Town of Hot Springs Board of Alderman Regular Monday Meeting April 1, 2013

Present:

Mayor: Brian Reese

Alderman: Carolyn Ammons Alderman: Johnny Lawson Alderman: Vaughn Barnett Clerk: Nancy Thomas

Mayor Reese called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Alderman Johnny Lawson made the motion to approve the minutes and financial statements.

Alderman Carolyn Ammons seconded the motion.

Libby Staude first thanked the Board for the gravel taken to Park Avenue. She said it was a vast improvement, but could in fact use one more load.

Ms. Staude then gave the Board an update on the **Zoning/Planning Board.** She said they are now planning to research and update areas of vacation homes, agriculture, sub-divisions, and residential. She added with all the property being sold recently, something needed to be in place.

Ms. Staude also stated they planned on using \$100.00 of their funds to pay a woman to re-type the ordinances in an editable form.

The **Zoning/Planning Board** is once again having regular meetings and as always they are open to the public.

Karen Nagle opened the discussion regarding Trail Fest, and the Veteran Hikers. She said there had been a miscommunication regarding having a dinner for the veteran hikers. Where the Board was under the impression that they would provide the dinner for the hikers on Saturday at Springbrook Cottages, Ms. Nagle said it was already in the agenda that dinner would be provided at the Laughing Heart Lodge. She added the Town could pay for the hikers to go to the Spaghetti dinner on Friday.

Alderman Ammons made the motion to table that proposal and make a decision soon. Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.

Cindy Dubose introduced herself as the first elected President of the Hot Springs Tourism Association. She said the HSTA would be having a meeting the second Tuesday in April.

Police Chief **David Shelton** told the Board the new parking signs, along with painting some no parking areas had made the parking situation better, and expressed his appreciation.

Alderman Barnett said the need for a pump for the pump station is dire, and not optional. The Board agreed unanimously.

Mayor Reese showed the Board a **lease** prepared by the HSTA regarding the Welcome Center. The Board unanimously agreed the Town Attorney should look at it and more thought should go into the subject before any decisions are made.

Mayor Reese suggested having a meeting with HSTA after first talking to Town Attorney. All agreed.

As there was no other business,

Alderman Ammons made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Lawson seconded the motion.