



Corporation of Harpers Ferry

Town Council

MINUTES

SPECIAL Meeting
Friday, February 27, 2026
4:30 p.m.

Town Hall
1000 Washington Street, 2nd Floor
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Vaughn

Member	Title	Status
Greg Vaughn	Mayor	Present
Kevin Carden	Recorder	Absent
Chris Craig	Councilmember	Present
Greg "Storm" DiCostanzo	Councilmember	Present
Jesse Z. Melton	Councilmember	Present
Christian Pechuekonis	Councilmember	Present
David Simmons	Councilmember	Absent

Mr. DiCostanzo was assigned to be the note taker in the absence of the Recorder.

The agenda was approved as submitted (motion by Chris Craig, seconded by Jesse Melton).

New Business:

1. Discussion and action regarding maintenance of mains contracting.

The Finance Officer reviewed the current contracting. Current projects include Washington Street project across from Town Hall, and six others are active. Taylor Street in Bolivar has been completed, and Spring Court is still active. \$33,370 of work had previously been contemplated before new issues cropped up. This will result in additional expenditures whose exact amounts are to be determined.

2. Discussion and action regarding post meter installation flushing. (This item may require executive session.)

There was a brief discussion about the Water Commission's request to publicize meter flushing notice and instructions through multiple channels, and recommendation not to reimburse customers for water used to conduct flushing.

Motion	Move that the flushing instructions after meter exchange be distributed via robocall, in the announcement of the project, and
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	through door hanging or knocking at the appropriate time, and that customers not reimbursement for the flushing.
Motion by	Chris Craig
Second	Storm DiCostanzo
YES	5
NO	0
Result	MOTION APPROVED 5-0

3. Discussion and Action regarding public safety and law enforcement policy concerning proposed WV House Bill 5477.

There was a discussion about the contents of the WV bill 5477, which was determined to be an unfunded mandate that would compel municipalities to collaborate with ICE. Discussion the differences between current state code and the proposed bill, and how other local municipalities have addressed the issue.

Motion	Move that the Mayor send the amended letter opposing WV House Bill 5477 to the members of the WV House Judiciary Committee, and to the bill's sponsors.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Chris Craig
YES	4
NO	1
Result	MOTION APPROVED 4-1

Adjournment at 5:26 p.m. (Motion by Mr. Melton, Second by Mr. Craig)