



CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

Town Council

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 28, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Town Hall • 1000 Washington Street, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

Called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Vaughn. The Town Council met in Town Hall. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no audience members were physically present. The meeting was live-streamed for the public via Zoom and on YouTube, in compliance with the State’s emergency guidance on the Open Governmental Meetings Act.

Member	Title	Status
Greg Vaughn	Mayor	Present
Kevin Carden	Recorder	Absent
Chris Craig	Councilmember	Present
Greg “Storm” DiCostanzo	Councilmember	Present
Laurel Drake	Councilmember	Present via Zoom
Jerry Hutton	Councilmember	Present
Christian Pechuekonis	Councilmember	Present
ALSO PRESENT	Title	
Deb Kelly	Financial Officer	Corporation of Harpers Ferry
Pat Morse (item #3)	Office Coordinator	Corporation of Harpers Ferry
Cathy Baldau (item #3)	Chair	Merchants Association

The agenda was approved as submitted.

1. Discussion and action regarding Rite Aid Settlement with the State of WV.

The Mayor recapped a prior TC meeting in which the opioid settlements were discussed. Companies deemed responsible for adverse consequences of opioid addiction agreed to pay sums of money to the State. The amount assigned to the Town by the State is estimated to be around \$20k. However, funds may only be used for specified purposes related to opioids, drug addiction, and drug use prevention. Disposition of funds will be determined at another time.

MOTION	Move to approve submission of the endorsed MOU to the State of WV for the Rite Aid and Walmart Settlements.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second by	Jerry Hutton
YES	6
NO	0
RESULT	Motion approved

2. Discussion and action regarding Walmart Settlement with the State of WV.

MOTION	Move to approve submission of the endorsed MOU to the State of WV for the Walmart Settlement.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second by	Chris Craig
YES	6
NO	0
RESULT	Motion approved

3. Discussion and action regarding traffic pattern adjustment during the first weekend of Old Tyme Christmas.

Office Coordinator Pat Morse, and Kathy Baldau of the Merchants Association, presented a map and other information explaining a plan for one-way street operation, along High Street and Washington Street east of Henry Clay street, during the first weekend of Olde Tyme Christmas (OTC). The plan was developed along with Chief Brown, Chief Ranger Ryan Levins from the Park Service, and a representative from WV DOH.

There was discussion about the temporary lane closure, whose intent is to enhance pedestrian safety, and the OTC experience. Only eastbound traffic will be allowed along Washington/High streets, starting near Henry Clay Street, except for Park Service and Bolivar shuttle buses. Eastbound vehicles will be directed to take a right along Shenandoah Street and out to Route 340 via Shoreline Drive.

Law enforcement will help direct traffic at critical points. They will also monitor parking along Potomac Street and at the train station, and only allow vehicular access when spaces are available. Hog Alley will be closed to vehicular traffic, and Church Street access will be limited to Sunday church services at St. Peter's.

Promotion of the temporary traffic pattern will begin ASAP, via multiple communication channels. Extra care will be taken to inform those who will be the most directly affected, particularly the businesses and those living in Lower Town.

MOTION	Move to approve the traffic pattern adjustment for Olde Tyme Christmas 2022 as presented.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second by	Chris Craig
YES	6
NO	0
RESULT	Motion approved

Motion to adjourn by Chris Craig, second by Laurel Drake. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Recorder: _____ Date: _____