

**Town of Perryville  
Public Hearing Minutes  
October 5, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Town Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Finance Director: Debra Laubach, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Police Sergeant: Gerard Morgan, Outreach Program Director: Danielle Hemling, Billing Clerk: Tara Blevins, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman.

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

**The October 5, 2021, Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roath.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of the Public Hearing Agenda**

Mayor Roath asked for a motion for approval of the Public Hearing Agenda.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the October 5, 2021 Public Hearing Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mayor Roath read the introductory paragraph of Ordinance 2021-10, bond issuance.

**Ordinance 2021-10** - for the purpose of providing for the issuance and sale of an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,450,000.00) of general obligation bonds of the Town of Perryville, to be known as "The Town of Perryville Infrastructure Bonds, 2021 Series A" for the purpose of providing all or a portion of the funds necessary for financing or refinancing costs of a project identified herein as the Denitrification System Improvement Project.

Ms. Laubach requested for cancellation of the Public Hearing and had sent information to the board explaining why and will explain it to the public. She explained that the bond offering that we were going to take came available at the same time that we were working with the MD Department of the Environment to finalize the grant with them. It initially appeared that we were going to have to borrow \$1,450,000 from the CDA bond offering to complete the project. Due to time restraints it was necessary to go ahead and advertise the Public Hearing and use that figure in there. In the meantime, MDE eliminated items from the original contract that were not essential based on information from our engineers. The project was resubmitted to MDE and MDE improved the project and increased the percentage of the project that they were willing to cover with a grant. The percentage that they are now covering is 96.23%, with the revised Engineers cost estimate and MDE's increased grant percentage, it appears that the Town's out-of-pocket cost for the project will only be around \$240,000, not the \$1,450,000 for the denitrification project. Our bond counsel had also informed us that with the nature of our agreement with the VA and the billing of our sewer processing which they pay for a large portion of our sewer process, that the bond with the Town might be classified as taxable versus

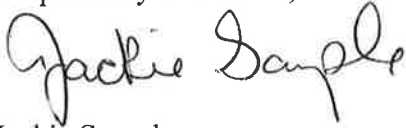
non-taxable, which would disqualify all or part of that offering. After discussions with CDA and their bond counsel and our bond counsel and Mr. Sussman, we decided to pull our application for a bond, due to those circumstances. It was determined by our bond counsel and Mr. Sussman to go ahead with the Public Hearing since it was already advertised. She asked for a motion to cancel the Public Hearing.

There were no comments from the floor

Commissioner Taylor commented that this is a good investment for our Town and with the State picking up greater than 90% of the cost, he is looking forward to proceeding with this project.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn the October 5, 2021, Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. and go into the October 5, 2021 Town Meeting.  
**All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Sample". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jackie Sample  
Perryville Town Clerk