CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

Town Council

DRAFT MINUTES

Special Meeting **Monday, 26 October 2026** **5:30 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Vaughn.

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

The agenda was approved as amended.

1. **Discussion and action regarding ongoing turkey vulture issues.**
   Mayor Vaughn recapped that many, many turkey vultures have been seen in Lower Town lately. A "Bird Banger" pyrotechnic gun was purchased and discharged in Lower Town. Several fewer birds have been noticed, but some are still present. The Mayor contacted the Park about the vultures, and they searched inside the old power plant to make sure there were no vultures inside; however, there are vultures on the roof there. Pat Morse contacted the US Fish and Wildlife Service. They will be sending a representative here this week to analyze the vultures and come up with an implementation plan, which may be discussed further.

2. **Discussion and action regarding the water / sewer customer billing in March 2026.**
   This item was discussed in executive session. No action was taken.

3. **Discussion and action regarding RK&K Engineering discussions with Town officials.**
   Jesse Melton met with RK&K Engineering. They will be preparing solutions for several problems around Town, including Henry Clay Street and Boundary Street.

4. **Discussion and action regarding snow removal contract.**

Motion	Motion to contract with Cornerstone for the 2026-27 snow and ice season per the submitted contract, and to request an addendum to clear the Town Hall parking lot at 1" of accumulation and to identify "priority areas".
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Jesse Melton
YES	5
NO	0
Result	**MOTION APPROVED**

5. **Discussion and action regarding removal procedures for a Town commission member.**
   This item was stricken from the agenda.

6. **Discussion and action regarding Water Works staffing.**
   This item was discussed in executive session.

Motion	Motion to hire the Class II Water Operator, as presented by the Public Works Administrator, at Step 8 starting 1st December 2026, and to move him to Step 9 after a successful implementation period of six months.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Jesse Melton
YES	5
NO	0
Result	**MOTION APPROVED**

Motion	Motion to enter executive session, pursuant to WV Code § 6-9A-4(b). The Finance Officer, Public Works Administrator, and Mike Rock were authorized to attend.
Motion by	Storm DiCostanzo
Second	Christian Pechuekonis
Result	**MOTION APPROVED. Executive session began at 6:02 p.m.**

Executive session ended at 6:37 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Christian Pechuekonis, seconded by Storm DiCostanzo. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Recorder: _____ Date: _____