



CORPORATION OF HARPERS FERRY

Town Council

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Monday, 9 March 2020

7:00 p.m.

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

Called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Bishop.

Member	Title	Status
Wayne Bishop	Mayor	Present
Kevin Carden	Recorder	Present
Barbara Humes	Councilmember	Absent
Hardwick S. Johnson, Jr.	Councilmember	Present
Christian Pechuekonis	Councilmember	Present
Jay Premack	Councilmember	Present
Charlotte Thompson	Councilmember	Present

The agenda was approved as amended. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Mayor's announcements.

The Mayor presented a brief overview of recent events and actions of the Town Council.

2. Approval of minutes.

a. Regular Council meeting: 10 February 2020.

b. Special Council meetings: 8 February 2020; 20 February 2020.

The meeting minutes of 8 February 2020, 10 February 2020, and 20 February 2020 were all approved as received.

3. Treasurer's reports and approvals.

Deb Kelly reported that the Budget and Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow to finalize the proposed levy rate for FY 2021.

a. Review and approval of financial reports.

The financial reports for January 2020 were approved as received.

b. Approval of invoices and purchases over \$500.

None.

4. Town reports.

a. Police Department.

Chief Brown reported that for the month of February 2020, there were 79 incidents, 71 citations issued, and no call-outs, accidents, or assists to other agencies.

b. Ordinance Compliance Officer.

None.

c. Budget and Finance Committee.

i. Discussion and action on funding for Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library events in the amount of \$1,415.00.

Motion	Motion to approve funding of up to \$1,415.00 for Bolivar-Harpers Ferry Public Library events, from Line 906 Arts and Humanities.
Motion by	Charlotte Thompson
Second	Hardy Johnson
Result	MOTION APPROVED

5. Organizations / other reports.

a. Historic Landmarks Commission.

i. Discussion and action to reappoint Steve Sherry to the Historic Landmarks Commission for a new term.

Motion	Motion to appoint Steve Sherry to the Historic Landmarks Commission, with term expiring 31 January 2022.
Motion by	Christian Pechuekonis
Second	Hardy Johnson
Result	MOTION APPROVED

6. Unfinished business.

a. Update on legal action regarding WV Senate Bill 657.

Mayor Bishop reported that he has contacted five legal firms to gather cost estimates to challenge Senate Bill 657. Further information will be provided to the Town Council by email tomorrow morning.

b. Discussion and action to approve second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-01 Ordinance Compliance Officer.

Motion	Motion to approve second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-01 Ordinance Compliance Officer.
Motion by	Charlotte Thompson
Second	Hardy Johnson
Result	MOTION APPROVED

7. New business.

a. Discussion and action on Town’s response to the US 340 Rockslide Project.

Motion	Motion to direct the Mayor to write a letter to the State, with a draft resolution requesting that the Town have a “seat at the table” regarding the US 340 Rockslide Project.
Motion by	Charlotte Thompson
Second	Hardy Johnson
Result	MOTION APPROVED

b. Discussion and action on the National Park Service Telecommunications Conduit and Fiber Optic Service Project Phase 1.

Superintendent Brandyburg gave an overview on some changes to the fiber optic installation project due to problems with microtrenching on the original proposed route. Mayor Bishop recommended that the Town employ attorney Hoy Shingleton to review project changes to address any legal questions.

Motion	Motion to approve proposed changes to the routing of the National Park Service Telecommunications Conduit and Fiber Optic Service Project Phase I, pending review by attorney Hoy Shingleton concerning liabilities with the existing contract.
Motion by	Charlotte Thompson
Second	Jay Premack
Result	MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Brandyburg also commented that the Park is still in negotiations with CSX concerning rebuilding of the pedestrian bridge across the Potomac River, and this subject has been elevated to the highest level within the National Park Service.

Motion to adjourn by Charlotte Thompson, second by Hardy Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

The above minutes are true and correct, as approved.

Mayor: _____ Date: _____

Recorder: _____ Date: _____