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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00pm

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Bradly Wade.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Wade.

ROLL CALL:
Mayor Wade – Present
Vice Mayor Fowler – Present
Councilman Anthony - Present
Council Member Mullins – Present
Council Member Chambers -Present
Admin – Regina Foster – Present
Public Works – Christopher Mateus – Present
Police Dept –Chief Franklin - Present
Fire Dept – Excused

INTRODUCTION/ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

- None

INTRODUCTIONS

- Election Judges, Mrs. Foster, Ms. Trembley, and Mrs. Stevenson were sworn in by Mayor Wade
- Mr. Pete Mellits with LCSJ Services, LLC-- updated the Mayor and Council on the project and the potential for state funding. Mr. Mellits advised that information will come from the state and must be submitted by March 7, 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilman Anthony, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Meeting on January 20, 2026, Work Session on February 10, 2026. Discussion was had to amend January 20, 2026, minutes to include the MML hotel accommodations discussion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- **Public Works** – Christopher Mateus provided an oral and written report.
- **Police Dept –** Chief Franklin provided an oral & written report.
- **Administration/Code –**.Regina Foster provided an oral report.
- **Councilman Anthony** – provided and oral report.
- **Council Member Mullins** – provided an oral report.
- **Council Member Chambers** – provided an oral report.
- **Vice Mayor Fowler** – provided an oral report.
- **Mayor Wade –** provided an oral report.

MISCELLANEOUS/OPEN FORUM

- Ms. Thomas has continued complaints about the loud music coming from Da Jerk House. The music is disturbing her peace and other homes around her as well.
- Ms. Richardson expressed concerns with on-street parking during the storm. She wants to know why the snow policy was not enforced as that would have opened the roads up sooner. Additionally, what can be done about all the VA registered vehicles, and the owners living in town.
- Mr. Proctor also expressed concerns with the State Policy on out-of-state vehicle registration.
- Mr. Cann commended the town on how they managed the snow emergency. He also reported that there will be a Listing Session on February 23, 2026, that will discuss the increase that the electric company, Pepco is adding to residents' billing.
- Ms. Trembly wants clarification on who is responsible for removing the snow from the sidewalks after a storm.
- Ms. Spivy thanked the town for allowing them to attend the meeting.
- Ms. Thompson wants to know if the town is planning to add a virtual option for the meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>Digital Signs</u>

- Mr. Dean will be reaching out to schedule a training session for programing the signs.
- Mr. Dean reports that the sign at the circle will sit lower almost on the ground,

- Councilman Anthony and council do not want the signs any lower than what is at the VFW, which is what was paid for. The sign should dim so as not to disturb the neighboring homes.
- The Fire Department sign should face Suitland Road not Woodland Road.

Elected Official Monthly Stipends

- Table until March's Work Session.

Employee Handbook

- Table until March's Work Session.

Health & Dental Open Enrollment Season

- Mayor Wade suggested rolling over with Kaiser.
- Vice Mayor wants to see if switching to the Kaiser Select plan would be a benefit for the employees.
- Admin will reach out and bring more information to the next Work Session.
- Chief Franklin opened discussion about moving to a state plan as it would be a richer plan and cost less.

Pg County Planning Course Meeting

- Council Member Chambers will attend and bring back information.

4th of July

- Admin, Mrs. Foster provided an update on the shoot.
- Councilman Anthony would like to see the shoot display schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Emergency Plan

- Councilman Anthony advised that some other areas implemented an emergency plan and thinks the town should review its own strategy and possibly make some changes.
- Mayor Wade would like to enforce the current policy by ticketing and towing vehicles in violation.
- Mayor Wade thinks adding signage might help.

Kubota Mini Skid Steer

- Mayor Wade presented information for a new piece of equipment a, Mini Skid Steer.

- He feels this will significantly enhance and improve services provided by the public works department.
- The investment will allow the staff to operate more efficiently while serving the town.
- Councilman Anthony has concerns but feels Kubota is a good brand.

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Council Member Chambers to purchase the Mini Skid Steer from Bayside Kubota for $34,111.07. Discussion, Vice Mayor Fowler is concerned about the funds being spent and how that will affect the Pickett and Lou Lane project. Councilman Anthony advised that the Woodland Road project came in about $100,000.00 under budget. Roll Call Vote: Councilman Anthony -aye, Council Member Mullins- aye, Council Member Chambers – aye and Vice Mayor Fowler – aye. Motion carried.

Stop Stick

- Chief Franklin presented a quote for 12 Steel Expandable Batons with holsters.
- This will provide 1for each officer and have 2 spares.
- The total cost for the 12 Batons is $2864.76

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to purchase 12 Batons with accessories for $2864.76. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Communication Calendar

- Mayor and Council reviewed and had no questions.

PAY BILLS

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to pay the bills for January 21, 2026 – February 17, 2026, in the amount of $81,114.97. All voted aye. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

- None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Mullins, seconded by Vice Mayor Fowler to go into a "Closed Session" for employee issues. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Regina Foster Administrative Associate