

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**  
**February 13, 2024**

**Council Members:** Mayor Moss, CM Reams, CM Pinelli, CM Shumaker, CM Venable, VM Baker, CM S. Moss

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Others:** Clerk Reams, Dennis W. Carney, SLFRF Consultant, Donna McRae-Jones

**Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Open the Meeting:** The meeting was held at 1030 Main Street, Dillwyn, VA (Town Hall). Mayor Moss established that a quorum was present.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by CM Reams to accept the December Minutes and January Discussion Notes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by CM S. Moss. All others: Aye. The motion carried.

**Donna McRae-Jones:** Hope Day has been set for April 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Powhatan High School. Relay for Life will be September 8, 2024, at Ellis Acres Memorial Park. Ms. McRae-Jones has collected \$3,000 thus far in donations (\$2,500 from Kyanite). Ms. McRae-Jones asked the Council for the annual donation of \$100. A motion was made by CM S. Moss and seconded by CM Reams. All others: Aye. The motion carried. Wise Ride Country Store and Pino's will hold their annual "eat all day" event with a percentage of the proceeds to be donated.

Gospel Explosion will be held April 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Redwood Center.

Memorial Day there will be a service at the VFW. The VFW will celebrate 35 years of honoring deceased veterans. A meeting is scheduled for the end of the month at the American Legion.

Dennis Carney: Staff Report 2024 (see attached). There is an open seat on the Planning Commission. Mayor Moss will appoint Mr. Ossie J. Harris, III.

CM Pinelli brought up the issue that 2-3 members may not be enough to serve. There may be some business owners in Town that may want to serve on the committee. There are two people in mind for this position. The Council agreed. CM S. Moss will talk to a few people and report back to the Council those results. Also, instead of a formal committee the Council feels that perhaps they could be advisors instead. Then, as the businesses in Town grow, the advisory committee could add members.

VML has a free program on how to operate town business. Mr. Carney will set it up for the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CM S. Moss nominated CM Baker for Vice Mayor. That motion was seconded by CM Pinelli. All others: Aye. The vote was unanimous.

Committee Assignments: Mayor Moss asked the Council to think about which committees they wish to serve. Below are the committee assignments.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Finance** – Karen Sue Moss, Janel Venable, Sandra F. Moss, Loretta Reams

**Town Buildings/Grounds** – Gilbert W. Reams, Faye Shumaker

**Planning Commission** – James O’Bryant, Joseph Patterson, Beverly Hudgins-King, Dennis W. Carney, Robert L. Pinelli. Ossie J. Harris, III

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

**Ordinance** – Karen Sue Frable-Moss, Sharon Baker, Janel Venable

**Christmas Parade** – Diane Holman-James, Sarah Walker, Sharon Baker, Amy Eubank

**Community Service Workers** – RW Maxey, Janel Venable, Karen F. Moss, Loretta Reams

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

**Economic Development**- Sandra F. Moss, Robert L. Pinelli, Calvin Bachrach

The Council would like to have May be Clean Up Month. The citizens of the town will be asked to clean up and spruce up their properties. The best will receive an award or prize. Council will make some flyers, ask WFLO to put it in the announcements. Also, asking the local clergy to add it to their announcements at the local churches.

Closed session: 2.2-3711(A)(1): Personnel. 7:40 p.m.

Open Session: 7:50 p.m.

No other matters were discussed or voted on during the Closed Session.

CM S. Moss made a motion to hire Dennis Carney for the position of Zoning Administrator. He will be paid \$500.00 per month for this position.

CM S. Moss made a motion to raise the Clerk’s salary from \$25,000 to \$29,000. The Town Hall will be open five days a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. and Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Fridays 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parking: Parking on the street is a problem. There are several vehicles that are large and take up a lot of room. Mr. Bachrach would like to help solve the problem.

**Announcements:**

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**Adjournment:** A motion was made by CM S. Moss and was seconded by CM Reams to adjourn the meeting. All: Aye. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.