

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Mathew Roath, Commissioners, Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Finance Director: Debra Sharpe, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Police Lieutenant: Michael Reno, Police Sergeant: Gerard Morgan, Police Detective: John Peer, Police Officers: Robert Kennedy, Michael Palmer, Anthony Lenzi, Themis Speis, David Leas, Thomas Pierson, Ritchie Huffstutler, Police Secretary: Kim Crew, Outreach Director: Danielle Hemling, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman.

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The May 3, 2022, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roath.

Pledge to the Flag

Mayor Roath asked for a moment of silence for a previous Town Administrator, Eric Morsicato who had passed away and had been a previous Town Administrator, who had served the Town for quite a few years.

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

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

Motion was requested by Commissioner Taylor to add an agenda item under New Business to discuss the asphalt construction up the road.

Mayor Roath responded that he does not feel that it is a Town issue and when it becomes a Town issue, that is when we can discuss it, but at this moment there is no reason to believe that it is.

Commissioner Taylor stated that the reason he wants to bring it to the floor is because he has heard a lot of concerns from people from our Town about it being built so close to us. He commented that the Town of Charlestown has written a letter to MDE expressing their opposition to it being built and feels that we should at least discuss doing something similar for Perryville.

Mayor Roath commented that he would be happy to put it on the agenda once the meeting tomorrow is finished and we get some scientific information on what it is and how it is going to be done.

Commissioner Taylor responded that he has a motion on the floor and if there is no second to the motion, we can just drop it.

Mayor Roath asked if we have a second, Commissioner Snelling seconded it.

All in Favor: Motion Carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey approve the May 3, 2022, agenda as amended.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Mayor Roath announced that this will be item F. under New Business.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as written, items consisting of the April 5, 2022, Town Meeting Minutes, the April 5, 2022 Closed Session Minutes, the April 12, 2022 FY23 Budget Work Session Minutes, April 14, 2002 FY 23 Budget Work Session Minutes, April 19, 2022 FY23 Budget Intro and Public Hearing Minutes, April 19, 2022 Work Session Minutes. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roath reported that on April 5th he was invited to act as Principal for the Day at the Perryville Middle School. He also participated in a conference call with the VA Medical Center and HELP USA regarding the progress on their project to expand their Veteran's village by and estimated 80 new units. He, along with Mr. Patchell and Ms. McCardell, met with Kelly Benson, from Fin Paddleshare regarding finalizing a lease agreement with them for providing kayak services at the community park. On April 8th and 9th, he participated in the Little League's field day on Friday and the Opening Day parade and ceremony on Saturday. He attended Budget Work Sessions on the 12th and the 14th of April to finalize the FY23 budget. On April 13 he met with the Perryville Little League officials and a local contractor to discuss design, location, and pricing for a batting cage that we still contractually owe them. On April 14th he participated in a conference call with representatives from the VA Medical Center to discuss our concerns regarding patient housing in our community and the impact that their traffic is having on the bridge going out to our community park and we will continue to have those conversations. On the 22nd of April he met with the marketing director for Hollywood Casino and our community events coordinator Alisha Garlie to discuss our upcoming events and for some brainstorming for future events and partnerships with Hollywood Casino. On the 26th of April he participated in a conference call with HELP USA to discuss our intentions of securing a more equitable deal, in regard to the Veteran's Village Phase II. On April 28 he attended the Bainbridge Flag raising event to commemorate the groundbreaking for 450 acres of commercial development in neighboring Port Deposit. He had the opportunity to speak with Governor Larry Hogan about our Town and the addition of Great Wolf Lodge. On April 30th he met with representatives from Tiki Lee's, along with Delegate Hornberger, Councilwoman Culberson and County Executive Hornberger to get an update on their design, permitting and construction timelines for their

upcoming Perryville location. After further discussions with staff, he reported that they are more aggressively moving forward in their efforts to start the project.

Public Safety Report – Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey commented that this past month she attended all of the budget meetings as well as meeting with the Police Chief twice a week and also attended the MML quarterly meeting and will be on the scholarship committee, that award two scholarships, one for Harford County and one for Cecil County. She also attended the Riversweep event where participants recovered 20 tires, 1.56 tons of trash. She wanted to thank the Perryville Outreach who participated out at Rodgers Tavern and the Conowingo Elementary Environmental Club who helped out at the boat ramp and the island, as well as the park. We also had some people from Amazon and Verizon, and she appreciated everyone that attended. Sergeant's Hoffman and Morgan both completed the New Jersey Chief of Police Command and Leadership Academy, a 15- week command collegiate course. May 15th through the 21st is National Police Week, she asked the officers that were in attendance to be recognized for their dedicated service since we will not be here when that starts. At the end of National Police Week on the 21st there will be a Cookout with the cops from 11 am to 2 pm. at the Police Department. She wanted to thank Chief Nitz and Lieutenant Reno for all of their hard work that they did on the budget to be able to increase and add to our already good Police Department.

A resident commented that the Riversweep event was an important and fun outing, and she was disappointed that there was not anything in the Cecil Whig about Cecil County.

Mayor Roath responded that he believes that they expanded it to other communities this year.

Commissioner Linkey responded that they have always had Octorara Lakes, Havre De Grace, here, and Port Deposit. Commissioner Linkey commented that there were postings on Facebook.

Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Reports - Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor reported that Scott Tarbert passed his MDE A Wastewater certification exam and a big congratulations goes out to him because that is a tough exam to get and there are not many people in Maryland who have one. The Wastewater Treatment Plant was in full compliance with the NPDES discharge permit for the month of March 2022 and April, 2022 with the April lab results received to-date. We had an influent monthly flow of 26.74 million gallons and an effluent monthly flow of 24.76 million gallons, over a third of that came from the Veterans Center in the amount of 8.23 million gallons. There was a small plant overflow of the SBR tanks on April 7th with the rainstorm that occurred that night which was reported to MDE, and we are waiting to hear back from them. The County finally signed off on all of the permitting that we need for the nitrification plant and the final construction documents have been delivered to MDE this week to obtain our final construction permits so that we can send that project out to bid.

Commissioner Taylor reported that the Water Plant was in compliance with MDE regulations for the month of March 2022 and April, 2022 with the April lab results received to-date. We took in 9.4 million gallons of raw water monthly flow and 9.4 million gallons of finished water flow. The monthly bacteria samples were negative, and all of our testing and maintenance has been done this month.

Mayor Roath inquired if the overflow was more of a timing issue since there seems to be times when we have had significant more rainfall and they do not overflow.

Commissioner Taylor commented that the SBR tanks run on different cycles and the levels go up and down and if we get an extremely heavy rainstorm when the tanks are at the top of their normal cycle then it can cause an overflow, and when we do get a rainstorm we get an enormous surge of water from the VA, which unfortunately there is nothing we can do about.

Planning and Zoning Staff Report - Commissioner Aldridge

Commissioner Aldridge reported that we have a lot of upcoming events for the Town of Perryville. Currently, the 5th Company Brewing plans to open sometime in June and Broad Street Tavern will be having a soft opening the middle of this month. The Town events that will be occurring are the Farmers Market, starting this Saturday May 7 at Rodgers Tavern and every Saturday through October from 12 p.m.-3 p.m. and a Bazaar at Rodgers Tavern the first Saturday of the month from May-October from 12 p.m. -3 p.m. The Snackle Box will be opening on Friday May 20th from 7 a.m. -4 p.m. on weekends at the boat launch building through October. We also have our Friday Cruisers starting Friday May 20th from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. through October at Lower Ferry Park.

Public Works Report - Commissioner Snelling

Commissioner Snelling reported that Public Works has been placing the requested “No Parking” signs around Trego Field near the residential properties next to Town Hall. Public Works now have the brackets for the Senior Banners to be placed throughout the Town. Public Works employees have been painting the curbs throughout the Town as needed. The contractor is to add additional striping to one of the Tennis Courts to serve as two Pickle Ball Courts. A “rules” sign was placed at the Trego Field basketball court. The parks staff assisted with the annual Riversweep event. Today there was a sewer backup at the Perryville Elementary School that has been resolved.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to thank Public Works, they were in his neighborhood painting fire hydrants, and they look shiny and new.

Mayor Roath asked for confirmation that all of the hydrants throughout Town were in the process of getting painted.

Mr. Patchell responded that they were, they are making their way around Town and painting an “H” in front of all of the fire hydrant locations.

Commissioner Snelling also announced that hydrant flushing will probably be within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Roath asked Mr. Patchell if he will be providing an update on the construction project.

Mr. Patchell responded that he will be providing that.

Commissioner Linkey requested if Brad Willis, the Fire Chief could present his report she missed him earlier when giving her report.

Fire Department Report - Brad Willis, Fire Chief

Chief Willis reported that there were 51 fire calls for the month of April, with 186 year to date and this time last year we had 156 calls year to date. We averaged 4.0 personnel on the scene of each call and averaged 7.5 people overall. We are still striving to meet our UFPA 1720 response requirements as he had discussed last month, which requires to have 10 people in 10 minutes, and we are still significantly low on where we need to be, we are continuing to attempt to recruit some new members. We had 83 EMS calls for the month and 334 year-to-date, down from last year which were 411 at this time, due to not having the second ambulance. We finalized everything with the insurance company from the accident and now we can move forward and hopefully place an order for something new and probably around a year to get delivery because things are so backed up. We have had 715 training hours so far for this year and will be training on the new hydrant defenders that the Town will be installing tomorrow night at the firehouse. Last year we had 2010 training hours total at for the 2021 year, so we are well on our way only 3 months into the year. We submitted our new RFP for the new ladder truck and the proposals are due back by the vendors May 31st. As of now we are looking at two years for delivery once a contract is signed. We received a grant for \$6,100 from the Town VLT fund which we are very appreciative of, which will be used to replace our aging nozzles. We are starting the planning process for our 100-year Anniversary celebration which will be September 9, 2023, the Fire Department was started in this building in 1923. Chief Willis wanted to bring up a Knox box law that former Commissioner Ryan had been working on prior to his resignation, that Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Linkey, or Commissioner Snelling may be more familiar with, and whether it ever was enacted or passed requiring Knox boxes in Town limits for commercial or multi-family structures.

Commissioner Taylor recalls talking about it but not getting past the talking about stage before he retired but he can follow up with you and reach out to former Commissioner Ryan and find out whether we can bring it back.

Chief Willis mentioned the planned expansion of Chesapeake Overlook Court and stated that our number one calls have been the automatic fire alarms and a lot of them occur at night, with those keys it would allow us to get in and rapidly assess the situation which is a great advantage to us. The cost is very nominal for the business owner, around \$300 or \$400, depending on the amount of keys that they would need, so it should not be a deterrent for

someone new wanting to come to Perryville. It saves us time on accessing the property and saves on property damage to gain access and allows us to get in and out quicker and is an advantage for us and the property owner.

Mayor Roath responded that it sounds like a no brainer with our new commercial businesses that are coming into Town, something we should look into.

Commissioner Taylor believes that it is something we can look into putting into the building code so that new construction for businesses would require that.

Commissioner Linkey responded that she would get in touch with Ray.

Commissioner Aldridge asked what exactly a Knox box is.

Chief Willis commented that a Knox Box is recessed into a wall, an example of one is on the side of the Police Department building and we have a special key that only the Fire Department units have and they are in a lock box and the only way that you can get them out is with a code that needs to be pushed in and it goes into the cloud through our wi-fi and uploads, he can go into it as the Fire Chief at any time and see who accessed that key. We also check every year with the businesses to make sure that the keys are current.

Mayor Roath responded that we have a building that is infamous for these types of calls daily which he is not going to name.

Chief Willis responded that this is correct, they do have a Knox Box and do keep the keys current because they do know that we will break the door down if we have to. We are working toward a resolution, along with Director Tome at the State Fire Marshall's office regarding some of the issues that they have there. The system in that particular structure is doing what it is designed to do, it is one of the first-generation systems and the first of one of the three buildings in this County, the others being in Northeast and Rising Sun. They have a slightly different system in their kitchen that detects a flash fire as opposed to smoke, so if someone burns something on the stove it does not set the system off, but will activate for a fire and is just as effective, so they have gotten a waiver from the State Fire Marshall's office to make that change and they are going through their bidding and purchasing process to make the change for the departments.

Town Administrators Report - George Patchell

Mr. Patchell gave a brief overview on portions of his report. He reported that he met with Jessica Cook, the regional representative from Senator Cardin's office, to discuss possible earmark projects here in Town. This led him to apply for Senator Cardin's and Senator Van Hollen's Congressional Direct Spending Grants for the Water Plant Expansion Project and Ice - House Park Trail Concept Plan. As part of the Active Threat Plan, he along with Chief Nitz conducted a walk thru of Town Hall to ensure all safety measures were in place according to our Active Threat Policy. In addition to that the Water and Wastewater Staff completed their Active

Threat Training conducted by Chief Nitz. He, along with Chief Nitz also conducted a safety check of the Water Plant and found several things that we need to correct that were small in nature. We will be going to the rest of the departments to do the same thing in the ensuing months. He filed a request to Delmarva Power for installing lights along River Road and met with their Engineering Field Technician about the feasibility of installing the streetlights, and we should get some information on that in the next month or so. A no pass area was painted on Martino Way to discourage automobiles that are going to Trego Field from going around the speed bumps onto private property. Delmarva Power Company removed a dead tree at Rodgers Tavern at no expense to the Town. He will be providing a spreadsheet at the Work Session in May on the projects that are going on in Town, since there is a large amount of them. He went over a few of them, including R.E. Pierson who has completed 50% of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement project for GWL. He attended a pre-construction meeting for the Water Filtration Project on April 26th. The Town submitted a permit with SHA to begin the process of the Collette water hook up project on Route 40. AECOM completed the Chesapeake Overlook sewer study and have distributed it to the owner and the engineer and will provide copy of that report once it is completely finalized. As Commissioner Taylor reported earlier, we are close to getting the denitrification project at the Wastewater Plant out for bid, waiting on comments from MDE. MDE approved the water tie in project for Fire Station 16 and that project should begin in 6 to 8 weeks. The Great Wolf Lodge project is about 45% completed with a tentative opening date of June 23, 2023. We initiated a Load Rating study on the bridge on Marion Tapp Parkway to get more information on the bridge's stability with the number of trucks that are going into the VA on a daily basis.

Commissioner Linkey stated that several people got lost when they were trying to get to the Riversweep event at the Community Park and had been sent to Port Deposit by mistake when they put 100 Marion Tapp Parkway in their GPS, she inquired if that has been looked into.

Mr. Patchell responded that we have been in contact to get that fixed, it is showing two different areas, leading people to the baseball fields in Conowingo.

A resident asked if he would expand on the Ice - House Park trail comment.

Mr. Patchell responded that we are proposing a water trail built at Ice-House Park which is located between the Perryville boat ramp and Roosters marina. We are hoping to build a walkway that will lead across along the river onto Ice-House Park and wrap around and connect to the existing trail that is there with a fishing pier that will go out a little further than the existing fishing pier is located for better fishing.

Commissioner Linkey pointed out to those that may not be aware that there is a section of Ice-House Park that has been designated as a license free fishing zone for those that may want to take their children or grandchildren fishing.

Treasurer's Report - Deb Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe stated that her full report can be found on-line. Ms. Sharpe reported that the Town's first annual report for the American Rescue Plan was submitted to the Department of Treasury. The Town was awarded 4.3 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan which had to be used for specific purposes. The board had committed the funds to a few different projects, one small amount was for locks for the fire hydrants so that they could not be tampered with, another was for furloughed employee losses during COVID to compensate for lost wages, the largest project was the expansion of the water plant to add two additional water membranes, so we will then have four total. She, along with Mr. Patchell attended a LGIT renewal workshop, our insurance company that we use for our general liability, and we were warned that the rates would probably go up due to property damage costs going up, body work for vehicles is astronomical. We have not received those rates yet and we are hoping they won't hit us too hard. We also received notification that our Health Insurance cost had risen 12.5%, which had been done after the budget had already been presented, but we had put in a buffer into the budget and after doing an analysis we will be ok with the health insurance, however, she will be asking the board for permission to reallocate between various departments because some are light and some are over, but overall we will be fine, which will also require tweaking of the Local Impact Budget that she will be pulling from too.

Police Report - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz stated that his full report will be on-line. Chief Nitz made note that he has received multiple compliments on the work that the officers have put out and that they have a good reputation in the County, he thanked them for their hard work, along with Kim, who is the Police Secretary. Chief Nitz made note that in the past we have hosted training with LGIT, partnering with them and if we continue to do that, they will offer an incentive on our premiums for insurance, and he has spoken with a representative from LGIT on hosting a deescalation training course in Town to help offset some of the cost. He, along with Sergeant Morgan attended FBI LEEDA Command Leadership Institute training at the Harford County Sheriff's office. He along with Lieutenant Reno and Detective Peer attended the Automated Speed Enforcement Program training mandated by the State, which we hope to have on-line by the next school year. RedSpeed had met with Delmarva Power and presented a site plan, which was not what we had originally discussed, so they will have to meet with Delmarva again. We assisted with both ALICE drills for both the Elementary School and the Middle School. The officers responded to 402 calls for service this month with actually 25 arrests, 3 more drug arrests since the report was issued, DUI went from 1 to 2, with total calls year to date at 1,222. A suspicious vehicle was parked at Royal Farms and due to their investigation, a loaded firearm and drugs were discovered and arrested two individuals that were convicted felons in possession of a firearm. The next day officers responded to an armed robbery involving someone that was leaving the casino approached by an individual demanding money. A comprehensive investigation was launched by our investigators and located the vehicle that was used and seized it and obtained a search warrant and seized 3 more illegal firearms, 2 of which were ghost guns.

There has been a significant increase in the number of seized firearms in the past few years and it is only going to continue to increase.

Mayor Roath inquired if they have a comprehensive camera system out in their parking lot.

Chief Nitz responded that there are over 480 high resolution cameras throughout the property which assisted in the investigation.

Chief Nitz stated that officers also responded to the report of a theft at a local business. The investigation efforts led to the location of the vehicle and stolen property recovered, with the suspect identified and arrest warrant pending for that individual.

Sergeant Morgan, wanted to thank the Police Chief on behalf of the other officers that were standing beside him tonight that work with him every day, you have been a great leader with the best interest of your guys, and also thanked the citizens for their support in general and the commissioners for the support of the police department and for having us in your best interest. The officers displayed message of protest of the mayor by turning their backs to him, which did not include Police Chief Nitz or Lieutenant Reno.

Outreach Report - Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported that the overall monthly attendance was 310 with 2 new referrals. There were 350 donated meals this month. We participated in Cecilton's first ever bed race and won second place. We hosted our 501c3 meeting on April 11th and helped facilitate the Town's Easter egg hunt. We take some of our older members on a team building trip, which was to North Bay. We participated in Riversweep, and Ms. Nancy and Ms. Jane joined us for a Mother's Day craft. Our life skills this month focused on self - control, mindfulness, and controlling our bodies. Outreach received donations from our local churches, Ms. Marilyn from Good Shepherd, and Chick-Fil-A.

Commissioner Aldridge commended the Outreach Program and Danielle and her team who go above and beyond for the kids in our community. She wanted to bring attention to Officer Warner who treat the kids like they are his own and is very involved in their activities.

Ms. Hemling responded that it is not all fun and games he is hard but is also good hearted and they understand that with him. These officers do not realize the full impact that they have on these kids.

Mayor Roath asked the residents to keep the from the floor comments to 60 seconds since it is getting late.

From the Floor

Pat Stetina, representing the Perryville Railroad Museum, stated that he has not heard word yet from MARC on when they are going to start the restoration of the station in either June or July, we are supposed to get a 3 or 4 days-notice to clear whatever room they are going to go

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in. Two crews will be working, one for the brickwork and point work on the outside including the dormers on top of the roof, the other crew will be inside painting and re-staining all of the wood. We are hoping that they will start with the photo gallery that is located on the south side of the building, which will be the easiest to pack and put back in, the north side will be more of a problem with and more involved with display cases filled with non-replaceable artifacts that they want us to pack up versus the contractors. He will provide us with an update as soon as he hears something, they will be working on the weekends, not to interfere with commuter traffic, and will be here for at least a month, possibly two months.

Trevor Biggers, who resides at 706 Aiken Avenue, expressed his disgust for the officers turning their backs to the mayor in front of all of the residents. He is tired of the truck traffic on Aiken Avenue speeding at rate of 50 mph and almost hitting a neighbor four houses up from him. He understands that it is a slow process, but it is very frustrating.

Mayor Roath responded that we are trying we are communicating on a weekly basis, and we are just as frustrated as you are except for the fact that you all have to witness it every single day.

Another resident from Aiken Avenue commented that you can see the kids that are walking home from school carrying on and shoving each other around and its just a matter of time before one of them gets shoved into the road and gets hit by a speeding truck.

Mr. Biggers stated that his neighbor put up a sign saying Perryville Speedway welcome because he is frustrated.

Commissioner Linkey responded that we are right there with you in regard to your frustration and anger.

Mayor Roath responded that we are victims in this situation as well.

Mr. Biggers welcomed them to sit on his front porch and do a traffic study, he witnessed 7 tractor trailers going past in a 20-minute time frame and they are going to Belvidere Road.

Commissioner Linkey responded that we have contacted the State Highway, the trucking companies on a weekly basis.

Commissioner Taylor stated that we have also started the process to get Aiken Avenue designated for local traffic only to have an additional mechanism to pull over trucks going on that street.

Mayor Roath commented that unfortunately now we are waiting on the State Government agencies and will continue to put pressure on them as we can.

Melissa Moody, 706 Aiken Avenue, appreciates the efforts that we are making, and we will continue to be the pin in your side to keep things moving. She commented that they called Western Express themselves and were hung up on.

Mayor Roath commented that one advantage is at this time we have one of our Police Officers that retired at one of our crossing guard locations that until that position is filled.

Commissioner Linkey responded that we just hired a new crossing guard.

A resident in attendance inquired why our police force cannot ticket them.

Mr. Patchell responded that it is a State Highway.

Chief Nitz commented that we cannot ticket them for being on Aiken Avenue because it is not designated a no truck route at this time, but we can stop them for speeding.

Mayor Roath asked for clarification with Chief Nitz that there was an influx of tickets issued this past month, to which he confirmed.

Commissioner Aldridge brought up that we had discussed making it local deliveries only a few Work Sessions ago and questioned if that has been done.

Mr. Patchell responded that it has been done, he has been in conversations with our District and their supervisors, and we are waiting for that study to be completed, it takes about six to eight weeks. This is not a recent thing this is a 20-year issue, it has gotten worse recently because the trucks are taking a route that does not make any sense by coming down Aiken Avenue and going up to Route 7 and back over to Belvidere. He is as frustrated as everyone else, he lives on Aiken Avenue too and his house shakes when the trucks go by and he has been frustrated for many years, but we are close to getting something done that we have not been able to do before, he assured everyone that the study is looking favorable which is a step in the right direction.

Mayor Roath responded that the frustration goes toward regular vehicles as well. We are taking the steps necessary to get things accomplished unfortunately it is just taking longer than anticipated to solidify the safety on Aiken Avenue.

Old Business

FY 23 Local Impact Budget Resolution 2022-07 - Ms. Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe is requesting for a motion to pass Resolution 2022-07 which is to reallocate the budget for Local Impact with the budget that we had come up with for the past three years, same amount just reallocating into different funds, and to modify reallocations based on the LGIT insurance information provided earlier.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve Resolution 2022-07. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Linkey was not sure whether she needed to bring this up at this one or the next item and knows that we have done a lot of work on the budget, but she has become concerned that we have no contingency so she is thinking that we really need to look about that and perhaps take the dog park out and putting that on a top priority which would mean that we would not need to take any out of our contingency funds and would leave our approximately \$39,000 to split between the three funds, the general, sewer and water funds, so that they each have approximately \$13,000 each and prices have been fluctuating and she thinks that the contingency is going to come into play quite a bit. She again reiterated that she was not sure at what point she should have mentioned this or how.

Mr. Patchell responded that it would be under item b. the budget ordinance.

Commissioner Linkey was not sure how much it related to the Local Impact.

The original motion was brought forward.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve Resolution 2022-07. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

FY23 Budget Ordinance 2022-05

Ms. Sharpe is requesting a motion to pass the FY23 budget as Ordinance 2022-05, as stated before, with reallocation modifications as mentioned earlier regarding the LGIT information provided and Local Impact reallocations pertaining to that.

There was no motion.

Mayor Roath responded that we have spent two months working on a budget, and we do not have a motion to pass it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to remove the dog park from the FY23 budget reallocating the funds into the 3 different contingencies and cover the shortfalls. Discussion.

Mayor Roath clarified that her suggestion after two months of a significant amount of study and back and forth that the moment that we are to vote on the budget to come back and take away the only project that we can provide our residents over the last decade. He noted that \$75,000 pales into comparison to the other projects that this Town has wasted money on.

Commissioner Linkey responded that she does want to cut that part of the budget, she started to think about it more after the last Work Session and was concerned when Ms. Sharpe

had said that we did not have any contingency, she really started to worry about it after the fact and she apologized for not having it during our meetings.

Mayor Roath asked what about the last two weeks that we have been going through this.

Commissioner Linkey relayed that the way she has talked about the way that this board works is that it should be in front of the citizens and not behind the scenes and she felt that this was the best place to bring it up.

Mayor Roath responded that your conceptual basis is to instead to remove wasteful spending within the budget to pay for things that are not fully necessary and cut a benefit to the residents that is low in cost and highly impactful.

A resident asked if they could make a comment and the mayor responded, unfortunately not.

Commissioner Taylor's recollection was that the original design for the dog park was about twice what it was and determined that it was not quite within reach and cut it in half to make a smaller dog park.

Mayor Roath responded that was not the case, the original design was with having 4 or 5 benches and four or five other shade things, the original design was cut down \$75,000 to the bare bones to have a couple of benches and a couple of water stations and couple of bag stations. The mayor mentioned that he could easily go into the other projects that this Town has spent money on the last 10 years, none of which is less than 2.3 million dollars, with a bandshell that Commissioner Linkey had a large part in that was \$850,000 that does not get used by anybody in this Town unless we are the ones that facilitate it.

Commissioner Linkey responded that COVID put a stop to quite a few things, the Town had a lot of momentum up until COVID started, we were starting to get things moving and get things into Town and COVID pretty much stopped that. We are talking about the here and the now and not the then.

The mayor asked if there was any more discussion, there was not.

The mayor asked for those in favor of the motion with the amendment proposed by Commissioner Linkey.

Commissioner Taylor commented that we have to vote on the amendment then vote on the Budget Ordinance as amended.

Mayor Roath asked for a vote for the amendment that Commissioner Linkey provided, and was seconded by Commissioner Snelling. **Four in Favor, 1 Nay. (Mayor Roath) Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve Ordinance 2022-05 as amended. **Four in Favor, 1 Nay** (Mayor Roath). **Motion Carried.**

New Business

Bay Venture Outfitters

Mr. Patchell stated that there were some concerns and discussion at our Work Session on the original agreement that was presented. Fred had done some work on the original agreement and were then able to give that to Mr. Benson, from Benson Outfitters LLC, also known as Fin, for him to review and the agreement was satisfactory to him. Before you is an agreement that Fred worked on that meets some of your concerns and is also satisfactory with Mr. Benson that will provide the ability to rent kayaks at the Perryville Park.

Mr. Benson is happy for the opportunity to provide the service.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the agreement for Bay Venture Outfitters to provide kayak services at the Perryville Park. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Karaoke Event

Mayor Roath stated that we have a request for a karaoke event to be held at Lower Ferry Park sponsored by the Lion of Judah Café on May 28th and for the fees to be waived, and they are a 501c3 organization.

Commissioner Taylor noted that since we have waived fees for 501c3 events in the past he will make a motion to waive the fees for this event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to waive the fees for the karaoke event held by the Lion of Judah Bible Café on May 28, 2022, at Lower Ferry Park. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Vow Renewal Event

Mayor Roath stated that we have a request for the rental fees to be waived for a vow renewal service to be held at Lower Ferry Park on August 6, 2022, he will recuse himself from this vote because Mrs. Harmon had asked him to officiate the event.

Commissioner Taylor commented that in going with past precedents we do not waive the fees for personal events he will make a motion to not waive the fees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to decline waiving the fees for the vow renewal event. **Four in Favor: 1 Abstain** (Mayor Roath) **Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2022-04

Mayor Roath made note that we have a Budget Amendment 2022-04 before us for funds to cover shortfall in various expenditures for the remainder of FY 22 and to fund on-call expenditures.

Ms. Sharpe stated that this is an introduction of Budget Amendment 2022-04 for funds to cover shortfalls in expenditures to get us through the remainder of the year, basically covering rising cost of items due to inflation, as well as finding funding for the Ice House Park Study that was mentioned earlier, which we were able to find and bring them in and reallocate them and also for compensation for on-call employees in DPW and Water and Sewer which approval was given a couple of months ago.

Ms. Sharpe introduced Budget Amendment Ordinance 2022-04 on behalf of Mayor Roath which is for the purpose of amending the adopted budget for the Town of Perryville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to appropriate for certain purposes certain funds and generally related to amendment of the Town's FY 2022 budget.

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2022-06

Ms. Sharpe commented that after the last budget Amendment was already prepared, we encountered some water and sewer breaks and have had to do a lot of costly repairs and she is requesting \$30,000 from our retained earnings to go toward the water main and meters, and this is an introduction.

Ms. Sharpe introduced Budget Amendment Ordinance 2022-06 on behalf of Mayor Roath which is for the purpose of amending the adopted budget for the Town of Perryville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to appropriate for certain purposes certain funds and generally related to amendment of the Town's FY 2022 budget.

Asphalt Construction

Commissioner Taylor asked for this to be added tonight for discussion because he has been approached by 20 to 25 people in Perryville in the last two weeks and it has been unanimous that everyone is concerned about the proposed asphalt plant being built a couple of miles outside of Town limits. Charlestown has written a letter to MDE opposing the construction of the asphalt plant and he wants to get a consensus from the rest of the board and potentially the public as to what our thoughts are. He announced that he will be attending the hearing tomorrow night to find out more information himself. He has been around asphalt plants before and if the wind was blowing that into Perryville, he does not think that he would enjoy that very much.

Mayor Roath commented that he may be the only person that has spoken to MDE about this as they put it on his radar a few months ago, they shared a minimal concern if the plant was run correctly of the impact that it would have on our residents, which are an average of a mile to 2 and a half miles away. He has an open mind when it comes to taking a stance against it,

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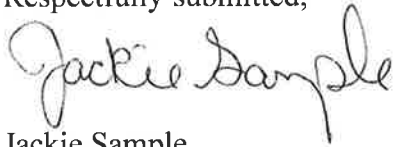
however, there has not been any significant and serious scientific information that has been provided so he believes that it is premature at this point to take a stance on this that would lend to pressuring the County to do something that they normally would already be doing. If comparing us to Charlestown we have different interactions with the County at this point and Charlestown has a significant conflict with the County right now as it pertains to zoning and warehousing and other things. As of right now he will be going to the meeting tomorrow with the hope that specific scientific factual information will be provided instead of emotional information so that we can discuss it next month and provide our support or non-support for that movement.

Commissioner Taylor commented that this is helpful information and since several of us are going to go to that meeting tomorrow night he would like to see that as an item at the Work Session.

Mayor Roath had no problem with that, others seemed to concur with that.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the May 3, 2022, Town Meeting at 8:20 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk