

# MINUTES

## BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

September 13, 2022

*Present: Mayor Ted W. Flory Council: Steven A. Schofield, William D. Miracle, Travis L. Bowman, Dillina W. Stickley, A. Fontaine Canada, James M. Tongue.*

*Absent: None.*

The Bridgewater Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at Sipe Center, 100 North Main Street, Bridgewater, Virginia.

**Call to Order and Invocation:** Mayor Flory called the Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Invocation:** Mr. Bowman gave the invocation.

**Visitors:** Ms. Ann Cundy, Director of Transportation for the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, presented to Council about the 2045 Transportation Study and the importance of completing the survey associated.

Leanne Kreps with Connections Early Learning Center thanked the Council and the Town for their support of the Center and gave an update on how things are progressing. To date, 73 children are being served, with room for several more.

Jim Dickson (103 Dogwood Drive) asked for an update on the Carlyle Whitelaw plaque and was told it would be in this next week.

Susan Randolph spoke on behalf of the Anhold family (310 North First Street) over their displeasure about the new no parking signs on street in front of their mother's home.

**Minutes:** Ms. Morgan Shirkey

August minutes were approved as presented.

**Finance:** Dr. William D. Miracle

1. **August Treasurer's Report (Attached).**

*Dr. Miracle moved that the August 2022 Treasurer's Report be accepted for submission to audit. Seconded by Mr. Schofield. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

2. **August Bills (Attached).**

*Dr. Miracle moved to appropriate and authorize the payment of August bills in the amount of \$446,872.08 and to ratify the earlier payment of bills totaling \$453,669.89, all as reviewed and approved by Town staff and the Finance Committee Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Tongue. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

3. **Personal Property Tax Relief Ordinance**

*Dr. Miracle moved to approve "An Ordinance Establishing the 2022 Relief Provided Under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998" (O2022-17), as presented. Seconded by Mr. Canada. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

**Ordinance:** Mr. Steven A. Schofield

1. **License Plate Parking Ordinance.** Mr. Schofield noted this ordinance is to update the current ordinance, requested by the Police Department, to allow ticketing of vehicles not displaying a state license and inspection.

*Mr. Schofield moved to approve "An Ordinance Directing Changes in the Town's Parking Requirements" (O2022-15), as presented. Seconded by Mr. Tongue. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

2. **Photo Speed Monitoring in School Zone Ordinance.** Mr. Schofield said this would be a new ordinance, allowing the police to enforce the school zone speed limits using automated photographic equipment as per the Code of Virginia, freeing up officers for other emergencies but with added enforcement in the areas. Chief Read reiterated the need to make the streets safer for everyone, but especially children. The system detects and reports speeds 11 miles and more over the speed limit, only during school zone hours, and any information sent by the system is checked by someone in the police department to confirm speeds, tags and vehicles prior to ticketing.

**Administrative Report:** Mr. J. Jay Litten

1. **T-Mobile Tower Lease Amendment.**

*Ms. Stickley moved to approve "Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement With T-Mobile at 801 North Main Street" (R2022-10), as presented. Seconded by Mr. Bowman. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

2. **TMDL Update.** Mr. Litten introduced a video presentation he created illustrating the finer points of TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) requirements, as well as the options currently before Council for fulfilling our TMDL requirements efficiently for 2023 and 2028. Mayor Flory asked clarification on the location of the proposed pond at Oakdale Park in the TMDL plan and Mr. Litten verified it is the southwestern edge near the Depot. Budgeting for the plan would mean adjusting elsewhere, and Mayor Flory noted that if we got the grant mentioned we'd be cutting the cost in half if possible.

*Ms. Stickley moved to approve "A Resolution Authorizing Certain Actions Furthering the Town's Compliance With the Chesapeake Bay 'TMDL' requirements Under the Clean Water Act" (R2022-11R), as presented including both Parts I and II. Seconded by Mr. Tongue. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

3. **Bridgewater Historical Society License.** The lease for the historical society expires this year and does not allow for automatic renewal.

*Mr. Tongue moved to approve "A Resolution Authorizing a License to the Bridgewater Historical Society For Use of the Old Town Hall" (R2022-12), as presented. Seconded by Ms. Stickley. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickley, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.*

**Public Works:** Mr. A. Fontaine Canada and Ms. Megan S. Byler

1. **Car Charging Station.** The new car charging station is installed and functional in the north parking adjacent to Generations Park. It will soon be available on apps to identify its location and will be 75 cents an hour. Mr. Canada suggested protective poles, and Ms. Byler agreed it could be done.

2. **Milfoil Removal.** The machine for removal is here and we plan to launch it soon to start removing the milfoil. After getting used to the mechanics and the process, maintenance should be ready to deploy the machine as soon as possible to get the milfoil problem under control next year.

**Recreation Commission:** Ms. Dillina W. Stickley and Ms. Megan S. Byler

No report was submitted.

**Community Relations:** Mr. Travis Bowman

1. Summer's End Celebration Recap. Megan Byler summarized the celebration, including pictures. There was a successful 5k with 191 participants and the Leaderboard Tournament at Mini-Golf was won by Ethan Lassiter. The rest of the day was modified due to rain with rides being open at Oakdale Park, and the Sail On concert moved to Sipe Center. Turnout was good despite the rain for the carnival, and Sail On was well-attended despite the last-minute venue change. Fireworks were canceled but will be rescheduled soon.

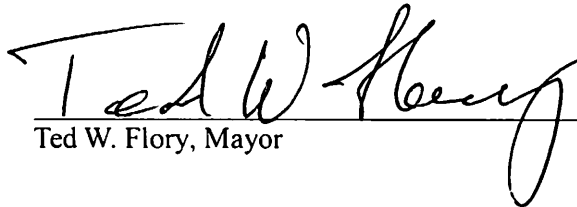
**Economic Development Committee:** Mr. Jim Tongue

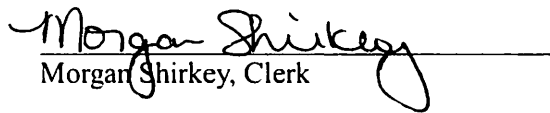
No report was submitted.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Flory

1. Monthly Police Report. Chief Read presented a Meritorious Action Ribbon to Officer Matthew Papotnik for his actions on February 1, 2022 during the Bridgewater College campus shooting. Officer Papotnik was first on-scene and integral in locating and apprehending the suspect.

**Adjournment – 8:36 p.m.**

  
Ted W. Flory, Mayor

  
Morgan Shirkey, Clerk