

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**March 14, 2023**

**Council Members:** Mayor Paige, CM Frank, CM Reams, CM Venable, CM Harris, CM Baker

**Council Members Absent:** VM Moss

**Others:** Clerk Reams, Consultant Carney, Adrian Jones

**Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.**

**Open the Meeting:** The meeting was held at 245 Camden Street, Dillwyn, VA (Ellis Acres Memorial Park). Mayor Paige established that a quorum was present. The invocation was led by Mayor Paige followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by CM Reams to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by CM Venable. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

(discussion on items)

Dennis Carney, Consultant SLFRF Funds: The asbestos abatement has been completed. There is a change order anticipated due to the abatement being necessary.

Mr. Walton says that they plan to have the inside work at Town Hall completed by April 1, 2023, and that Council and the Clerk can move in after that date. It is expected that the regular Town Council meeting will be at the newly renovated Town Hall.

Council would like to order new furniture for Town Hall. The tables that are in place now, will be used annually for the Christmas parade at the Buckingham Branch Railroad platform.

Mr. Carney is asking Council to decide on repairing the roof to the Waterworks building located at the back of Town Hall. CM Reams made a motion to fix the roof. The motion was seconded by CM Harris. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

An ADA lift for Town Hall is not going to be able to be put in place. The front of the building won't work due to limited space. The left side (facing the front of the building) of the building will not work because of the limited area available due to the basement entrance. The right side (still facing the building from the front) is not available because it does not belong to the Town. The current owner will not grant any easement. It is suggested that the Town Council post on their website and Facebook page, that if a person, who is handicapped, wants to attend any public meetings, then they would contact the Clerk at least 30 days in advance. The meeting will then be relocated to Ellis Acres Memorial Park. The Town will also consider having the meetings recorded and placed on YouTube for viewing by the public. There may be money available through a VRSA grant to install equipment for Zoom meetings. That grant application will be open on August 1.

Survey: Every household in Town should have received a survey flyer to complete. It will ask questions regarding what the residents of the Town would like to see in the future.

Mrs. Charlene Snoddy: The Clerk is working on the Resolution for her. She will invite the family to join the Council for the April meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2023 Elections: The information is available to the Council for those who would like to run for office in the upcoming November election. The Clerk will forward this information to the Council members.

Town Car: The Council discussed selling the Town Car. The Council made a motion to contact Sheriff Kidd to see if the car can be sold as is or if it needs further modifications. The motion was seconded by CM Frank. All others: Aye. The sheriff's office will be contacted regarding this matter.

**Announcements:**

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance** – Linda Paige, Karen Sue Moss, Ossie J. Harris, III, Janel Venable

**Town Buildings/Grounds** – Ossie J. Harris, III, Gilbert W. Reams

**Planning Commission** – Karen Sue Moss, James O'Bryant, Bill Carmines, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney

**Beautification** – Gilbert Reams, Sandra Moss, Mark Brown, Tricia Taylor

**Ordinance** – Linda Paige,

**Christmas Parade** – Linda Paige, Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Rachel Frank

**Community Service Workers** – Linda Paige, RW Maxey, Janel Venable

**Halloween Event** – Sharon Baker, Gilbert W. Reams, Melissa Wallace, Buckingham Chamber of Commerce, Adrian Jones, Rachel Frank

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by CM Reams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by CM Venable.