

**Town of Perryville  
Emergency Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Mathew Roath, Commissioners, Michelle Linkey, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample

Remote Participation: Commissioner Taylor

The Special Meeting in its entirety can be listened to on the Town's web site at [www.perryvillemd.org](http://www.perryvillemd.org).

**The January 24, 2022, Town Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Roath.**

**Approval of the Emergency Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Roath asked for a motion for approval of the Town Meeting Agenda.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the January 24, 2022, Town Meeting Agenda. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor Roath: Aye, **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mayor Roath asked for the record to reflect that Commissioner Taylor will be attending via speaker phone. He confirmed that Commissioner Taylor could hear him and that the board could hear Commissioner Taylor. All votes taken during the meeting in which the Mayor or Commissioner participates remotely shall be by roll call vote. The presiding officer shall ask the remote participant for any comments after each motion or agenda item. The remote participant also may verbally request to be recognized in the same manner as any person present in person.

**Approval of Resolution 2022-03**

Mr. Patchell explained that things were moving very quickly on this settlement and Mayor Roath, and I had a conference call with the Attorneys that were representing the Town of Perryville and other Municipalities around the State on the potential for a settlement, our Attorney Fred Sussman was also on the call. We were told at that time that the settlement was imminent, however at that time frame that the Town would have to register the part of that settlement was going to be in a short order, possibly the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of January, we would have to have a Resolution approved by this body in order to be part of that settlement. When we came into work this morning Mr. Sussman relayed that he had discussion with the Attorney General's Office yesterday and they confirmed that the Resolution needed to be approved by 5 p.m. on Tuesday January 25, 2022, in order for the Town to be part of that settlement. The Resolution before you will authorize the Town Administrator to execute the National Settlement Agreement

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on the opioid litigation, and it also allows the Town to begin the process of being a part of the overall settlement and available for the funds that may be available at the end of the court hearing. Also in your packet is an estimated distribution that he has provided with the Town of Perryville potential maximum amount to be received as \$107,000.

Mayor Roath made note that this is basically allowing you to be our proxy so we can quickly move on yes or no participation and no additional negotiations we can have with anybody involved. Tonight, is to stay in line with the speed that this settlement is moving.

Mr. Patchell stated that there are some documents included as part of your packet that he will have to sign including a Settlement Participation Form, as well as a Distribution Settlement that will need to be signed as part of the packet that will need to be sent to Mr. Sussman tomorrow after this meeting.

Commissioner Snelling inquired if we would need two motions, one for the Resolution and one for the Proxy, to which Mr. Patchell responded that we would not because the Resolution outlines that.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired if there was a time frame given for how long this would take, to which Mr. Patchell responded they did not.

Mayor Roath asked if he was correct in saying that this is just one settlement.

Mr. Patchell responded that is correct, this is just one pharmaceutical company, there may be others in the future.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if he knew what pharmaceutical company, they did not divulge what company.

Commissioner Aldridge asked if it was the Federal Government that sued the pharmaceutical companies for the opioid distribution.

Mr. Patchell responded that it is a class action suit that the State of Maryland put together. It lists various companies that are being pursued and there may be more in the future.

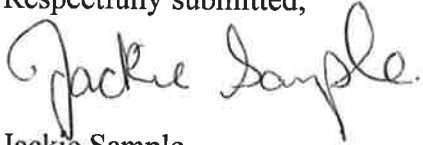
**Motion** was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve Resolution 2022-03. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor Roath: Aye, **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn the January 24, 2022, Town Meeting at 5:40 p.m. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye,

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Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Mayor  
Roath: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jackie Sample  
Perryville Town Clerk

