



Corporation of Harpers Ferry

Town Council

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Monday, August 27, 2026
10 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 appointed as the Recording Officer for the meeting.

Approval of agenda.

- The agenda was approved, with items to be discussed in the following order: New Business 2, Unfinished Business 1, Unfinished Business 2, New Business 1 (Motion Mr. DiCostanzo, Second Mr. Craig, approved 5-0)

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion and action regarding proposed adjustment to March 2026 Water Works Billing cycle.

A discussion took place during executive session. No action was taken.

Motion	Move that the council go into executive session per §6-9A-4. Exceptions.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Chris Craig
YES	5
NO	0
Result	MOTION APPROVED 5-0

The Council entered executive session at 10:16 a.m. and exited at 11:35 a.m. The Finance Officer, Public Works Administrator, and Mike Rock and Elizabeth Riordan of the Water Commission were admitted to executive session for agenda items related to Harpers Ferry Water Works.

2. Discussion and action regarding state mandated ordinance compliance guidelines as contained in Senate Bill 659. (This item may require executive session.)

A discussion took place during executive session. No action was taken.

New Business:

1. Discussion and action on employee staffing and compensation.

A discussion took place during executive session.

Motion	Move to adopt the HFWW wage scales as presented by the Finance Officer, which adds the Water Distribution System Operator position.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Chris Craig
YES	5
NO	0
Result	MOTION APPROVED 5-0

Motion	Move that the current Water Clerk be moved to Step 10 in the HFWW wage scales, effective retroactively to August 24, 2026.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Jesse Melton
YES	5
NO	0
Result	MOTION APPROVED 5-0

2. Discussion and action regarding Town Job Fair event.

There was a wide-ranging discussion. It was determined that due to recent hiring success, a job fair is not currently necessary. It was agreed that the event format developed by Mr. Pechuekonis should be kept for future use.

Adjournment at 11:37 a.m. (Motion by by Mr. Pechuekonis, second by Mr. Melton, approved 5-0)