

MINUTES

BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

October 11, 2022

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

Absent: None.

The Bridgewater Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Sipe Center, 100 North Main Street, Bridgewater, Virginia.

Call to Order and Invocation: Mayor Flory called the Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

Invocation: Mr. Tongue gave the invocation.

Visitors: Mr. Lee Armbuster (Bridgewater Foods) presented a study he had commissioned regarding a new grocery store, complete with handout to Council.

Mr. Dave Butler (114 Fraley Lane) shared the concerns he and his wife, Lori, have about damage to their home and property due to baseballs coming from the Little League T-ball field, as well as those treating his private drive as a public street and parking.

Minutes: Ms. Morgan Shirkey

September minutes were approved as presented.

Finance: Dr. William D. Miracle

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

Dr. Miracle moved that the September 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, Stickle, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.

2. **September Bills (Attached).**

Dr. Miracle moved to appropriate and authorize the payment of September bills in the amount of \$160,553.39 and to ratify the earlier payment of bills totaling \$201,576.18, all as reviewed and approved by Town staff and the Finance Committee Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Bowman. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickle, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.

Ordinance: Mr. Steven A. Schofield

1. **Photo Speed Monitoring in School Zone Ordinance.** Mr. Schofield noted this ordinance was discussed last month and that Chief Read had clarified several points. This ordinance has a few brief revisions, and Mr. Schofield called attention to the speed study conducted at the end of September, noting that over 1,000 vehicles exceeded the speed limit by 11 miles or more per hour during active school zone times.

Mr. Schofield moved to approve "An Ordinance Concerning Photo Speed Monitoring and Enforcement School Crossing Zones" (O2022-16), as presented. Seconded by Mr. Tongue. The motion carried unanimously as follows: Those voting aye: Schofield, Miracle, Bowman, Stickle, Flory, Canada, Tongue. Those voting nay: None. Absent: None.

Administrative Report: Mr. J. Jay Litten

Mr. Litten noted 2 pieces of information before the scheduled report: the scheduled Closed Session will not be taking place as the property in question is off the table now, and there has been a lot of

behind-the-scenes TMDL work taking place this month and we're going to save money not purchasing credits and meeting TMDL with the Oakdale Pond.

1. Consideration of an SUP. Mr. Litten gave a brief history of the code in place that requires this SUP for 120 North Main Street.

Mr. Canada moved to approve "An Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Storage of Stock at 120 North Main Street" (O2022-18), 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. Condemnation of Property for Public Improvements. Mr. Botkins summarized again the curb cutout to be constructed on the North Liberty Street boundary of the property. Discussion about the width of the cutout, and the reasons for the 24-foot cutout being the preferred, and most safe, option were aided by Alex Wilmer, Kent O'Donohue (the Town Engineer), and Chief Read.

Mr. Canada moved to approve "Condemnation of Property for Public Improvements" (R2022-13), 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.

3. VDOT Transportation Projects Funding & Signing Authority. This has been done previously and needs to be redone every four years or so according to VDOT.

Mr. Schofield moved to approve "Funding Commitment and Signature Authority for VDOT Transportation Projects" (R2022-14), 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.

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

No report was submitted.

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

Mr. Litten announced that the Town would be providing balls for the various courts in the parks around town, marked as Town of Bridgewater, and we are hopeful people will get used to using the balls and returning them when they are finished.

Community Relations: Mr. Travis Bowman

1. Halloween at Oakdale Park. Mr. Bowman stated that trick-or-treating in the park would begin at 2 PM on Saturday, October 29th in Oakdale Park. A costume contest will begin at 1:30 PM featuring three categories: Funny, Most Creative, and Spookiest. Mr. Bowman noted that it's always a fun event and thanked all the local businesses and groups that make it possible.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Jim Tongue

No report was submitted.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Flory

1. Monthly Police Report. There were no questions concerning this report.

Adjournment – 8:03 p.m.