews have left the valley, there will be an additional charge. Kyle Jon Carter, from RMWT, will be installing the cable. They will be burying the cable 36 inches deep. They will need to know where all the water lines are and where the Frontier phone lines are. Mayor Hawkes stated that our water lines are 3 feet to 4 feet deep. If they buried the cable at 24 inches, they should be okay. Councilmember Craig Hawkes asked if they hit a water line would they repair it. There was no definitive answer. Mr. Stevens stated that in other communities a town hall meeting was held where all the town's residents were invited to come and see what is available. After the Beehive Broadband Representatives and RMWT representatives left the Town Council decided to hold a town hall meeting June 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. here at the Community Center to let

the town's residents know what is available. Costs and other information will be available at that time.

Scott Anderson – RWUA – Maps of town's water system

Scott Anderson from Rural Water Association of Utah explained what he did for the town's water system. He worked with Council Member Craig Hawkes in locating all the valves and meters in the system. He made maps showing the location of all the valves and meters and water lines. Mr. Anderson also gave his recommendations on what the water system should be doing.

Council Member Craig Hawkes: (1) Water Chlorination system; (2) Backflow Prevention.

Council Member Hawkes stated that it is a challenge to keep our water samples good. The way he chlorinates our water system is not recommended. He has been looking into a gas chlorination system. It would be installed in the pump house and the chlorine would be injected into water as the pump is running. He is going to get more information.

Another item he is concerned about is about backflow prevention. Even though there are backflow preventors on our meters things can still get by them.

Bear River Water Conservancy District: Creating County Wide water master plan

Stefanie Tugaw Madson from the Bear River Water Conservancy District explained that the County Commissioners want to create a County Water Master Plan. There is a meeting scheduled for April 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the USU Brigham Multipurpose Room at 989 S Main St, Brigham City, Utah. Everyone is invited to go to the presentation, which will be followed by an open house. Aggie ice cream to be served.

One Planning Commission member's term is up: Appoint a new member or reappoint current member.

DaKota Tuck's term is up. Mayor Hawkes reported that talked with DaKota. She said she would continue as a commission member.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- The roads need to be graded.
- Park Clean Up March 27th at 6:00 p.m.

- Garbage can need to be relocated closer to the Community Center.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

- Will get the roads graded.
- Still working getting a culvert moved.

Council Member Josh Anderson:

- Getting the septic tank cleaned out.
- Waiting for a bid on new floor covering in the Post Office lobby.

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- We have our Consumer Confidence Report on our water system and would like a copy sent to each resident.

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Nothing

April's Utah Trivia Questions

1. In the 1870s English mining investors gave which area of Alta, now known for stunning g wildflowers, a poetic Celtic name for England?
2. What Bountiful native and University of Utah graduate won a Tony as best supporting actor on Broadway in 1971?
3. What do the initials ZCMI stand for?
4. Which German-born architect designed the Utah State Capitol?
5. Dixie College hosts what junior college bowl game in December?
6. Which ethnic group successfully introduced labor-intensive cash crops such as cauliflower and cabbage into Sanpete County in the 1920s?

Answers to April's Utah Trivia Questions

1. Albion Basin
2. Keene Curtis
3. Zions Cooperative Mercantile Institution
4. Richard K. A. Kletting
5. Dixie Rotary Bowl
6. Japanese