

Town of Perryville  
Charter Amendment Resolution 2023-01 Uncontested Elections Public Hearing Minutes  
August 1, 2023

Attendance: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Outreach Director: Danielle Hemling, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The August 1, 2023, Public Hearing for Charter Amendment Resolution 2023-01 Uncontested Elections was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Roath.

**Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve the August 1, 2023, Public Hearing Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mr. Patchell read the introductory paragraph on behalf of Mayor Roath regarding Charter Amendment Resolution 2023-01 which is a resolution of the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Perryville, Maryland, to amend the Charter of the Town of Perryville to provide that under certain circumstances certain candidates for Mayor or Commissioner shall be declared elected without the conduct of an election for that office; and generally relating to changes in requirements and procedures for elections to the office of Mayor and Commissioners. Subsection B. now states except as provided in subsection C. of this section, Town Commissioners and the Mayor shall be elected at large by a majority vote of all registered voters of the Town of Perryville casting a ballot in said election. Subsection C. was added which states a qualified candidate shall be deemed elected without the necessity of the conduct of an election under Article V of this Charter when: (1) In the case of the office of Mayor, only one qualified candidate files a certificate of nomination under § c5-8, and that candidate is the elected incumbent Mayor; and (2) In the case of the office of Commissioner the number of qualified candidates who file certificates of nomination under § c5-8 equals or is less than the number of Commissioners to be elected to office at the election, and all candidates are elected incumbent Commissioners.

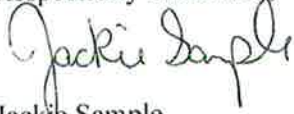
Mayor Roath explained that it is to be more efficient with our expenses for unopposed elections and someone that has not run and been elected before will still need to secure votes to secure the position.

Commissioner Taylor explained that the goal is to not have someone serve on this board that has not received some votes from the resident of the Town. If someone is running unopposed and have not served before there will be an election. If the only candidates are running are only current incumbent candidates then there is no need to hold an election because they have already received votes.

There was no public comment.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the August 1, 2023, Public Hearing and go into the August 1, 2023 Town Meeting at 7:02 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample".

Jackie Sample,  
Town Clark