

**Town of Perryville
Town Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: 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, Police Lieutenant: Michael Reno, Police Officer: Gerard Morgan, Police Officer: Thomas Pierson, Police Officer: Themis Speis, Town Clerk: Jackie Sample, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman

Absent: Mayor: Matthew Roath

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

The August 3, 2021, Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Linkey on behalf of Mayor Roath who was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Town Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Linkey asked for a motion for approval of the Town Meeting Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the August 3, 2021, Town Meeting Agenda. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the consent agenda consisting of the July 6, 2021, Town Meeting Minutes and the July 20, 2021, Work Session Minutes, **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Mayor's Report

Commissioner Linkey read a written report from the mayor on his behalf. She reported that the mayor met with DPW and the Police Department to discuss parking for the All-Star Tournament. The mayor, along with Commissioner Linkey have been attending meetings on a committee formed to vet potential candidates for the Town Administrator position. He met with the Financial Director and attended the MML meeting at Elk River Brewery, Commissioner Aldridge and Commissioner Snelling also attended the MML dinner. He attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Great Wolf Lodge. He attended the Work Session, and he had a meeting with developers for the former outlet and attended a meeting with Artesian. He also attended a meeting with MARC train representatives regarding programs extending their train services. He had an introductory meeting with a developer for a large project currently outside of Perryville town limits. He also met with representatives from Tiki Lees from Perryville to discuss their plans and timeline.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Linkey's Report

Commissioner Linkey reported that she attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Great Wolf and attended the meeting with other committee members who are vetting potential candidates for the Town Administrative position. She also had a meeting with the Police Chief to discuss Red Speed, a camera that checks for speeding, which we are looking into, and we will have to talk about that at the upcoming Work Session. The Police Chief will have the rest of the report.

Commissioner Snelling inquired if there have been any applicants that have put in for the Town Administrators position.

Commissioner Linkey believes that there have been around 6 applicants.

Mrs. McCardell believes that there is more than 6, but approximately 6 to 8 that are qualified.

Commissioner Aldridge inquired when the cutoff date for applying for that was, Commissioner Linkey responded that it was August 6, this Friday.

Commissioner Aldridge's Report -

Commissioner Aldridge attended that MML meeting on July 15th at Elk River Brewery which was very informative. July 20th was the groundbreaking at Great Wolf Lodge which was a wonderful experience. On July 25th she met with Mayor Roath and the owners and developers for the old outlet property. They are still pushing for a warehouse there. She did her best to relay to them that she was speaking for the people, and this is not what they want. August 20th is going to be the Dog Days of Summer 3rd Friday cruisers at Lower Ferry Park from 4-7 p.m. The Farmer's Market is on Saturdays and Tap into the Tavern is coming up on August 28th. She was able to tour Rodgers Tavern and gather a lot of knowledge on the history of the tavern.

Commissioner Linkey wanted to point out that as far as the old outlet property is concerned, to get a warehouse, they could not do that unless we make an ordinance change regarding the zoning, and as of now, it has been in front of the board twice, and both times it was unanimously voted out, and most likely will continue to be voted down.

Commissioner Snelling's Report -

Commissioner Snelling reported that he also attended that MML meeting on the 15th of July and the Great Wolf groundbreaking ceremony on July 20th. There was a water main leak in the area of Aiken Avenue and Otsego Street that was repaired, along with the section of roadway related to this leak was also repaired. Public Works employees addressed a sewer backup at Owens condominiums, and a sewer cleanout was excavated and repaired on Franklin Street,

work was performed by a contractor with DPW overseeing the work. Commissioner Snelling received an email letter from the Board of Directors President of Owens Landing II, Mr. Dennis Iracki, which he read aloud. Mr. Iracki commended and thanked 3 DPW employees of the Town of Perryville for their tireless work in the scorching heat regarding a sewer backup that occurred at Owens Landing beginning on July 23rd and again on Sunday on July 25th when the backup reappeared. Many of the residents stopped by throughout the date to check on the progress of the work and the employees were respectful and poised in responding to them. The 3 employees were Tommy, Jared, and Supervisor Aaron Ashford. Commissioner Snelling had also requested that Mrs. McCardell put copies of the email in each one of the employee's personnel files.

Commissioner Linkey concurred that we have an excellent group of employees, and she is glad that the town's people are recognizing that.

Commissioner Taylor's Report

Commissioner Taylor reported that the Wastewater Plant was in full compliance with the NPDES discharge permit for the month of June 2021, and July 2021 with the July lab results received to-date. There was an influent monthly flow of 20.77 million gallons and an effluent monthly flow of 17.37 million gallons, and received 7.64 million gallons from the VA. The decant flex joint for SBR#2 decanter has been ordered, that is a 5-week lead time, so we are hoping that it will be received and installed by the next Town Meeting. The Water Plant was also in compliance with MDE regulations for June and July with July test results to-date. We took in 9.5 million gallons of water from the Susquehanna River and the finished water flow out to the town was 9.1 million gallons. Commissioner Taylor wanted to add to Commissioner Snelling's report that in Rustic Court this weekend a lot of the neighbors had discussed that the water had gotten very brown. He wanted to urge people to call the town when this happens so that it can be addressed as soon as possible, he wanted to thank Aaron and the crew for addressing that issue promptly as well.

Commissioner Taylor wanted to take a minute to discuss COVID. COVID cases in Cecil County are surging once again, along with hospitalizations. The vaccination rate for Maryland is 59%, which is not anywhere near the target and Cecil County is at 49%. The Delta variant is highly transmittable even if you have been vaccinated because the way the antibodies work is it infects your nose first then moves into your lungs. The antibodies do not really kick in until it gets to your lungs, so you can have it in your nose and be spreading it around to people and the Delta variant is 6,000 times what the normal COVID variant is. He also stated that as of now if you are vaccinated and you get COVID you have a one in a million chance of dying, but if you are not vaccinated and you get COVID you have a one in 57 chance of dying from it. He is encouraging everyone to please get vaccinated, he is wearing a mask tonight because he has a 10-year-old son who is not able to get the vaccine because he is not 12 yet so he wants to be as careful as he can to protect him. Even though he and his wife are both vaccinated it can still be transmitted to my son if I was to get it in my nasal passages and pass it along to him. The Delta variant is impacting and hospitalizing children at a much higher rate than the original COVID variant.

Treasurer's Report - Deb Laubach

Ms. Laubach stated that her full report can be found on-line but wanted to highlight several things. We have been waiting several months for reimbursement from Cecil County for COVID-19 expenses and we finally received that check which was around \$26,000. She had reported last month that LGIT, which is our largest insurance broker that we use, had notified us that their rates were going to go up about 33% because the reissuing market had jumped up that much on personal property because of everything that is going on, if that was the case, we would have had to of budgeted another \$42,000 over the current fiscal year 22 budget. We have since received the invoice from LGIT and since we had so many loss control measures in place the bill was not as high as originally projected, therefore we factored for a 10% increase in calculating the insurance cost for the FY22 budget. The budget amendment that she will be presenting tonight will be asking for increases but they are very minimal and not in every department. Also, with the American Rescue Act funds that were disbursed from the Federal Government through the State to us, reimbursement for COVID related issues, the amount received was larger than previously notified. There is a list of things that these funds are allowed to be used for, such as infrastructure, and things that are COVID related, and health related for businesses that were strongly impacted by COVID. We were originally told that we were going to receive 3.7 million for our town, the actual amount we will receive is \$4,353,861.70, which is \$660,474.70 more than originally anticipated. Half of the amount was received this year in the amount of \$2,176,930.85 and we should receive an equal amount with the other half next year. We immediately moved those funds into our MGLIP account, which is a specific savings account just for that purpose. Local Impact Funds have been higher than they have been historically, we did receive May's impact funds, which was \$160,000, normally it is between \$113,000 and \$125,000. We got notification that when we receive June's, it will be around \$201,000, which will make up for the shortage from last year.

Commissioner Linkey inquired if the American Rescue Act was going to be on the next Work Session. Ms. McCardell responded that it has been put on the next Work Session for us to discuss.

Commissioner Linkey inquired if the Red Speed Cameras can also be added to the Work Session. Mrs. Sample responded that the speed camera was already put on the agenda pending additional updated information for further discussion.

Commissioner Taylor asked for clarification if there was a time limit on spending the American Rescue Act funds.

Ms. Laubach responded that it is four years.

Police Report - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz reported that his full report can be found on-line. Current projects that are taking place is the transition to the new NIBRS, (National Incident Based Reporting System), effective tomorrow the County will be switching over to that new system. For the next six

months we still have to report on the old system, which is the UCR, (uniformed Crime Reporting), so we will be doubling the work for the next six months during the transition. We are preparing for a couple of upcoming events, Tap into the Tavern and the Susquehanna River Running Festival. Information will be posted accordingly as we get more information closer to the event date for the Susquehanna River Running Festival and the impact to traffic during that event. Commissioner Linkey briefly brought up the speed camera options along Aiken Avenue. One of the company's that we met with was Red Speed USA. It was an interesting presentation that they had, and I believe it warrants further discussion, but it does seem like a viable option especially with all of the complaints that are happening along Aiken Avenue, which he has witnessed himself, as a resident of this town. Unfortunately, our police cannot be everywhere at once.

Commissioner Taylor asked for a little bit of the details of what we know so far about the shooting that took place on Broad Street the other night.

Chief Nitz responded that last Friday night we received a call for shots fired and responding officers responded and located the subject that was shot multiple times. Based on the condition of the victim and the complexity of those investigations we reached out to the Maryland State Police, who sent down an extra 8 to 10 troopers from the criminal investigation section along with the investigative homicide unit and 2 crime scene techs. They processed the scene and collaborated with our agency, and we are working side by side with them at this point. They have leads and suspects, which is all that he can release at this time without compromising the investigation.

Commissioner Taylor inquired if the victim survived after having surgery, to which Chief Nitz responded that he did.

Commissioner Linkey asked Corporal Morgan to come up so that he could be promoted to Sergeant. Corporal Morgan has been a Police Officer for 20 years, 13 years with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, 3 years with the Department of the Navy, and has been with the Town of Perryville since 2018. Since then, he has received Officer of the Year, 2 years running, and has also received an Exemplary Performance Award from the Maryland Chief of Police in 2020 for his strong work in the area of DUI and criminal enforcement arrests. He was also recognized by the MD Highway Safety Office for his DUI Meritorious Recognition. Tonight, he is going to be promoted to Sergeant, with duties to include daily supervision, ensure compliance with policies and procedures, as well as the evidence room coordinator. He has taken on a leadership roll in guidance and mentorship and has gotten involved in the community.

Commissioner Linkey performed the Swearing in of Corporal Morgan with his new title as a Sergeant.

Chief Nitz stated that Sergeant Morgan has been instrumental with both formal and informal leadership. He has taken an incredible leadership role when it comes to our community policing. We were having some issues with the Fairgreen Senior Housing, and he has met with some of the residents regularly to address any concerns that they may have.

Outreach Report –

Chief Nitz highlighted a couple of things from Outreach Report on behalf of Danielle who had to leave the meeting to address some issues at the Outreach. Her report can also be found on-line. Ms. Hemling received notification that they were approved for a \$5,000 grant through the Governor's Office to cover miscellaneous expenses, activities, and food items, and activities related to National Night Out, that typically would have been tonight, but we moved it to October 12 for better weather and not competing with other jurisdictions. October 2nd is going to be our 3rd annual Fishing with the Fuzz; he urges everyone to come out to this event.

Planning and Zoning Report - Dianna Battaglia

Ms. Battaglia stated that her full report will be on-line. She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony which was great. On September 18th we are having Riversweep with the Greenway, and we are putting together some information on that to spread the word, we are going to do the boat ramp and Rodgers Tavern Museum at the pier, so we will have an extra site here.

Commissioner Taylor responded that he will be organizing the community boat ramp.

Commissioner Linkey wanted to recognize Ms. Battaglia for her diligence and persistence with getting Great Wolf Lodge to come to Perryville, which was recognized at the groundbreaking ceremony by Steve Jacobsen, Vice President of Domestic Development for Great Wolf Lodge.

Ms. Battaglia responded that it was a team effort, she could not have done it by herself.

From the Floor

Gary Riley, who resides at 649 Aiken Avenue which is right in the middle of the avenue, brought up the issues with the speeding on Aiken Avenue, as well as the additional truck traffic that is using Aiken Avenue that should be using Coudon Boulevard. He witnessed a Western Express truck speeding past as he was pulling out of Lindy's and decided to pull behind him and speed up to see how fast he was going, and it was 61 mph. He stated that it is just a matter of time before someone gets hit by a speeding vehicle, and this was a 60-foot truck that weighs about 40,000 pounds.

Commissioner Taylor thanked him for speaking and stated that we are always looking for solutions for that. This is not an immediate solution, but when they put in the interchange for the Travel Plaza on 95, a lot of the truck traffic coming from IKEA will start going that way so we will see less truck traffic on Aiken Avenue once that goes in.

Mr. Riley also wanted to bring up the fact that the Volunteer Fire Department is located right off of Coudon Boulevard, however, instead of using Coudon Boulevard which is more of a straight shot with less traffic when they go out on a call, they make two turns by coming onto Broad Street then on Aiken Avenue. He inquired if anything can be done about that.

Commissioner Taylor responded that we may be able to talk to them about it, but they are a volunteer organization, and not run by the Town, but that is something that the Police Chief can probably have a word with them about.

Mr. Riley stated that he did have a conversation with the Police Chief earlier.

Chief Nitz commented that did he did place a call to the Fire Chief Willis, and he did not answer, however, he will discuss that with him when he is called back. As far as the truck traffic, they did become more aware of that during the Triathlon. The trailers that have Western on the side are going to the GE Plant, we are not sure why they are coming down through town. The drivers are saying that their GPS systems are taking them down through Town, we are trying to work on that issue.

Debbie Thompson, 29 Owens Landing Court, wanted to thank the Public Works Department for their tireless work for two and a half days in addressing the sewer backup issue at their building. Ms. Thompson brought up an issue regarding water backup on River Road. When they have a heavy rain, the water backs up and flows into the parking area of Owens Landing, and at one point it was halfway up on a car tire. She has personally gone out and cleaned the grates off with the mud and stuff. The pipe that is along River Road stays clogged and she cannot do anything with that, she would appreciate it if that could be addressed. Also, at River Road and Roundhouse Drive at the stop sign, there are bushes that are to the north and if you are in a small car and you are pulling out you do not see kids on their bicycles or a small car. She has witnessed a couple of near accidents because of the obstruction of the view and is requesting that the bushes be trimmed or removed to prevent a potential accident from happening.

Ms. McCardell believes that we already have a work order put in for the overgrown bushes but will check on the status.

Trevor Biggers, who lives at 706 Aiken Avenue, lives across from Mr. Riley and wanted to also bring up the speeding issue on Aiken Avenue along with the tractor trailer traffic. He also wanted to discuss the issue with trash that people are throwing onto the ground consistently along the Avenue and onto our yards, he is picking up trash almost every day because of it. He asked if more trash receptacles every so often could be added along the strips of the areas that are technically town property that we cut versus just having one at Lindy's and another at the other end in front of Ercole's. Mr. Riley put one out in front of his property and people will use them if they are there.

Commissioner Linkey responded that pre-covid we had started a Keep it Clean event with our Green Team, which was twice a year, similar to the Riversweep but for our town.

Mr. Biggers also brought up the issue with the runoff along Aiken Avenue that has been an issue for some time now. His residence is on a paper road catty-cornered from Cole Street. The road was supposed to be Walnut Street going back to the Elementary School, he has researched it and cannot find out who owns the road to be able to put any kind of drainage in or anything else other than add some gravel because it is eco-friendly, and he does not have a cutout

in front of his house like other houses have. Technically he does even have a driveway, because it is a paper road, the issue is that his yard floods every time that it rains, and he is looking for some assistance with getting this resolved. He has gone through 3 sump pumps in the eight years that he has lived in the house. He knows that Mr. Riley has flooding issues, along with the neighbor next door. He was informed that when Aiken Avenue was repaved, it was stacked not re-graded when it was done.

Commissioner Taylor responded that Aiken Avenue is a State maintained road, so the town has nothing to do with paving that road.

Mr. Biggers inquired how that works with him paying town taxes and living in town limits and nothing can get done on that road.

Commissioner Taylor understands his frustration, he would like to put speed bumps every 50 feet along Aiken Avenue, but the town is not allowed to do that because it is a state road, and they will not let us do that. He does appreciate the fact that Mr. Riley has put a can out for people to use, that shows that he does care about his town, as far as the road not being graded correctly, again that was something that the State did.

Mr. Biggers again brought up the issue of ownership of the paper road.

Ms. Battaglia responded that there is an old plat that shows that there was an intended access there, but when she spoke to Mr. Biggers, she had advised him to look at his deed to see if it includes anything, because there is a lot of research involved.

Mr. Biggers responded that if you go back to the original deed of the house, the Coudon's owned the house, it was built in 1928 and had that property. Somewhere between 1928 and now that property was going to become a road that was going to be called Walnut Street, which would have gone back to the Elementary School and that area was going to be developed. The area was deemed a wetland so that could not be done, so it was stopped, and we don't know who owns it. He cannot do anything with it because of the flooding issues and would like to have some assistance with possibly getting some more information to come up with a solution.

Pat Statina, spoke on behalf of the Perryville Railroad Museum, he stated that we are there every Saturday and Sunday from noon until four p.m. We have a large number of railroad artifacts in two large display cases, we have a layout of the Perryville area and an extensive photo gallery at the south end of the station. He encouraged everyone to come visit the museum.

Memorandum of Understanding - Chief Nitz

Chief Nitz presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the District Court of Maryland and the Town of Perryville Police Department for filing reports electronically, providing us with better access to the most updated and current forms to be more efficient and was requesting approval of that MOU.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District Court of Maryland and the Town of Perryville Police Department to file reports electronically. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Budget Amendment Ordinance 2021-09 - Deb Laubach

Ms. Laubach summarized the introduction of Budget Amendment Ordinance 2021-09 on behalf of Commissioner Linkey. The ordinance 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. Ms. Laubach commented that a lot of them have to do with the insurance increase with LGIT, that she discussed earlier, one in the amount of \$2,300. Another one was a rollover of funds to this year from last year's budget regarding the park for work that could not get done because of COVID, so that they can finish up the projects that were in process in the amount of \$20,500. The next one is for replacement of the trees on Elm Street that we were required to have put in when we did the Elm Street project, along with some other ones in another area that had died that we are required to replace in the amount of \$14,000. We needed to add \$1,000 to advertising for the Town Administrator position. Another \$20,000 for rollover of funds for mains and meters for unused funds from last year, along with \$500 to fund additional insurance costs through the rest of the year, both in the water fund. An additional \$60,000 is needed for repair and cleaning of the Sewer decanter, to be more efficient in doing both things at one time so it was accelerated to be done this year, also rollover of \$135,438 for unfinished projects in the sewer fund, \$700 to fund additional insurance costs for the rest of the year.

Commissioner Taylor mentioned that whenever we take down trees, we must replace them with a commensurate amount which the State requires for impervious surfaces constructed. Also, with the other thing regarding the decanter work for \$60,000, to clean the tank we would have to drain a third of it, and then pump a third of the tank into about 15 trucks and then scoop out the rest with a shovel and then clean the tank. Since we have to drain the tank to put in a new flex joint anyway is why we are accelerating it to do it all this year, instead of going through the process again next year to drain it again for cleaning.

Upper Bay Counseling Request -

Commissioner Linkey presented a request from Upper Bay Counseling to have the fees waived for rental of both pavilions for an employee picnic at the Perryville Park on August 20th since they are a non-profit organization.

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Snelling to approve the request to waive the fees for the pavilion rentals for Upper Bay Counseling. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Ethics Board Appointment -

Commissioner Linkey stated that Michelle McKay was appointed as the 1st alternate to the Ethics Board recently and is requesting to be a full-time member.

Motion was made by Commissioner Snelling and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Michelle McKay to the Ethics Board as a permanent member. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Aldridge to adjourn the August 3, 2021, Town Meeting at 8:03 p.m. to go into a closed session under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b) (1) To discuss: (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the public body has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. To discuss employee compensation. (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice, after a 10-minute break. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Sample".

Jackie Sample
Perryville Town Clerk

TOWN OF PERRYVILLE
FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
(FROM OPEN MEETINGS MANUAL - APPENDIX C)

Location: Town Meeting Room Date: 8/3/2021 Time: 8:03pm

Motion By: Commissioner Taylor Seconded By: Commissioner Aldridge

VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Roath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Linkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Snelling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Aldridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

General Provisions Article §3-305(b):

☒ (1) To discuss:

(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;

☐ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business;

☐ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition;

☐ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

☐ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

☐ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

☒ (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;

☐ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

☐ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

☐ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:

(i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and

(ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

☐ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

- ☐ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- ☐ (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- ☐ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASON FOR CLOSING AND THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

To discuss employee's compensation and consult with counsel to obtain legal advice in reference to a business water connection


Signature of Presiding Officer

**Statement Regarding August 3, 2021 Closed Meeting for Inclusion in Minutes of
August 3, 2021 Town Meeting**

On August 3, 2021, the Mayor and Commissioners of Perryville conducted a closed meeting at 8:12 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room in accordance with General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding a business water connection. (1) To discuss (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 employee compensation, In addition to Mayor Roath, (who attended via speaker phone), Commissioners: Linkey, Taylor, Snelling, and Aldridge, Assistant Town Administrator, Cathy McCardell, Financial Director: Deb Laubach, Town Attorney: Fred Sussman, and Town Clerk: Jackie Sample attended the entire closed session. Planning and Zoning Director: Dianna Battaglia attended a portion of the closed session concerning the business water connection.

Motion was made to respond to Collette's Attorney that the agreement that he signed was not voted on by the board and the engineered requirements are something that we must have to hook him up to water and it is non-negotiable. **Four in Favor, 1 nay: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made to reimburse salaries that were lost for employees furloughed during COVID **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made to approve a bonus to all employees who have been here longer than four months in the amount of \$1,000. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

Motion was made to adjourn the August 3, 2021, Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. **All in Favor: Motion Carried.**

