

Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022, at 7 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Commissioner: Michelle Linkey, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Outreach Director: Danielle Hemling, Billing Clerk: Tara Blevins, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman

Remote Participation: Commissioner Robert Taylor

Absent: Mayor Matthew Roath

The Town Meeting in its entirety can be listened to on the Town's web site at www.perryvillemd.org.

The February 1, 2022, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner Linkey.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Linkey asked for the record to reflect that Commissioner Taylor will be attending via speaker phone. She confirmed that Commissioner Taylor could hear her 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.

Motion was made by Commissioner Snelling and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the remote participation request by Commissioner Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Linkey had a moment of silence for the fire fighters in Baltimore County.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Snelling made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda, and this was seconded by Commissioner Aldridge. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion made by Commissioner Linkey to add discussion on the 2022 meeting calendar to the agenda under new business and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Town meeting agenda approved with amendment to add item. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Reports

Public Safety – Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey stated she didn't have much to report for January. She reported that the speed cameras came in and will need to be installed but she would wait and let Chief Nitz explain with his report.

Planning and Zoning Staff Report – Commissioner Aldridge

Commissioner Aldridge reported that she also had a slow month. Winter Light, Cecil Nights is still going on. She also explained that the Christmas tree in the meeting room is now a tree of hope, and we are collecting hats and

gloves. Perryville has started its ice fishing game and rules can be found on our website and Facebook page. Planning and Zoning department held a meeting regarding the storm water plans for lot 5 at Chesapeake Overlook being submitted to the County for an indoor sports rec center that was discussed. Perryville Sports Bar and Grill got their liquor license and plans to open by March 1st. She also stated she has heard there is someone interested in purchasing the Ercole's building, and the interest party does have plans to do some updates on the building and parking lot so hopefully brings in some more businesses to town.

Public Works Report – Commissioner Snelling

Commissioner Snelling reported that Department of Public Works installed a section of fencing along the Roundhouse Drive trail near a steep embankment. Two water repairs were done on Bayscape Drive and a fire hydrant at the corner of Susquehanna and Locust Street and repairs of water main an area on Otsego Street. Commissioner Snelling also wanted to congratulate the fire department on receiving a grant to help with the water connection at Station 16.

Wastewater and Water Treatment Reports – Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor reported that Randy Taylor, Jr submitted his resignation so we will be advertising for that open position. The water plant was in full compliance with MDE for the month of December and January. Wastewater was in full compliance with the NPDES discharge permit for the months of December and January. We have met the requirements for the \$60,000 ENR grant from MDE. The wastewater plant influent monthly flow was 21.63 million gallons. Corey Burn, a water plant employee, passed the MDE class 4 water certification exam. The full monthly report on wastewater and water treatment is online.

Town Administrator – George Patchell

Mr. Patchell explained that we have added some items to our Emergency Response Program which included Parade/Special Events Emergency Response, national gas leak and after-action review and it has been handed out to the staff. He also explained that the IT Contractor, Onsite, has reviewed the rough draft of the Information System Technology Contingency Plan made by Commissioner Taylor. The cost associated with Contingency Plan will be available in the 2023 budget. We have developed an active shooter program and that training will begin next week for staff. The Website has been updated to include professional photos of key staff and elected officials. Mr. Patchell explained there is a new employee of the month program will begin in April. With this program gives an opportunity for the citizens of the town to nominate an employee, this paperwork can be found on our website. He explained that he created a water line break and why is my water brown brochure which does cover frequently asked questions. This will be posted on our website and at the townhall office. Commissioner Linkey asked if the issues on Bayscape Drive with water leaks are being repaired or replaced. Mr. Patchell responded that it is the saddles that are going bad and being replaced. These connections are deteriorating after being in the ground for 30 years. These are being replaced as they go bad and when we replace them, we do have to shut the water off to replace the saddles. This isn't a main water break that can be fixed at one time it is the saddles off the main line that connect to each property. We will continue to see breaks there until we get them all replaced. Mr. Patchell stated he had completed SRBC grant asking for \$208,000 to purchase electronic radio frequency water meters and infrastructure. We have about 40% until the upgrade of meters is complete, once this is completed, we will be able to read meters from townhall. The Perryville Fire Company Station 16 did receive a grant, so we are moving forward with the second bid process now. The rest of the report can be found online.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Laubach

Mr. Patchell reported that Deb Laubach was not here, and her report can be found online. Mr. Patchell responded that he could answer any questions.

Police Report – Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz explained his report can be found online. Chief Nitz stated Sgt. Hoffman and Sgt. Morgan have started the 13-week program New Jersey Chiefs of Police Command and leadership training which we received a grant for from the Governor's Office. He also explained that the speed trailer has arrived and once the training is

completed, we will set that up in high traffic areas. Once the speed trailer is set up, we can wait about a week, and we will have reports that give us the information on times and speeds. Commissioner Taylor asked Chief Nitz if he had any new information on the EZ-pass issue. Chief Nitz reported that he has been to the EZ-pass office with violations for police cars, at least three times spending more then an hour and a half in line with no answers. Commissioner Aldridge stated that she heard that it's a new company and the Governor Office has also put in a petition in on this issue.

Outreach Report – Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported that January was a slow month with the staff and members having covid. We are going into the second part of the school year, so we did buckle down and reenforce study habits and homework. Ramped up on hygiene because of covid. The school system added a few early dismissals, so we made sure we were aware of them and planned accurately. Looking forward to summer we have booked a North Bay trip, game truck and another cook out at the police station, and we also take the older kids that have done community service to Hershey Park. I did speak to Caption Lee's Mariena about possibly being able to use their pool in the summer at the condos.

From the Floor

Chief Willis, from the Perryville Fire Department, reported that the fire company had 48 fire calls and 85 ambulance calls. This was about 35 fewer calls. He reported that the new officials took affect today 2/1/22. Second in command was replaced by Bryan Jones and President has been replaced by Paul Frazer. We are gearing up for the county BLT grant this would help us with getting more rescue equipment. We are looking into getting some battery-operated equipment for our units. With the cords we are limited to up to 100 feet that as far as they will reach. A battery complete set is about \$30,000. Chief Willis reported he has a meeting next week with the fire chief and Great Wolf contractors coming on with their fire system in the stairways. One truck is still out of service they are waiting for hydraulic pump replaced, that truck is about 23 years old, but the part should be in within two to three weeks and that will be back in service. He also reported that the truck that was hit has about \$150,000 in damage and won't have it back to us until March of next year. All the funding that was given by the town has been spend just waiting on the iPads to come in. County wide system to bring 9 fire companies on the same system. This would help us be able to get into buildings without waiting for someone to let us in. They will start in Cecilton and more on from there with Perryville being fourth. It is an electronic lock so we would get in with a key fob. They are hoping to have all 9 companies completed by June 1, 2022.

Mr. Pat Statina, Perryville Train Museum, reported that there is a scale show at the Timonium fair grounds, this weekend.

New Business

Ordinance 2022-01 Town Personnel Manual – Cathy McCardell

Ms. McCardell explained the introduction of Ordinance 2022-01 to amend the Town's current Personnel Manual to revise provisions relating to compensation for certain classes of Town employees and call-out pay.

2022 Meeting calendar changes for discussion – Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey explained the proposed changes would be the July 5th Meeting and propose it be moved to July 12th. She also stated that November 1st was Town Meeting but that is also election day. Commissioner Linkey made a **motion** to change the July 5th meeting to be moved to July 12th and that was seconded by Commissioner Aldridge. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Linkey: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried**

All in

Motion was made by Commissioner Snelling to adjourn the February 1, 2022, Town Meeting at 7:44 p.m. and it was seconded by Commissioner Aldridge. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Blevins".

Tara Blevins
Billing Clerk