

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2021

A meeting of the Accomac Town Council was held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 At The Tasley Firehouse, Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441

PRESENT: Patricia Smith, Mayor, Councilmembers: Joyce Lewis, Steven Troyer, Christopher Newman, Patricia Hubbard and Dale Lawrence. Elizabeth Bell, Clerk.

Councilman, Thomas Hines was absent.

Also Present was Mr. Samuel Cooper, clerk of Circuit Court.

Swearing in ceremony of the new Mayor and Councilmembers was performed by Samuel Cooper, Clerk of Circuit Court.

There was a brief introduction of each member including Mayor and Clerk.

Councilman Steven Troyer made a motion to accept the minutes of October 28, 2020. Councilwoman, Joyce Lewis, seconded the motion.

Old business was discussed, which included: Status on Bank accounts, both Taylor Bank a And Truist Bank.

Councilwoman Patricia Hubbard asked how does the Town generate funds? It was stated That this would be discussed at a later date.

Patricia Smith gave an update on the ditch maintenance in the Town of Accomac. She also stated that the work on ditches in the Town of Accomac should start by May 2021.

Councilman Steven Troyer gave an update on the floor plans and renovation of the Town Office. Troy Taylor has agreed to do the renovation to the Town Office. Councilman Troyer presented a layout of the new office and answered questions that were asked.

The Council and Mayor will discuss the cost for the work that's being done with Mr. Taylor at a later date.

The permit for the work on the Town Hall will expire on 2/6/21 per Councilman Troyer. It will cost \$50 to renew the permit.

There was a discussion regarding Town Tags/Stickers for the Town of Accomac. It was stated

That last year the Town took a loss in revenue on the sale of decals, and it was agreed that the Town would not sell decals for the 2021 year.

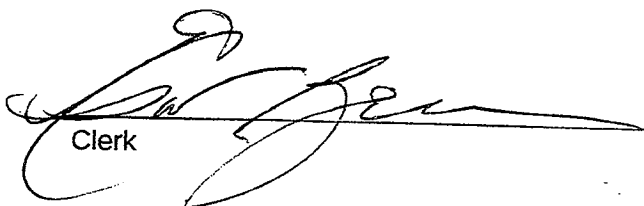
Councilman Steven Troyer made a motion stating that the Town do not purchase and sale Town Decals (stickers) this year.

Councilwoman Joyce Lewis seconded the motion.

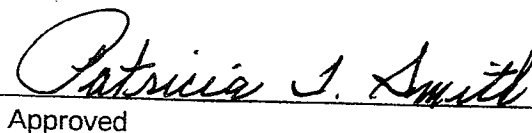
The Clerk stated that there was a problem with the Town's laptop. It was stated by Councilman Steven Troyer that the Clerk called Jason Byelich at 894-3488 to see if he could repair the Town's laptop.

It was stated that there were openings on The Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. To be discussed at a later date.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Clerk



Approved

Minutes of Town Council Meeting of February 24, 2021

A meeting of the Accomac Town Council was held at 7:30pm on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at the Tasley Firehouse, Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441.

PRESENT: Patricia Smith, Mayor, Councilmembers: Joyce Lewis, Christopher Newman, Thomas Hines, Patricia Hubbard and Dale Lawrence. Elizabeth Bell, Clerk.

Councilman, Steven Troyer was absent.

Troy, the gentleman that will be renovating the Town Office gave an update on the job.

- 1) Another sight visit is needed, before giving a quote on the job.
- 2) The permit from the County is expiring, and should be renewed. Troy said he paid for the permit and the Town also paid for the permit.
- 3) It was stated that Ron Dahkle wanted to donate a door.
- 4) There were questions about the windows, are there two small windows on the side of the building?
- 5) Flooring- Vinyl -wood look
- 6) HVAC- mini split unit ?
- 7) Counter spaces
- 8) Proper Electrical outlets(sockets) for computers - Mr. Paul was recommended
- 9) Patricia Smith recommended Richard Wallace to connect telephones

Troy stated that if he takes the job, he cannot start work until September of this year.

Christopher Newman made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 24, 2021 meeting.
Joyce Lewis Seconded.

There were inquiries about how the Mayor and Council addresses the problems with historical buildings, neglected properties, the upkeep of rental properties and others in the Town of Accomac.

There were discussions about ordinances regarding speeding, nuisance (dog barking), school buses, oversize vehicles, security lights, the Neubeam pole in the Sheriff's parking lot, vacants buildings, abandoned vehicles, firing of firearms in the Town and how they should be addressed.

Patricia Smith stated that the Town's Ordinances should be updated, in order to enforce them. It was suggested that Mary Dahkle, Chair of the Planning Commission and her team address this matter. It was requested to have Mary Dahkle attend the next Town meeting. The Town Attorney was also requested to attend the next Town meeting.

It was stated that new businesses are needed, more Town events like the Art Festival and possibly to hire a part time Police Officer for the Town.

Patricia Hubbard stated that there are grants for renovation of buildings , such as the Debtor's Prison and the old Bank building. Grants for law enforcement to possibly hire a Police Officer. She agreed to look for grants for the Town.

Thomas Hine stated that some of the street lights were out in the Town, and he would call A&N Electric to report them.

Also, some of the businesses in the Town are over the limits for garbage can pick up.

The Wards Service station has a new owner and is storing too many junk cars on the property.

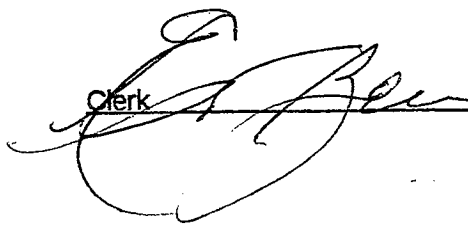
On Drummondtown Road the property owner is using a lot for a horse pasture, it is not zoned for Agriculture.

Christopher Newman agreed to send letters to Town residents regarding grass cutting and overgrown shrubbery in the Town.

Patricia Smith stated that work sessions are needed for ordinances and grants.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2021

A meeting of the Accomac Town Council was held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Tasley Volunteer Fire House, Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441.

PRESENT: Patricia Smith, *Mayor*, Joyce Lewis, Christopher Newman, Thomas Hines, Dale Lawrence and Patricia Hubbard *Councilmembers*, and Elizabeth Bell, *Clerk*.

Councilman Steven Troyer absent.

Also present were: Attorney David Rowan, Mary Dahkle, Chair of the Planning Commission and Ted Fields, Secretary of the Tasley Volunteer Fire House.

Christopher Newman requested a correction to the minutes: he will not send letters to residents regarding grass cutting and overgrown shrubbery in the Town.

The minutes of the former meeting were approved.

Councilman Christopher Newman made a motion to accept the minutes.

Councilman Thomas Hines seconded.

Ted Fields gave a thorough overview with regards to the financial status of the Tasley Volunteer Firehouse. This report indicated the need and financial support from the Town.

Mary Dahkle gave a report on the Town's Ordinance. She highlighted on a few dates: Town Ordinances mandated 1980, Zoning Ordinance passed by Town 1989, adopted in 1990, 1994 there was a request for revisions. There was also a proposed change in 2017.

Mary Dahkle agreed to provide a copy of the Town Ordinance to the Council.

Attorney David Rowan gave a report on the Town's Ordinances from a legal point of view.

Procedures of Zoning Violations: (1) Identify the problems (2) Have Zoning Administrator send letters (30day notice) to correct the matter, to both owner and current tenant.

There was a discussion regarding hiring a police officer for the Town of Accomac. Various town Chief of Police were asked about this matter.

It was stated that the Dogwood tree at the Debtor's prison is being taken care by Public Works Dept.

There was a brief discussion regarding grants by Patricia Hubbard.

It was stated that the Litter Grant is available to the Town of Accomac this year. Patricia Hubbard made a motion to accept the Litter Grant this year. Seconded by Joyce Lewis.

It was stated that the Town has a Certificate of Deposit that is expiring March 24th.

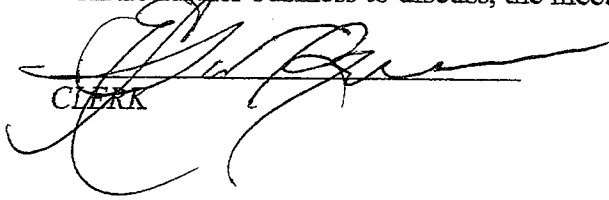
The Clerk will provide information to Mayor and Councilmembers regarding rates.


There was a brief discussion regarding temporary and permanent easements in the Town. The temporary easements have expired, and if and how to handle the problem.

Mayor and Chris Gubernator, Environmental Director for the County, walked the Town to see where the Town is regarding expiring and current easements, to get ditches cleaned in the Town of Accomac.

Mayor Smith will send out letters to residents who properties are in questioned.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.


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MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF April 28, 2021

A meeting of the Accomac Town Council was held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at the Tasley Volunteer Fire House, Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441.

PRESENT: Patricia Smith, *Mayor*, Joyce Lewis, Christopher Newman, Thomas Hine, Steven Troyer and Patricia Hubbard *Councilmembers*, and Elizabeth Bell, *Clerk*.

Councilman Dale Lawrence was absent.

Also present were: Chris Gubernator, Director of Environmental for County of Accomack, Paul Seltzer, Mary Dahkle, Chair of the Planning Commission, Ned Fowler, Laura Salas, Ralph Friedrich and Sabine Lovett.

Chris Gubernator gave a thorough overview of how the ditch maintenance program works.

He stated that the County maintained the secondary ditches and that VDOT maintained the state roads.

He also explained temporary easements and permanent easements.

It was stated that the County does permanent easements and private contractors does temporary easements.

The ditch that was focused on was the ditch that starts on School Street and ends on Front Street and is between Lilliston Avenue and Courthouse Avenue.

A 20-foot easement on each side of the ditch is needed and a 6-inch tree stump aftermath.

Mayor and Clerk sent letters out to all residents where properties were concerned.

After questions and answers session, Chris Gubernator, provided ditch maintenance guides.

There was a concern regarding speed control in the town,
It was suggested to look into getting a rent a cop. Tabled until next meeting.

Also, dogs running at large was a concern in the town. Tabled until next meeting.

The number of vehicles on a given property was discussed. Junkyards, non-operable vehicles and vehicles with no tags.

The Mayor advised the council about the insurance coverage for the existing town office.

Scott Doughty from Farm Bureau advise that if the building is not completed by September of this year, they will no longer provide coverage for that building.

The contractor, Troy Taylor was advised regarding this matter. He will be requested to attend the next meeting.

It was agreed to by Mayor and Council to do Spring Clean-up for the Town May 24th with May 31st as second choice.

It was also stated that there was a mattress out on the lawn on Lilliston Street. A letter will be sent out to home -owner Gordon Vincent.

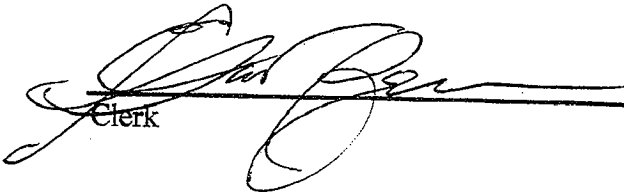
Also, a letter should be sent out to home -owners Leslie & Thomas Dix regarding overgrown shrubbery and bushes on property.

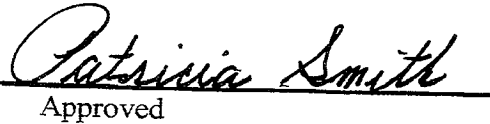
Christopher Newman asked about the 4th of July parade, whether or not the Town will have one? To be discussed at the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that the following positions are still vacant: Vice Mayor, a member on the Planning Commission Board and Board of Zoning Appeal.

It was suggested Amy Kay for the Planning Commission Board and Richard Wallace for the Board of Zoning Appeal vacancies.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.


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MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF May 26, 2021

A meeting of the Accomac Town Council was held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the Tasley Volunteer Fire House, Lankford Highway, Tasley, VA 23441.

PRESENT: Patricia Smith, *Mayor*, Joyce Lewis, Christopher Newman, Thomas Hines, and Patricia Hubbard *Councilmembers*, and Elizabeth Bell, *Clerk*.

Council members: Dale Lawrence and Steven Troyer were absent.

Also, present was Lieutenant David W. Smullin

On the March 24, 2021, minutes correct the name of the representative for the Tasley Firehouse to Ted Bliss.

Councilman Christopher Newman made a motion to approve the Minutes for the March 24, 2021 and April 26, 2021 meetings. Thomas Hines seconded.

Councilmember Patricia Hubbard stated that there were some charges on the monthly payables statement for the Town where she either spoke with or sent e-mails to the Towns Attorney, she will re-pay.

There was a brief discussion about the Spring clean-up. There were some locations where items were not picked up.

The Town invited Lieutenant David W. Smullin to the meeting to advise them about Rent-A-Cop.

He gave a detailed report: how the system works and what it would cost the Town to rent a cop. He would also send the Mayor a schedule of when it would be available if they decide to hire. The council members discussed where the service was needed in the town.

It was also stated that it would cost the Town about \$35 to \$40 per hour/per Officer. And that the revenues received from tickets written would go to the office where the Officer works not the Town.


There was a brief discussion regarding the renovation to the Town office. It was discussed that the bathroom should be on the opposite side of the office, change to the layout provided.

It was agreed to have the 4th of July celebration in the Town. Parade to start at Library on Front Street and proceed down to the front lawn of the Circuit Court. They would provide bottled water and popsicles. The County Band would be there and others. Will discuss at the next town meeting.

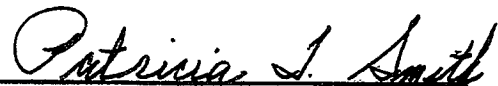
Councilmember Hubbard opened a discussion about the Town's legal duties regarding posting the minutes on the Town's web site. She also discussed this matter with the Town's Attorney and sent emails to Mayor, Councilmembers and Clerk. Councilman Thomas Hines stated that the emails had a threatening connotation. There was also a

discussion about FOIA. Mayor stated that they are there for the betterment of the Town.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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