

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Robert R. Ashby Jr., Town Commissioners: Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Police Lieutenant: Michael Reno, Police Corporal: Gerard Morgan, Police Officer: Michael Palmer, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Accounting Clerk: Tara Blevins.

Remote Participation: Town Commissioners: Robert Taylor, Town Administrator: Denise Breder, Finance Director: Debra Laubach, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman.

Absent: Commissioner Linkey

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

The March 2, 2021 Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ashby.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the March 2, 2021 Town Meeting Agenda as written. **All in Favor. Motion Carried**

Approval of Remote Participation Request

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the remote participation requests. **All in Favor. Motion Carried**

Mayor Ashby relayed the procedure as in past meetings with remote participation. There will be no talking over each other, he will call on members individually for comment or motions to be made and votes will be by roll call vote. Mayor Ashby confirmed that Commissioner Taylor was attending via speaker phone and that Commissioner Linkey was not. He confirmed that Commissioner Taylor could be heard by all present and that they could be heard by him. The presiding officer shall ask the remote participant for any comments after each motion or agenda item. The remote participant also may request to be recognized in the same manner as any person present in person. When feasible, the presiding officer shall distribute to a remote participant, in advance of the meeting, copies on any meeting materials, documents and exhibits that the presiding officer anticipates will be used during the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the consent agenda items as written. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor. Motion Carried**

Mayor Ashby's Report –

Mayor Ashby introduced Anirban Basu, who was attending remotely regarding a study done on the impact of Great Wolf Lodge coming to the Town of Perryville. Mr. Basu is the Chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group, an economic and policy consulting firm in Baltimore Maryland. Mr. Basu serves as the chief economist to Associated Builders and Contractors and as a Chief Economic Advisor to the Construction Financial Management Association. In 2007 and again in 2016, Mr. Basu was selected by the Daily Record newspaper as one of Maryland's most influential people. The Baltimore Business Journal named him one of the regions most powerful business leaders in 2010.

2021 Update of Economic Impact of Great Wolf Lodge - Anirban Basu, Sage Policy Group

Mr. Basu thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for inviting him to the Perryville Town Meeting tonight and wanted to explain to the stakeholders and everyone present the reason that he is here tonight. As the Mayor stated he works for Sage Policy Group based out of Baltimore, who are an economic and policy group. Mr. Basu stated that two years and two months ago they were commissioned to conduct a study of the economic and fiscal impact of a Great Wolf Lodge Resort to be located at Perryville, MD. At that time, the resort was intended to be 450 rooms, similar to other Great Wolf Lodges in other places. Now the expectation of the lodge is to accommodate over 700 - rooms, so we were asked to update our economic and fiscal findings from two years and two months ago based on the increase in size of the project. There are two phases that are looked at, the construction phase and the post construction phase of the project. During the construction of the project the construction budget is bigger with a 700 - room resort compared to a 450 - room resort. This will support about 2,600 jobs in Cecil County and Perryville themselves. Those construction and related jobs will produce about \$132 million dollars in labor income and around 250 million dollars in economic activity. More important is the post construction or operational phase. The estimates are that by the time that the resort is fully operational and at a steady rate after three years of operation, that it will support 770 full and part time jobs on-site. When you add in the spending power and economic development that will be coming into Perryville and Cecil County then the economic impact would be around 1,110 jobs generating over 33 million dollars in annual worker income. This would offer a lot of retail and service-related positions that have been ravaged by the pandemic and allow those people to become reengaged in the labor market here in the northeast area of Maryland, the largest operations would support this directly and indirectly by 100 million dollars in local and economic impact. Most important is the fiscal impact, the public private partnership of sorts. It includes subsidies and incentives being offered to Great Wolf Lodge to choose Perryville over any other sites. In analyzing the fiscal impact, we concluded that this is a massive fiscal gain for the Town of Perryville. If you account for the costs of the impact fees in the computation and account for the cost of local government services that will require more demand by the community as the community gets bigger from an employment perspective over the course of 25

years of operation this will increase the net revenue to the Town of Perryville by 26 million dollars. If you exclude impact fees, then the calculation would be around 21 million dollars and that is at the current today dollar. There would be no year in which the town would take a fiscal loss in that 25 - year forecasted horizon, there may be years where the fiscal gains are less than other years but overall should do much better than break even, this is even with the incentives in place.

Mayor Ashby asked Mr. Jacobsen, who was attending remotely and representing Great Wolf, if he had anything to add to Mr. Basu's report.

Mr. Jacobsen thanked Mr. Basu for his report and stated that we endorse everything that he said. We are excited to build a lodge here in Perryville and Cecil County.

Mr. Basu noted that he did not mention is that this is a big deal for the entire State of Maryland. A lot of Marylanders spend money outside of the State, which they have a right to do, so this is an opportunity for people from other areas such as Philadelphia and central Pennsylvania, or Delaware to come back into Maryland.

Mr. Jacobsen wanted to point out that this will be the largest lodge in the entire portfolio with 700 rooms, being the most we have built in any location, the closest would be in Grapevine Texas. The water park will be the largest, the only one that has two separate towers of rides and attractions and we have now advanced food and beverage and other attractions to another level.

Mayor Ashby asked Ms. Breder if she had any additional comments for Mr. Basu, which she did not.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if Mr. Basu was the person that he hears on National public radio doing economic pieces from time to time.

Mr. Basu responded that he presumes that it is him.

Commissioner Taylor thanked him for his analysis and had no further questions.

Commissioner Snelling asked if the 200 additional rooms was going to impact the Traffic Study in any way for traffic going into the area.

Mr. Jacobsen replied that the Traffic Group who had performed the initial study when it was 450 rooms performed an updated report and we have been working with staff his staff and Denise and Dianna. It appears that at this point we would be required to do some widening of the ramp, an acceleration lane on 222 and adjustments to the timing and signaling of the Traffic Light at Chesapeake Overlook Parkway and 222, and offside road improvements associated with this expansion. The nice thing about our lodge is that people generally do not check in and check out during rush hours.

Commissioner Aldridge had no questions.

Mayor Ashby inquired if Ms. Bellmyer, from the local paper and on-line had any questions, she did not respond initially.

Mayor Ashby asked if any other people that are on-line had any questions.

Ms. Bellmyer did not have any questions.

Mayor Ashby thanked Mr. Basu for his report and proceeded with his report. He announced that the following businesses received the Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation for participating in the Winter Tourism Promotion Winter Nights Cecil Nights, Ercole's Pizza, Pizza Tower, Karlee's Subworks, Healthies, The Lion of Judah Bible Café, and the Greene Turtle.

Swearing in Ceremony

Mayor Ashby performed the Swearing in Ceremony for the new Police Officer Michael Palmer. His son, Sergeant Isiah Palmer, who is home on leave from the United States Army will be pinning him.

Chief Nitz stated that Officer Palmer comes from the Aberdeen police Department where he retired after 27 years of distinguished service with that department. He had various assignments including patrol, traffic task force, special operations, and was on the swat team, and his last assignment was for a resource officer.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Taylor's Report -

Commissioner Taylor did not have anything to report.

Mayor Ashby reported that Commissioner Linkey's report will be on-line, she is not present tonight.

Commissioner Snelling's Report -

Commissioner Snelling reported that there was no planning meeting in February, however, there will be one this month. He met with Ms. Battaglia earlier today for the monthly briefing and her full report will be on-line.

Mayor Ashby asked if anyone had questions of Commissioner Snelling's report which they did not.

Commissioner Aldridge's Report -

Commissioner Aldridge reported that we do still have a park position opening available. On-site will be preparing the Edmunds system for cloud service and support of our information

system and contingency plan. Town Hall staff is preparing for the Election coming up in May. The Town Hall office opened back up March 1st, allowing one person in at a time.

Ms. McCardell stated that the main office hours are 8-5:30 Monday and Tuesday, 8-4:30, Wednesday and Thursday, and 8-2:30 on Friday.

Mayor Ashby asked if anyone had questions of Commissioner Aldridge's report which they did not.

Town Administrator's Report - Denise Breder

Ms. Breder wanted to make note that Ms. Sample posted Election information on the Town's website today and the yard signs have been ordered. Ms. Breder stated that we have bid out the sewer improvement project where we will be upgrading three pumping stations and sewer lines and mains coming from the northern part of town down to the Front Street pumping station. The request for proposals was advertised on February 15th in the Cecil Whig, the Department of General Services e-marylandmarket place website and the town's website and through direct outreach. The bids are due on March 26 and there was a mandatory pre-bid meeting yesterday which was very well attended. She made note that she updated the chart on grants in her report for those that get a chance to look at it. She stated that a group of us consisting of Dianna Battaglia, Charles Hicks, Amanda Paoletti, and myself have worked on the DHCD Sustainable Communities Plan and the Department of Housing and Community Development did approve our plan and the new plan expires on May 13, 2025, which is when we will have to submit another request to update it. The approval of that grant opens up the availability of other grants through the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually if they had any questions regarding Ms. Breder's report, to which there were none.

Treasurer's Report - Debra Laubach

Ms. Laubach reported that her department had been working most of the month in preparing the budget for FY22 and have met with all the department heads to give us their proposed budget requests which have been entered which we are fine tuning. We have been fine tuning that and have been waiting on the MML memo that comes out yearly that will give us many of our revenue figures that we will need to finalize things. The Budget Hearing meetings have been scheduled based on input from the Mayor and Commissioners. We are trying to have them all in the month of March to get them over in case anything should delay it in the future, there will be five different meetings this month, and will be issuing them to the department heads to see what dates the best for them would be so that they know when their department is going to be presenting their budget and will distribute it to the Mayor and Commissioners at that point. She stated that there is an update to her report, we did receive the sewer denitrification grant reimbursement funding that we were waiting on after this report was already finalized.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually if they had any comments or questions regarding Ms. Laubach's report

Police Report - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz stated that his report can be found on-line. All of our officers attended training by the Eastern Shore Mobile Crisis Team regarding Petitions and Mental Health calls which have went up since the pandemic. Chief Nitz stated that he, along with Mayor Ashby, Commissioner Aldridge, and Charles Hicks, met with a resident of Fairgreen Senior Apartments regarding some quality-of-life and some other issues. The Police building won a Nationwide Award through officer.com and Law Enforcement Technology Magazine for building design of Police Facilities less than 25,000 sq. feet. We received a plaque which will be displayed in our lobby along with a copy of the article.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually if they had any questions or comments regarding Chief Nitz's report.

Commissioner Taylor did not have any questions.

Commissioner Snelling stated that he sees that Chief Nitz attended the viewing/funeral service of Ed Ryan a longtime member of the Community Fire Company, he made note that he was also a past Town Commissioner at one time.

Commissioner Aldridge did not have any questions.

Outreach Report -

Chief Nitz reported that the Outreach Report can be found on-line. Ms. Hemling had applied for an achievement award through the Maryland Municipal League and we are still waiting to hear from them on whether the Outreach Program has been selected for that award.

Engineers Report

Ms. Breder wanted to point out that Ralph Ryan, the Town Engineer, is working on the design of the water line to tie into the Fire substation 16 to the town's water system. We received a grant from MDE to cover half of those costs, but the USDA Grant was turned down. We have since then been meeting with the USDA to see if there is any other funding. They do have another source of funding which they are working with the Fire Company to apply for, they thought the Fire Company would be the better applicant, but it is only for \$50,000, so there is going to be a shortfall in the funding for that project. We probably will be talking about this during budget time and she imagines that the Fire Company Board members will be discussing it as well.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually if they had any questions or comments on what Ms. Breder reported on for the Town Engineers report, which they did not.

Planning and Zoning Report

Ms. Battaglia stated that her full report can be found on-line. The Habitat for Humanity lot located on Richmond Street has been staked out, so we are hoping to see some construction going on there today or sometime soon. We had a Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for last night that had to be postponed and rescheduled, it was rescheduled for March 29. She encouraged everyone who had not been to Rodgers Tavern to schedule a visit to see it, they have been busy on Saturdays, and they are opened from 12-4 on Saturdays by appointment only, we have a lot of new displays down there that explain the history of this area.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually if they had any questions.

Commissioner Taylor and Commissioner Snelling did not have any questions.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired about how you go about making appointments to visit Rodgers Tavern.

Ms. Battaglia responded that you can go on the Rodgers Tavern Museum website.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired if there was a link for it on Facebook or the town website.

Ms. Battaglia was not sure about that but will find out and let her know.

From the Floor - remote questions

There were no questions from the floor.

New Business - Denise Breder

Ordinance 2021-03 - Amendment 2 to Great Wolf Economic Development Agreement

Ms. Breder stated that at this point this ordinance is not in the format to be introduced tonight, at the time of posting Exhibit C was not available, and the attorney for Great Wolf has requested a couple of changes. She thinks that we would be better off introducing it at a Special Meeting after the Work Session when we can get it in finalized form, the gist of the agreement is the same, there are just technical comments that the attorneys made.

BCI Payment Request - Tara Blevins

Ms. Blevins stated that BCI is requesting a payment plan and the amount is more than what staff is allowed to approve, the options were 3 months, 6 months, or 12 months and it is for the board to decide if they want to offer that.

Ms. Breder went over her understating of their request from the Work Session, which they were going to pay on the past due amount over the course of next year monthly, requesting a 12- month payment term on that, and that they would be paying \$3,000 a month in the future to cover future payments instead of paying quarterly for the bills for Fairgreen.

Commissioner Taylor stated that his understanding of the request from BCI is that they would be paying their past due balance once a month for 12 months in the amount of \$1,173.27 a month and paying \$3,000 a month to cover future payments.

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Taylor believes that what they were saying was that they would be paying the \$3,000 a month so that when the quarterly bill came it was not such a large bill and probably have overages over the \$9,000 that they pay every quarter that they would then pay when they receive the bill.

Mayor Ashby could see that the BCI representative was on-line and asked if they had any comments. Ms. McCardell responded that both are on-line but cannot speak because they did not enter in the pin that she sent to them.

Mayor Ashby stated that Chief Nitz, Charles Hicks, Commissioner Aldridge and himself met with a resident and some other people from Fairgreen stating that there are a lot of issues with management that came up, and County HUD is not happy with the management. He asked Commissioner Aldridge to speak about that and then was going to have Chief Nitz speak on it. The Mayor has a recommendation and plans to make a motion, which he normally does not do, based on what he knows they will be speaking about tonight.

Commissioner Aldridge stated that after speaking to one of the residents she does have concerns, security is a major issue and concern. She feels that if the residents at Fairgreen did not pay their rent on time they would not be given the same courtesy that Fairgreen is asking us to give them tonight. She has seen in person the effects that it has on the elderly and would prefer to see a few things fixed first before we discuss working out a payment plan.

Chief Nitz stated that a couple of the issues that were discussed were safety issues with the building. We have had several instances where we have requested surveillance or to check surveillance cameras and were told that the surveillance equipment does not work, which he deems unsatisfactory in protecting our elderly community. There are two accesses to the building, a key fob, or a keypad where you punch in a code. The problem with punching in a code is that it can be passed along to other people, who in turn can pass it along to additional people and you end up with a bunch of unknown people having access and no security to the building, which needs to be addressed in his opinion.

Mayor Ashby asked Charles Hicks if he had anything to add since he was also part of that meeting yesterday.

Mr. Hicks wanted to highlight the fact that every issue that was brought up is very concerning to him and needs to be met with urgency, we cannot allow access to some of our most vulnerable elderly residents.

Mayor Ashby asked Commissioner Taylor if he had any more comments regarding this.

Commissioner Taylor asked Chief Nitz what kind of security or criminal problems we are having at the facility currently.

Chief Nitz responded that the reported crimes are lewd behavior in the parking lot, increased drug activity, reports of prostitution, prostitutes coming in and out of the building unchecked because of the passcode issue. Some of the things we can address from a Law Enforcement standpoint, but some of these things can be checked at the door with proper protocols put into place.

Commissioner Taylor asked Commissioner Aldridge if there were instances of the residents being behind on their rent payments and being evicted immediately.

Commissioner Aldridge responded that the lady that they spoke to yesterday just stated that when they fall behind on their payments that they are not given much leeway to make payment plans. She feels that the company is coming to us requesting us to help them work out payment plans on their water bills but at the same time have not been willing to work on the safety or other complaints by their residents.

Commissioner Snelling asked if the Cecil County Housing Department are aware of all of these problems.

Chief Nitz spoke to the Chief of the Cecil County Department of Housing and Community Development and they are aware of the issues, however, they do not have control over the building other than the units that are rented, and people are in. They can have some of the safety issues addressed, such as light bulbs being out and electrical issues that occurred with the sign out by Aiken Avenue involving exposed wires.

Motion was made by Mayor Ashby to ok the payment plan with BCI contingent upon the minimum being fixed, the security at the doors, whether it be security cameras, and to get rid of the key code and go back to the magnetic card. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Taylor inquired what his time frame was for remediating these issues before we alter the payment plan.

Mayor responded the sooner they fix this the sooner they can move into a payment plan.

Commissioner Taylor responded that they have an outstanding balance that we need to start collecting on, his motion would be that we give them the payment plan and then review their progress in every Town Meeting whether they remediated the issues, and possibly after the first meeting give them a warning if they still have not fixed the issues. After the second meeting if they still have not complied eliminate the payment plan and call due the remaining balance of their past due amount.

Mayor Ashby asked for Mr. Sussman, the Town Attorney, for his advice on this motion, if you can revoke a payment plan once it is in place.

Mr. Sussman responded that if the determination is made to give them a payment plan, you can condition it and to revoke it you would have to give notice to the apartment complex and to the owners to give them an opportunity to respond to the proposed revocation.

Mayor Ashby inquired if he had a comment on the appropriate motion to be made, knowing that he would like the security cameras at the doors and the magnetic swipe card.

Mr. Sussman responded that he has heard two different concepts, one being the payment plan be approved subject to the two certain things being done in the future, the other plan is that the payment plan would not go into effect until the conditions are addressed.

Commissioner Taylor responded that it makes no sense for us to delay the payment plan because then they continue to have an outstanding balance that they are not making any payments on and we are not collecting on. He believes that the better solution is to allow the payment plan with the contingency that we can review the conditions at the facility and revoke it and call due the entire balance if they do not come into compliance.

Mayor Ashby asked Ms. Breder what happens if they are not given a payment plan and do not pay on their past due balance and regular balance.

Ms. Breder responded that if they do not pay anything then they are going to get shut off over there which is something that we are trying to avoid because it affects so many residents. She likes Commissioner Taylor's suggestion, because it incorporates your concerns regarding the security measures and gets them paying on their past due balance.

Mayor Ashby called for a second on his motion to fix the things before they get a payment plan, there was no second to the motion, so the motion died. He asked for a motion to be made by Commissioner Taylor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve a 12-month payment plan for BCI in the amount \$1,173.27 a month for the past due balance and paying \$3,000 a month prepayment to keep up with their bills and to report back to us the next Town Meeting as to whether they remediated the security concerns and if they have not we would warn them and by the second Town Meeting we would withdraw the payment plan if they are not in compliance.

Mr. Sussman inquired if it clear what the expectations are of the apartment complex for them to come into compliance with, what is expected of them to do in terms of them addressing the security issues there.

Mayor Ashby responded that they are to maintain the magnetic swipe cards and at least the security cameras around the building to secure the perimeter around the building at all entrances and exits.

Mr. Sussman clarified that you are requesting full operational security cameras at all entrance and exits to the building along with full utilization of magnetic card swiping for entry into the building.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to amend his original motion to include that within the one-month period they report back whether they have included security cameras at all their entrances and magnetic swipe cards for residents for all entrances. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Ms. Breder requested clarification regarding the payment plan and the balance due because she was not logged into BoardDocs to see the breakdown. Commissioner Taylor explained it to her which works out to the \$1,173.27 a month for 12 months payment plan.

A roll call vote was called for the original motion including the amendment. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Request for waiver of shut-off fees for 3rd quarter of 2020 - Commissioner Taylor

Commissioner Taylor stated that when he originally brought this up, he was under the impression that the amount of people that were on the shut-off list was a much larger amount than normal for that time of year because of COVID but found out at the last Work Session that it was about average. He stated that unless there was other interest from other board members, he would be willing to table this subject.

Mayor Ashby stated that he would not have a problem with a request for a waiver of shut-off fees for the 3rd quarter or even 4th quarter if their bills got to them late due to a postage holdup.

Commissioner Taylor responded that he would be ok with that as well.

Mayor Ashby asked Commissioner Taylor if he had a motion for this request.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the waiver of reconnection fees for any shutoffs that occurred for individuals that received their bills late due to postage delays. There was no second, so the motion died.

Ms. McCardell stated that when we had those initial shutoffs it really did not have anything to do with postage issues and people not getting their bills.

Mayor Ashby responded that he was made aware of one that is why he brought it up.

Ms. McCardell responded that this quarter, however, we have received a lot of calls from people that have sent in their checks and they have not come through to us yet.

Post 65 Retiree Healthcare Program - Deb Laubach

Ms. Laubach is requesting a motion from the Mayor and Commissioners for approval of a Post 65 Retiree Healthcare Program. We were approached by LGIT who are partnering with a group called AmWINS Group Benefits who are putting together different options for supplemental insurance plans for Medicare for current and future retirees. This is a 100%

voluntary program for the retirees, and it would not cost the town anything, so it is just a matter of contacting those that qualify and getting permission to supply their information to AMWINS if interested.

The board members did not have any questions regarding this program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the Post 65 Retiree Healthcare Program as written. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Surplus Equipment - Deb Laubach

Ms. Laubach is requesting a motion for permission to have an exception to our surplus equipment policy. Normally anything that we are going to dispose of that we no longer have use for, we either dispose of it or if it has any value at all we put it on the auction bid site. We recently took some laptops and desktops that were no longer being used to On-Site for them to be wiped clean and reinstalled operating systems on the units that were salvageable, which were only two. There is the need by a few of our employees to have access to a laptop or desktop, she is requesting for permission for those employees to be able to take those units home for use, but they would stay property of the town.

Ms. Breder stated that she is not sure that we need a motion on that because we do have employees that have access to laptops that they can take home, we just have to keep track of them and if the employee leaves then they would have to return it. It is up to you whether you want to make a motion or not.

Commissioner Taylor agrees that the employees can be assigned the laptops for employees to be able to work from home, but he stated that there is also something in here if we have additional equipment beyond that for the units to be donated to Outreach Center to be able to be donated to families in the community who might need a computer, or the kids for school, etc.

Mayor Ashby responded that for future use he wants to move employees toward laptops and not desktops, still have monitors but be more versatile to take home and work from home in different instances. He asked Commissioner Snelling to make a motion for this.

Motion was made by Commissioner Snelling and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the surplus equipment regarding the surplus equipment to be used outside of the Government. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Chemical Bids - Deb Laubach

Ms. Laubach stated that we put out bid requests for various chemical used for both the water and the sewer plant. The schedule shows the results that we received from our main bidders. She highlighted items that she would recommend that we go with, theses schedules

were sent to both Larry and George Smith and they had no issues with them because these vendors have been very reliable in the past.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if these prices would remain the same if we were to go with them if we were to chose them for all six chemicals versus four, whether they would offer a discount if you ordered more or if they are firm prices.

Ms. Laubach responded that she would have to check on that but in the past when these chemicals have been ordered these are their rock bottom price.

Mayor Ashby asked the board members individually for any comments, there were none, he requested a motion by Commissioner Taylor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the Town's Finance Departments recommendations for the chemical bid results as highlighted on their chart. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Linkey announced that she was on-line.

Mayor Ashby responded that she was extremely late and that she could listen at this point but was not going to allow her to vote on anything, because she was not here from the beginning of the meeting and we are at the end of the meeting now.

Election Board Appointments - Ms. Breder

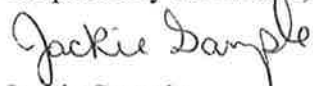
Ms. Breder stated that it is the same Election Board as last year, which is Mark Fayer Sr., Terri Grove, Wayne Kommalan, and Sheron Alexander as an alternate and we ask that you approve the Election Board as stated.

There were no comments from the board members.

Motion was made by Commissioner Snelling and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to appoint Mark Fayer Sr., Terri Grove, and Wayne Kommalan to serve as Election judges and Sheron Alexander as an alternate Election judge. **Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Taylor: Aye, Commissioner Snelling: Aye, Commissioner Aldridge: Aye, Mayor Ashby: Aye. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn the March 2, 2021 Town Meeting at 8:14p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk

**Statement Regarding February 16, 2021 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
March 2, 2021 Town Meeting**

On February 16, 2021 the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:08 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (1) (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals, to discuss potential employee bonuses; (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State; (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding Great Wolf request for expansion of their project and the additional water and sewer allocations and fees associated with that expansion that would require an amendment to the existing Economic Development Agreement with Great Wolf Lodge. In addition to Mayor Ashby, Commissioners: Snelling, Assistant Town Administrator, Cathy McCardell, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia and Town Clerk: Jackie Sample attended the entire closed session and Commissioners Linkey, Taylor and Aldridge, and Town Administrator, Denise Breder and Town Attorney: Fred Sussman attended remotely. There were no votes taken during this session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

