

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Mayor: Robert R. Ashby Jr., Town Commissioners: Michelle Linkey, Robert Taylor, Timothy Snelling, Christina Aldridge, Assistant Town Administrator: Cathy McCardell, Finance Director: Debra Laubach, Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia, Police Chief: Robert Nitz, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman, 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 May 4, 2021 Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ashby.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Remote Participation Request

Mayor Ashby inquired if Commissioner Linkey was on-line, to which she was not so he asked for a motion for remote participation if she does attend remotely.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the remote participation request. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the May 4, 2021 Town Meeting Agenda as written. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the consent agenda items as written consisting of the April 6, 2021 Town Meeting Minutes, the April 6, 2021 Closed Session Minutes, the April 15, 2021 Budget Hearing Minutes, the April 15, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes, the April 20, 2021 Work Session Minutes, the April 20, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Taylor's Report

Commissioner Taylor reported that we are in compliance with the April and May testing to date. At the Water Plant for the last two days, we had some failures to the compressors which run the air lines which allow us to move the switches on the water generation, so we were unable to generate water for about 24 hours. We have rented a diesel air generator to supplement what we have until we get the current generators repaired, this is a \$400 rental and we got it for a

month. The compressors that failed were 14 years old and the manufacturer stated that they have a service life of 7 to 8 years, so we have gotten our money's worth out of them. We are going to have to look at replacing them because they are so old, that they no longer make parts for them. The water budget for 2021, the current year, currently has \$17,000 in the maintenance fund and a \$20,000 overage of chemical funds that can be used as well. We should be able to replace those compressors and get us back up and running at full status with the funds in place with the current budget.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions of Commissioner Taylor's report, which there were none.

Commissioner Snelling's Report -

Commissioner Snelling reported that he met with Ms. Battaglia, the Planning and Zoning Director, earlier today and he attended the Planning Commission meeting on April 19th. The Farmers Market opened on Saturday and it will continue on Saturdays during the season. The concession stand for the boat ramp will open this month on the 15th. On the third Friday the Cruisers will start on the 21st of this month. He reported that he attended the dedication of the new Little League Field on Saturday.

Commissioner Linkey arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions of Commissioner Snelling's report, which there were none.

Commissioner Aldridge's Report -

Commissioner Aldridge reported that the full report will be on-line. As of now the Town Hall office is still open, allowing one person at a time. There is a park position open and Town Hall has received several applications and will be setting up interviews soon. They are preparing for the Election in May.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions of Commissioner Aldridge's report, which there were none.

Commissioner Linkey's Report

Commissioner Linkey apologized for her tardiness. Commissioner Linkey reported that she attended the Little League Parade, and it was great to see the park in use. The DPW Report will be on-line. They are interviewing for the park and still have one opening for DPW, which will be posted shortly. She also reminded everyone that the fire hydrants are being flushed from the April 26-May 7.

Commissioner Taylor announced that there has been a change to that, they are not being flushed, due to the issues at the Water Plant it has been curtailed until we get those issues resolved.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions of Commissioner Linkeys's report, which there were none.

Mayor's Ashby's Report

Mayor Ashby reported that he attended several meetings this past month, with Chesapeake Overlook and with Woodlands and there is a lot of interest for there, and we are waiting for Great Wolf to put a shovel in the ground. He attended the Little League Parade this past weekend and he was proud to be a part of this community event, there was a great turnout with a great ribbon cutting.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions of his report, which there were none.

Police Report - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz reported that the entire report is on-line. Chief Nitz was happy to announce that as of April 20th, BCI, the owners of Greenway, notified us that they have switched over to key card access to the building and are allowing a grace period to the residents to allow time to get used to having a key card. The key code access will be turned off, except for us as Law Enforcement to have a unique code to get into the building. In speaking to some of the residents it appears that a lot of the mischievous behavior and criminal activity has subsided with this along with our increased presence there. On April 15th, we met with each floor individually at Greenway to discuss safety issues, with Police, Fire and Mr. Hicks talking about code enforcement. We took in about 10 pounds of prescription medication on April 24, our drug take back day, which was a big success. We recently received a lot of complaints regarding speeding on Otsego Street and officers have conducted speed enforcement for the past several days and during that time measured over 100 vehicles and their speeds, and the average speed was no more than 19 miles per hour, the highest being 26 miles per hour.

Commissioner Taylor noticed that the citations issued increased to 69 for the month of April, versus 26 and 27 for February and March. He inquired if that was because of the increased enforcement of speeding.

Chief Nitz responded that as the weather gets better and people are out more, you will see more traffic enforcement and more targeted enforcement.

Mayor Ashby asked if there were any questions regarding Chief Nitz's Report.

Mrs. McCardell asked the Mayor to hold off for a minute, she is getting reports that people are not able to attend the webinar, one was Kevin Pampuch, and one was Tammy. Mrs. McCardell attempted to reboot the webinar system multiple times to be able to continue the meeting, to no avail. She asked Mr. Sussman what to do.

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Mr. Sussman advised to cancel the meeting and reschedule it for another day since it is not allowing public access.

Mayor Ashby asked someone to make a motion to reschedule the meeting for tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Linkey inquired if we want it tomorrow night or Thursday night.

Ms. Laubach responded that she would not be able to attend Thursday night she will be out of Town.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if everyone here could attend Wednesday.

Chief Nitz reported that he cannot attend Wednesday.

Commissioner Taylor stated that we can get the Chief's report on-line.

Mrs. McCardell asked about having to get it advertised.

Mr. Sussman responded that you will have to give Public Notice.

Commissioner Taylor asked what consists of Public Notice, Facebook, etc.

Mr. Sussman responded that advertising on Facebook and the website and announcing it here, under the circumstances you are giving as reasonable Public Notice as you can, although cannot swear that it is legally sufficient if challenged.

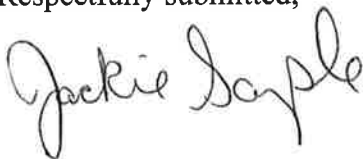
Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn this meeting and reconvene tomorrow night at 7 pm. to address public access issues with the webinar meeting.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to adjourn the May 4, 2021 Town Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

All in Favor: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk