

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Matthew Roath, Commissioners, Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Town Administrator: George Patchell, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Police Lieutenant: Michael Reno, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample.

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

The February 7, 2023, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roath.

Pledge to the Flag

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Mayor Roath asked for a motion for approval of the February 7, 2023, Town Meeting Agenda. Mayor Roath announced that Commissioner Linkey was on her way so there is no need for remote participation request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the February 7, 2023, Town Meeting Agenda as written. **Four in Favor: Motion Carried.** Commissioner Linkey not in attendance yet.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the consent agenda as written, items consisting of the January 3, 2023, Town Meeting Minutes, and the January 17, 2023, Work Session Minutes. **Four in Favor: Motion Carried.** Commissioner Linkey not in attendance yet.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Roath

1/7/2023 Attended a Strategic Planning retreat here at Town Hall.

1/10/2023 Participated in a meeting with Amtrak officials regarding the impending bridge replacement project which is scheduled to begin this year with demolition of the abutments that run parallel to the current train bridge which is going to have a significant impact on our community for a long time.

1/13/2023 conducted a phone meeting with the developer of the Woodlands Perryville property to discuss creative ideas of getting the project to the point of development.

2/3/2023 Followed up that meeting with a zoom call with our planning staff to discuss other potential options. We will continue to work with that developer to move that project forward as it is a significant impactful one.

1/13/2023 Had a lunch meeting with representatives from Tiki Lee's to discuss their projects progress and timelines. They seem to have an aggressive construction schedule once we receive all of the appropriate documents and permits.

1/17/2023 Attended a virtual Ice House Park shoreline restoration kickoff meeting.

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He attended an informational meeting to go over the findings of a recently commissioned water rate study. It was helpful but did not factor in our most recent commercial development that we hope will have a positive effect on our water and sewer funds moving forward, that follow up meeting is tomorrow. 1/25/2023 Had a lunch meeting with a local business owner to discuss his interest in investing in the future of our Town.

1/26/2023 Attended a meeting with 5th Company representatives to continue discussions with them hosting a large event at Lower Ferry Park in October. He believes they will be on our agenda for this months Work Session.

2/1/2023 Had lunch meeting with Great Wolf Lodge's General Manager who recently hired an HR Director, to discuss some of their challenges moving forward in locating staff as we get closer to their opening day.

Commissioner Snelling inquired if Tiki Lee's has applied for any permits.

Ms. Battaglia responded that they have not we are still reviewing their plans.

Commissioner Linkey arrived at this point at 7:05 p.m.

Public Safety Report - Commissioner Linkey

Commissioner Linkey reported that the RedSpeed cameras are up and live and we have done a month of sending out warnings and now you will get a ticket for speeding on Aiken Avenue. She attended all of the regular meetings, and Chief Willis is here.

Mayor Roath is interested in hearing the statistics on the cameras.

Commissioner Linkey and Lieutenant Reno stated that there were 559 in a 31-day period.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired if we know how long it takes for someone to receive a warning.

Lieutenant Reno commented that they have already got them, as soon as we approve them it takes a day or two days to process it then it goes in the mail and depends on how long the mail takes to get there.

Mayor Roath reiterated that we are not out to make money on this we want it to have an impact on their driving habits on Aiken Avenue and hopefully push them toward Coudon Boulevard if they want to go a faster speed.

Outreach Recognition - Lieutenant Reno announced that the Outreach employees did a phenomenal job

Lieutenant Reno announced that the Outreach employees did a phenomenal job during Christmas so they wanted to reward them with a Unit Citation presented to Danielle, Carrie and Justin for the Perryville Police Department Outreach Program for their exemplary service from the time leading up to Christmas in which they provided Christmas to 236 children. It was a collaborated effort with Cecil County Public Schools and community business partnerships.

Commissioner Linkey commented that she is amazed every week with Outreach and that they had done a phenomenal job with Christmas and she thanked them.

Perryville Fire Department Report - Fire Chief Brad Willis

Chief Willis gave the stats for the month of January which included 35 Fire Calls, 108 EMS Calls for, 38 Training Hours. The election of our new officers took effect February 1st and they are settling into their new roles and establishing goals for the upcoming year. We had a new phone system installed in the firehouse that modernizes our abilities to receive calls and more quickly respond to the needs of the residents. Items approved through the Town VLT grant have been ordered and should be delivered in the near future. Training on the gas meters will be held to ensure that all members are comfortable with their use. They are slightly different than our current models due to some manufacturer's changes since we last purchased them. Participated in plans reviews for Captain Lee's and Wawa and submitted comments to Planning and Zoning for both. Submitted a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant or AFG grant for new rescue tools for Engine 16 which responds out of our substation. The tools on that unit are in excess of 30 years old and are not effective on newer vehicles constructed of high tensile strength steel. If we are fortunate enough to receive that grant, the value of it would be in excess of \$95,000.00. I will be presenting a proposal to purchase an air compressor and SCBA fill station for Station 16 at our upcoming Board Meeting. We received an AFG grant last year for this purchase in the amount of \$49,750.00. The total cost of the proposed purchase will be \$60,011.00. We will be responsible for the difference in cost. The difference comes from manufacturer price increases from when the grant was submitted and the time it was awarded. The program does not cover the cost increases but we are fortunate enough to have the support of our residents and this body that is allowing us to make up the difference in the necessary funds for this project. Delivery will be 14-20 weeks from contract signing. We have never had our own system before and rely on Perry Point and other neighboring companies to supply us air for our SCBA. This is a huge step forward for us.

Mayor Roath commented that a lot of the conversation that he had with Great Wolf Lodge recently was about the Fire Departments services so he would like to get together and talk about that conversation sometime soon.

Mr. Willis reported that he would be there tomorrow.

Mayor Roath responded that maybe they could meet afterwards.

Wastewater and Water Treatment Plant Reports - Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor reported that the Wastewater Plant was in full compliance with NPDES Discharge Permit for the month of December, 2022 and January, 2023 with the January lab results received to date. He reported that the Water Plant was in full compliance with MDE regulations for the month of December, 2022 and January, 2023 with the January lab results received to date. We have received the new decanter float and were working with Wickersham to find a way to install it without draining the tank, however, that cannot be done. Since it is going to be drained we will go ahead and clean it even though it has only been two years and we normally drain it every five years, which will need to be budgeted for the next fiscal year, so the decanted float will not be installed until after the Fiscal Year starts. Superintendent Morton started a new policy where all of the Wastewater Plant and Water Plant employees are spending one day a week at the other plant for cross training purposes.

Planning and Zoning Report - Commissioner Aldridge

Commissioner Aldridge reported that she attended the Strategic Planning meeting here at Town Hall. She attended a couple of Planning and Zoning meetings with property owners and AECOM. The

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Town has had a couple of events during the winter months, one being a scavenger hunt that began the end of January, and last weekend we had the geocaching. There is another scavenger hunt scheduled for February 25th from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Rodgers Tavern is now doing a winter schedule and they also have a Spring lecture series which is free to attend and they also offer a virtual option.

Public Works Report - Mayor Roath

Mayor Roath reported that the public works report can be found on-line.

Administration Report - Commissioner Snelling

Commissioner Snelling reported that staff currently has an interview set up for a Police Officer position and interviewed and hired an Outreach liaison.

Mr. Patchell stated that Tim Sawyer, representing Barbacane, Thorton, and Company was going to be on-line to give the 2022 Audit Presentation.

FY 2022 Audit Presentation – Tim Sawyer

Mr. Sawyer presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Summary as follows:

Status and Reports

- The audit was completed using a hybrid approach. Working remotely and on-site, fieldwork for the fiscal year 2022 audit work began on September 1, 2022 and was completed on October 28,2022.

- We issued unmodified (“clean”) audit opinions on:

- The governmental activities
- Each major fund
- Aggregate remaining fund information
- Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Results

- Internal control systems surrounding the processing of transactions (cash receipts, cash disbursements, and payroll) are designed and operating effectively.

As part of our audit procedures for fiscal year 2022, we a sample of payroll transactions. We noted no issues with the samples tested.

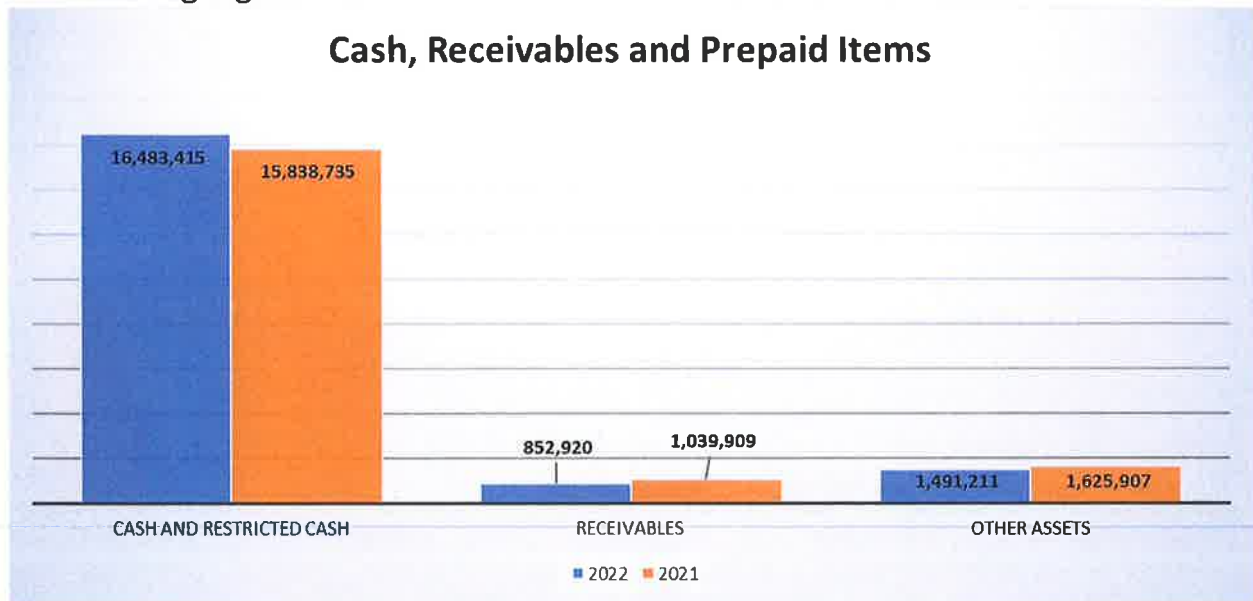
- We assisted with the preparation of the financial statements, related notes, and Uniform Financial Report (UFR) of the Town of Perryville in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you.

Other Items

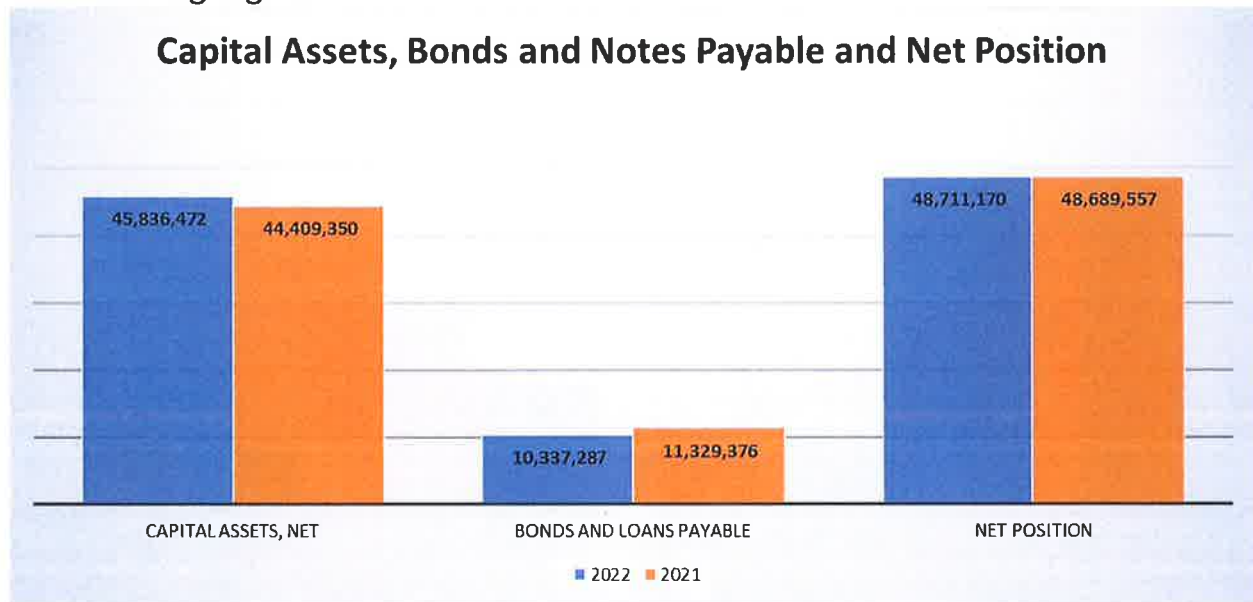
- Final audit report dated December 23, 2022 was submitted to the Town.

- The UFR was submitted to the Department of Legislative Services.

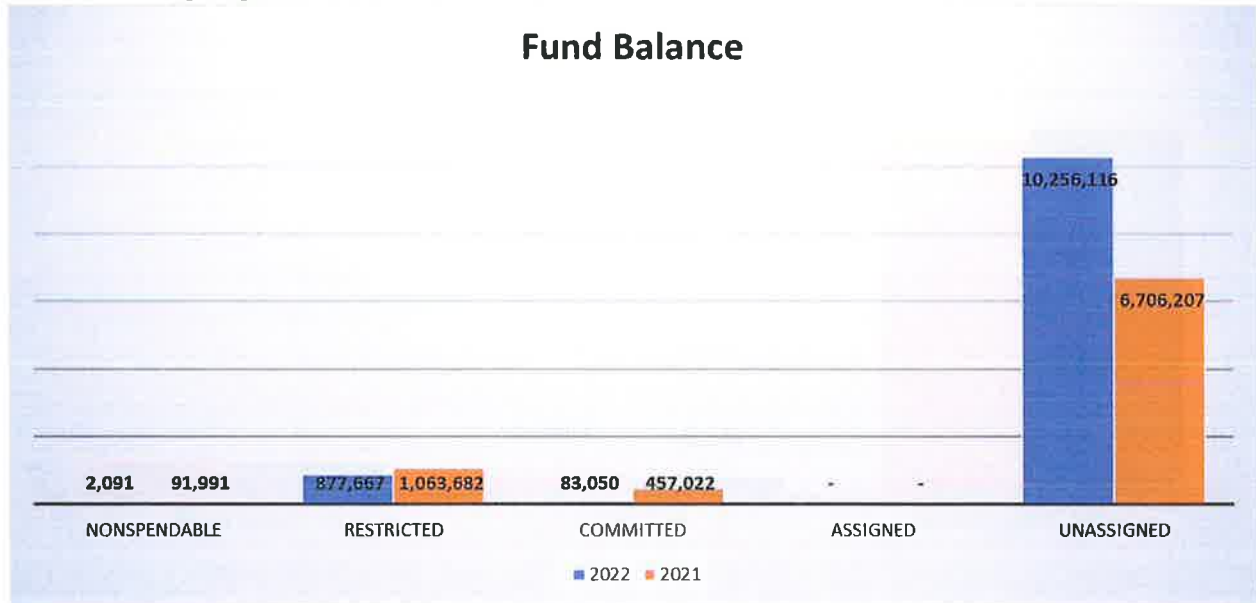
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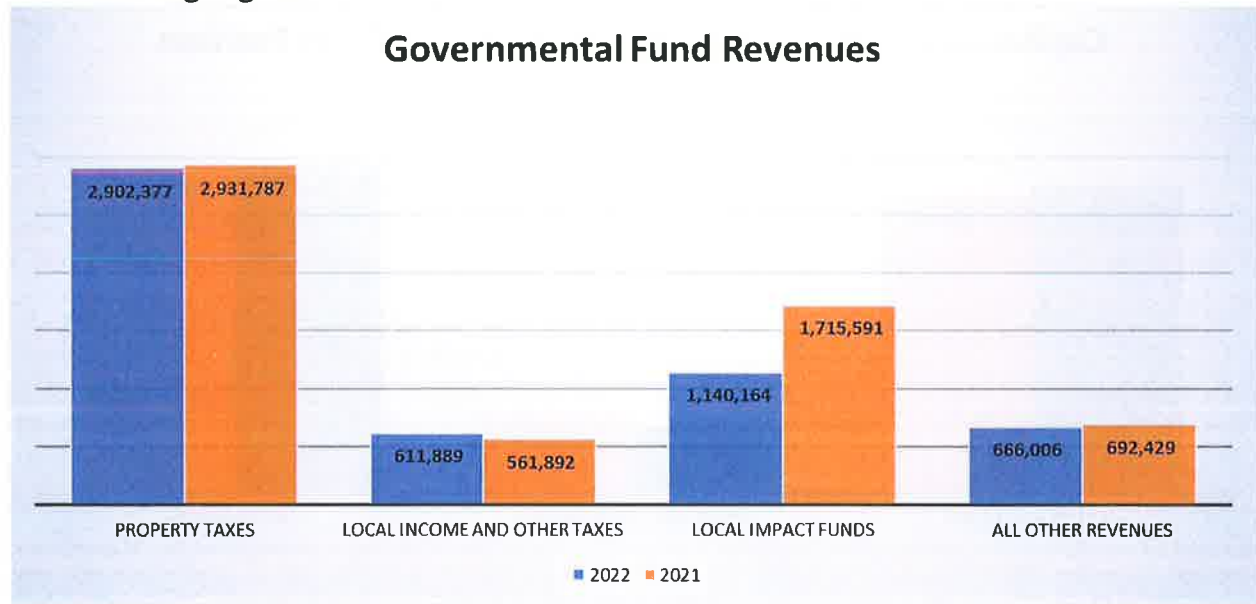
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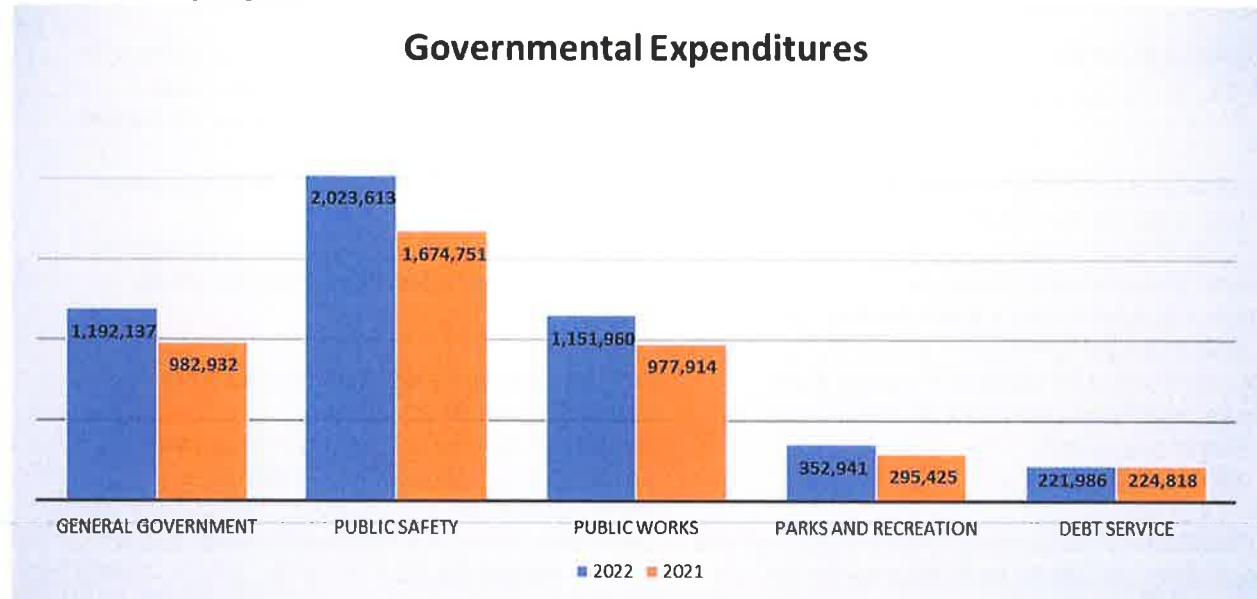
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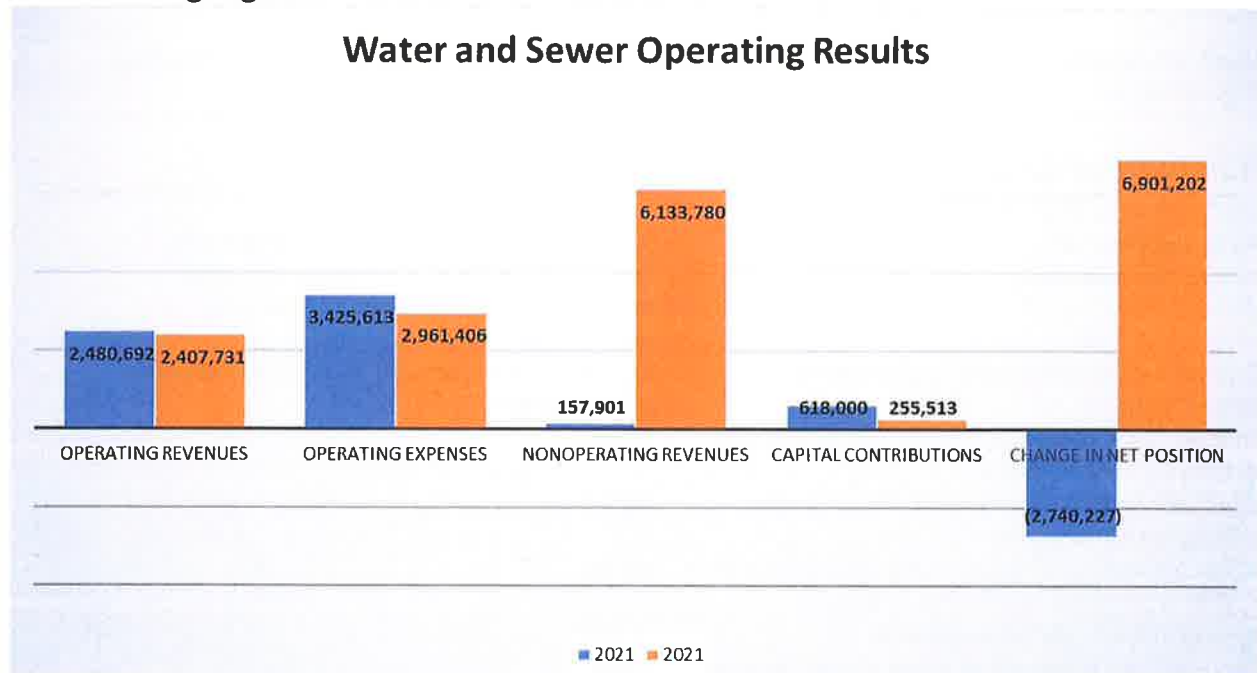
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Summary of Required Communications

Provided below is a summary of required communications between the audit team and those charged with governance.

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Services and Deliverables

Status

Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit

Our scope and timing of the audit are consistent with the plan communicated to management in our planning memorandum and the audit plan document dated August 29, 2022.

Auditor's responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards, including discussion of the type of auditor's report we are issuing and if there are any events and conditions that cause us to conclude that there is substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern

Our responsibilities are included in our engagement letter dated August 29, 2022.

Our views about the qualitative aspects of the Town's significant accounting practices, including:

We have issued unmodified opinions on the Town's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

- Accounting policies
- Additional views

The Town adopted GASB Statement No. 87 for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Uncorrected misstatements, related to accounts and disclosures, considered by management to be immaterial.

We are not aware of any significant accounting policies used by the Town in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of guidance.

Material corrected misstatements related to accounts and disclosures.

There were no uncorrected misstatements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control.

Our proposed audit adjustments were reviewed by management, approved, and are reflected in the financial statements.

No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified.

Summary of Required Communications

Services and Deliverables

Status

Fraud and illegal acts

We are not aware of any fraud or illegal acts.

Independence matters

We are not aware of any matters that in our professional judgement would impair our independence.

Representations that we are requesting from management

Management will provide us with the required representations.

Changes to the terms of the audit with reasonable justification for the change

None

Significant findings and issues during the audit relating to related parties

None

Significant findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed or the subject of correspondence, with management

None

Significant difficulties encountered during the audit

None

Disagreements with management

None

Management's consultations with other accountants

None of which we are aware

Findings regarding external confirmations

None

Other findings or issues regarding the oversight of the financial reporting process

None

Commissioner Taylor wanted to commend Ms. Sharpe and her staff for continuing to have unmodified audits.

Town Administrators Report - George Patchell

Mr. Patchell reported that he registered for Grant Writer Internships to the following Universities: University of Delaware, Wilmington University, Widener University, Towson University, University of Maryland, UMBC & UMES through a career management website which include these universities to seek students that may be interested in seeking internships. They will reach out to me if they have anyone interested in the internship. He provided Cecil County with the FY24 Transportation priorities that was approved by the board at a previous meeting. He attended the 1st Auditor training offered by LGIT on January 23, 2023. We will be doing a visit to Bare Farm tomorrow at 1 p.m. with Ralph. We met with representatives from Sparks Play to discuss playground opportunities at Lower Ferry Park. The final completion date for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion project has been moved to December 15, 2023 from the original date set which was November 3, 2023, mainly due to supply issues on getting the filter membranes from Suez. We are on a temporary hold on our Sanitary Sewer project as we continue to wait for several pumps and a control panel. The completion date is now set for June 9, 2023. Fire Company Station 16 water line is installed and the booster pump is working and we are waiting on the final signoff for that booster pump and we have submitted several invoices into MDE for our reimbursement for that project. The Great Wolf Lodge project is about 91% complete and there is a walkthrough scheduled for tomorrow. The Ice House Park Shoreline restoration project kickoff meeting was held on January 17, 2023 and they are currently in the design phase of that project. He also mentioned that he was not going to be able to attend the walkthrough at Great Wolf Lodge because he has a water rate study meeting at 11 a.m. which has been scheduled for several weeks and is important to stay on schedule with that project.

Treasurers Report - Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe stated that her full report can be found on line. She does have an update to her report which stated that we had not received any Local Impact payments for all of 2023, but we did receive two large payments in the last month, one was for July and September, we got about \$413,000 in and about \$130,000 each for the months of October and November, which are pending.

Police Report - Police Lieutenant - Michael Reno

Lieutenant Reno reported that the Chief attended all of the required monthly meetings for the Town, County, and the State. As mentioned earlier there were 559 speeding warnings issued on Aiken Avenue and it will start being fines now. The officers issued 25 citations and 59 warnings for various traffic infractions. A total of 9 tractor trailers were stopped along Aiken Avenue. 3 arrests were made for drug violations, 4 DUI arrests, with a total of 15 criminal arrests along with responding to 315 calls for service. On January 12th officers received a call for a man with a handgun at the Royal Farm located on Pulaski Highway. Upon arrival they located the individual and upon further investigation seized a loaded illegal firearm from the suspect. He was taken into custody without incident and charged accordingly.

Commissioner Taylor mentioned that the Chief notified us the other day that there were shots fired in Chesapeake Landing, he inquired if there was any word on what happened with that.

Lieutenant Reno stated that it is under investigation, and we have executed two search warrants so far.

Charlene Hall, a resident, inquired what the fine will be for speeding on Aiken Avenue.

Mr. Patchell responded that it is \$40 and the Town's portion is \$18.

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Ms. Hall asked if they ever issue citations for littering, she is disgusted with all of the trash around Town, she stated that we need a Town Sweep instead of a River Sweep.

Commissioner Linkey commented that we did have our first Town sweep right before Covid, she believes it was around September and Riversweep is in April.

Ms. Hall inquired if that is something we can do in the future.

Mr. Patchell responded that is something that we can look into and it is something that would have to be volunteer based.

Ms. Hall commented that she walks the Riverwalk about every day and collects a bag full of garbage, she inquired if anyone is going to get fined for this.

Lieutenant Reno responded that there was not that he knows of.

Commissioner Linkey responded that she has never actually ever caught someone littering.

Lieutenant Reno commented that if he saw someone littering he would certainly stop and tell them to pick it up and that he is sure the other officers in Perryville would as well.

Rodney Aldridge inquired if there were signs posted about the speeding on Aiken Avenue and Lieutenant Reno responded that there are signs posted. There is one on Broad and Aiken and one as you turn off of Pulaski Highway.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if there was any information on the unknown truck that took out the fence and the fire hydrant at the Methodist Church on Susquehanna.

Lieutenant Reno responded that his understanding is that Officer Palmer is still asking around to see if they had any ring camera footage to see if the truck can be identified.

Outreach Report - Danielle Hemling

Ms. Hemling reported that there were a few things to report on, the Livid Leprechaun 5k Run and Walk will be held on March 18th, in partnership with the 501C3 and 5th Company Brewing and you can sign up on line. We did hire a new Police Officer Liaison for our grant funded Outreach position, he was an intern for our Police Department last year and he has an AA in criminal justice. We already received a \$15,000 donation for Christmas 2023 from the pool contractor for Great Wolf Lodge.

Commissioner Taylor noted that he challenged the Police Chief to get all of the officers in the Police Department to sign 5 people up for the 5k and he is trying to sign up at least 10 himself and challenges the remaining board members to get some people signed up.

Public Comment

Pat Stetina, representing the Perryville Railroad Museum, reported that the front door at the Railroad Station was cordoned off due to them having to replace tile in the entranceway at the lobby. The hope is that it will be done by this Thursday or Friday, you have to go in on the track side to enter the station. Our temporary HO gauge display will be taken down and put back up sometime soon and the permanent one will be put up which will probably take a few weeks for that.

Old Business

Wawa Final Site Plan – Dianna

Ms. Battaglia stated that the Final Site Plan for Wawa came to the Planning Commission last month and the Planning Commission made a recommendation for approval to this board which she is presenting tonight. There are no changes and this is consistent with the preliminary plan that was reviewed and approved prior. Once we have this we can issue permits and Amy Dipietro from MRA is here and can fill you in if you have any questions. The planning board had some conditions for the final site plan and it is up to you to approve that tonight.

Ms. Dipietro explained that they are basically at the finish line. Wawa is reviewing the Landscape and Public Works agreement with their legal group. At that point we will start executing documents and post bonds, etc. We already have the grading permit for Lot 5 overall, the entrance road and the stormwater management and infrastructures associated with the entire Lot 5 and the subsequent stormwater management and site plan at the facility with today's approval.

Mayor Roath's understanding is that it is the developer for the entire parcel there, not just this one lot, for at least the roads.

Ms. Battaglia explained that with the owner we did the common area which includes part of the roundabout and the roadway that will service this whole lot 5. Wawa is one component of and we have the permits and Public Works agreements to move forward with the common area so the roadway will be installed along with the public infrastructure and as another project comes along to locate up there it will be a very easy process to connect.

Commissioner Taylor understands that the EV charging stations are only Tesla charging stations, which Ms. Dipietro confirmed was correct.

Commissioner Taylor said that is unfortunate and Ms. Dipietro stated that she agrees but unfortunately it was out of their hands.

Ms. Battaglia asked if there was an adaptor that can be used for that.

Commissioner Taylor responded that there is not, it is proprietary network that can only be use on Tesla cars. All other charging stations can be used on Tesla cars and any other charging cars.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey to approve the Final Site Plan and Landscaping Plan for the Wawa at Chesapeake Overlook Phase 3 subject to the conditions set forth by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Ordinance 2023-05 Poll Watcher Regulations - George Patchell

Mr. Patchell explained that Ordinance 2022-18 Poll Watcher regulations was approved back in January and this one replaces it, we found an error in some of the identification of the Chapter and code with the Town of Perryville. Tonight, we are here to correct that and adopt that to replace Ordinance 2022-18 with the corrected Ordinance 2023-05.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to waive the prohibition in Section C4-1 of the Town Charter against passing an ordinance at the meeting in which it is

introduced so that the board may vote on Ordinance 2023-05 Poll Watcher Regulations. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to approve Ordinance 2023-05 Poll Watcher Regulations. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Ordinance 2023-06 Recall of Elected Officials - George Patchell

Mr. Patchell stated that this is a similar situation Ordinance 2022-19 Recall of Elected officials that was also approved in January and this one will replace it, we found an error in some of the identification of the Chapter and code with the Town of Perryville. Tonight, we are here to correct that and adopt that to replace Ordinance 2022-19 with the corrected Ordinance 2023-06.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to waive the prohibition in Section C4-1 of the Town Charter against passing an ordinance at the meeting in which it is introduced so that the board may vote on Ordinance 2023-06 Recall of Elected Officials. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Ordinance 2022-17 Elected Officials Code of Conduct - George Patchell

Mr. Patchell stated that after the discussion at the last Work Session we took the amendments that were suggested to Ordinance 2022-17, which with approval will be included in Ordinance 2022-17. He made note that there is an alternate to amendment number 2, which is 2A, so you will have a selection between the two. The difference is there was additional language added to the 2nd option ending with “the Mayor or any Commissioner who is involved in any such relationship shall promptly and concurrently disclose that relationship, in writing, to the Mayor and Commissioners.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adopt amendment 2A for Ordinance 2022-17. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mr. Patchell stated that there are other amendments that need to be adopted as well, amendments, 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for Ordinance 2022-17. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ordinance 2022-17 as amended. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

New Business

Ordinance 2023-01 Chesapeake Overlook Property Disposition - Dianna Battaglia

Mr. Patchell read the introductory paragraph for Ordinance 2023-01 on behalf of Mayor Roath as such: for disposition of property for Chesapeake Overlook Parkway for the purpose authorizing conveyance of a certain portion of Chesapeake Overlook Parkway to the State of Maryland for continued use as a public road. So we will conveying over a part of the Town’s property to the State of Maryland for the construction of the roundabout.

Commissioner Snelling asked for clarification that they will be maintaining it, to which Mr. Patchell responded that they would.

Mayor Roath presented a hypothetical scenario, if a big truck was to come across too fast and goes straight over, after that it is the State of Maryland's responsibility to reconstruct or repair it.

Mr. Patchell responded that it would be their responsibility.

Mayor Roath also asked for clarification that they are in charge of snow removal for the circle and we are responsible for the road leading to the circle and after the circle.

Mr. Patchell clarified that we will not be maintaining any of the roads going into Chesapeake to the new construction area to Wawa, we will be plowing for Chesapeake Parkway to keep it open for the casino and Great Wolf Lodge.

Emergency Budget Amendment Ordinance 2023-02 - Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe explained that because of all of the repairs that had to be done with the water and sewer Aaron had come to her to ask if we could do an emergency Ordinance because he is afraid that the vacuum tank that they are using right now is not going to make it through another episode and hiring a subcontractor to do this is extremely expensive so he would like to get it ordered as soon as possible.

Ms. Sharpe read the introductory paragraph as follows on behalf of Mayor Roath: An Emergency Ordinance concerning the amendment of the FY 2023 budget. For the purpose of amending the adopted budget for the Town of Perryville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, to appropriate for certain purposes certain funds for the replacement of the Town's Vacuum Tank used for Water and Sewer Line Breaks and generally related to amendment of the Town's FY 2023 budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to waive the prohibition in Section C4-1 of the Town Charter against passing an ordinance at the meeting in which it is introduced so that the board may vote on Emergency Budget Amendment Ordinance 2023-02. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Linkey and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Emergency Budget Amendment Ordinance 2023-02. Discussion Ensued.

Mayor Roath asked for more information about the condition of the vacuum tank, if it is on its last leg.

Mr. Patchell responded that he has witnessed it himself being on a few of those breaks back in January that it had already been repaired once back in November and we were having issues and it was sent back out for repair and we are continuing to have issues, it is estimated to be about 20 or 25 years old.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to thank the Water Plant staff that were there for 24 hours a day for several days during those water main break issues.

The motion was brought forward. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2023-03 - Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe read the introductory paragraph on behalf of Mayor Roath as follows: An ordinance concerning Amendment of FY 2023 budget For the purpose of amending the adopted budget for the Town of Perryville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, to appropriate for certain purposes certain funds and generally related to amendment of the Town's FY 2023 budget. This is to fund a portion of the design of the Shoreline Project and our contribution for the Bare Project. Recognize receipt of grant for Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety, to fund estimated expense of bond counsel, to fund repair of the Police Stations HVAC unit, recognize Outreaches Grant for Police salary, reverse prior budget amendment, funds were already in budget, to roll over Contractual I&I funds from prior year LIF funds.

Ordinance 2023-04 Infrastructure Bonds 2023 Series A - Debra Sharpe

Ms. Sharpe stated that this is the introduction for Ordinance 2023-04 Infrastructure Bonds 2023 Series A and is part of the procedure in getting the bond. We are on an extremely tight time schedule so we had to go ahead and do this part of the process now even though we do not have all of the terms in place at this point. Tuesday the 21st of February we will have a Public Hearing which is being advertised, if everything is sufficient and we have better numbers then we will go ahead and approve it with the final being approved and will move forward with applying for the bond.

Mr. Patchell also made note that there was an increase, originally estimated at 2.1 million, and because we have to have a more thorough rough estimate it now has been increased to 2.7 million based on feedback from the Town Engineer who got more current figures based on the rising costs and inflation than 7 years ago when it was originally estimated at 1.1 million, which is why we are waiting on the terms.

Mr. Sussman pointed out to be clear that after the Public Hearing on that day there will be a Special Meeting of the board to approve and adopt the Ordinance.

Mr. Patchell stated that the Public Hearing is advertised for 6:15 pm on February 21st.

Commissioner Linkey commented that she should be here on that day, but she should be returning from Kentucky then.

Ms. Sharpe stated that in your packets are calendars for budget meetings, she asked them to please mark out the dates that they are not going to be here and get them to her by this Friday so that she can schedule accordingly.

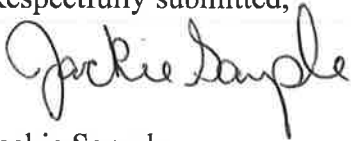
Ms. Sharpe read the introductory paragraph for Ordinance 2023-04 Infrastructure Bonds 2023 Series A on behalf of Mayor Roath as follows: FOR the purpose of providing for the issuance and sale of an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000.00) of general obligation bonds of Town of Perryville (the "Town"), to be known as the "Town of Perryville Infrastructure Bonds, 2023 Series A" (or by such other or additional designation or designations as required by the Community Development Administration identified herein) (the "Bonds"), to be issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Sections 4-101 through 4-255 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, for the purpose of providing all or a portion of the funds necessary for (i) financing and/or refinancing costs of a project identified herein as the street improvement project, (ii) funding a portion of a capital reserve fund and/or other reserves, and/or (iii) paying issuance and other costs related to the Bonds; providing that the Bonds shall be issued upon the full faith and credit of the Town; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds

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of the sale of the Bonds and for the levy of annual taxes upon all assessable property within the Town for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they shall respectively mature or come due; providing for the forms, tenor, denominations, maturity dates and other provisions of the Bonds; providing for the sale of the Bonds; and providing for related purposes, including the method of fixing the interest rate or rates to be borne by the Bonds, the approval, execution and delivery of documents, agreements, certificates and instruments and the making of or providing for the making of representations and covenants concerning the tax status of interest on the Bonds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Linkey to adjourn the February 7, 2023, Town Meeting at 8:10 p.m. **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 below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk

