

1 **New Market Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
2 **Monday, February 18, 2008**  
3 **7:30 pm**  
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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chamber of the Arthur L.  
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building with the following members present: Tom Constable,  
8 Jr., Mayor, John Blosser, Vice Mayor, Ripley Click, Mary Alice Burch, Eddie Litten,  
9 Gary Comer, and Troy Fadeley.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
12 Town Manager – Evan Vass  
13 Town Clerk – Jeanne Rinker  
14 Visitors and Press – See attached sheet  
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16 **I. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**  
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18 Mayor Constable called the February 2008 meeting of the New Market Town  
19 Council into session at 7:30 pm and established that a quorum was present.  
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21 **II. Pledge of Allegiance**  
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23 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.  
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25 **III. Recognition of Visitors**  
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27 Mayor Constable welcomed all visitors to the meeting.  
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29 **IV. Amendments to Agenda**  
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31 Mr. Litten made a motion to add a fourth item to “eligible council actions” in  
32 section **IX**, discussion and possible approval of a bucket truck purchase. Mr. Fadeley  
33 seconded the motion which passed on a vote of ayes (6) nays (0).  
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35 **V. Consent Agenda**  
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37 Mayor Constable presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes from  
38 the Council meeting held on January 21, 2008 and the Financial Statements for January  
39 2008. Mr. Comer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Fadeley  
40 seconded. The motion passed on the following vote: ayes (6) nays (0).  
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42 **VI. Public Hearings**  
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46 **VII. Citizens’ Comments and Petitions**

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Mr. Larry Smith, president of the New Market Area Chamber of Commerce, announced that the annual Chamber banquet will be held on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant. The Chamber will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tickets are now on sale for \$27.00.

He also reported that nominations for new officers were received at the last meeting and that the date for the 2008 Heritage Days Celebration has been moved from the last week-end in October to August 23 & 24, 2008.

Mr. Gordon Farrey, speaking on behalf of the Community Center’s Board of Directors, expressed their disapproval with the Chamber’s decision to change the date of the 2008 Heritage Days Celebration to coincide with the Valley Cruisers’ “Cruise In”, which is held at Rebel Park. He reported that the only contact that the Chamber had with the Center on this issue was a phone call from the Chamber’s secretary to the Center’s secretary. The Chamber’s secretary stated that the Chamber was thinking of moving Heritage Days to the end of August and asked if the Center would be willing to move the Craft Show to the same week-end. The answer was no. Mr. Farrey gave the following reasons why the Center would not change the dates of the Craft Show:

- Last year the Craft Show entertained more than 1700 visitors; with the Car Show being held at the same time, there would not be enough parking.
- The Community Center already has 10 – 15 crafters booked for their Craft Show in October. Many of the crafters do shows full time and schedule them well in advance.
- Many of the patrons do their Christmas shopping at the Craft Show. Most people are not thinking of buying Christmas presents in the heat of August.
- The Page County Fair ends on the Saturday of the proposed week-end for the Heritage Days.
- The Shenandoah County Fair begins on the Friday of that same week-end.

Mr. Farrey ended by stating that, other than dates, the Community Center knows nothing about any plans the Chamber has for Heritage Days, and that they would appreciate being informed, if no other reason than common courtesy.

**VIII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**IX. Town Manager’s Report**

Mr. Vass stated that there were four items on the agenda eligible for Council action, including consideration of the purchase of a bucket truck that was added by an amendment to the agenda: Additional information was provided in the packet for items (1) and (2). The items eligible for Council action were:

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(1) Discussion and consideration of a request for a conditional use permit establishing more than one main use in the B-1 zoning district at 9423 S. Congress St. The proposed use will be a printing shop. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this conditional use permit.

(2) Discussion and consideration of appointing Mr. Chad Neese and Mr. James Weissenborn to the Historic Overlay District Review Board. The Finance and Personnel Committee recommended approval of both appointees.

(3) Discussion and Consideration of recommending to the Shenandoah County Circuit Court the appointment of Mr. Robert “Bob” Moyers to the New Market Board of Zoning Appeals. The Finance and Personnel Committee recommended that the full Council endorse this recommendation to the circuit court.

(4) Discussion and Consideration of purchasing a used bucket truck with attached snow plow for \$8000 from Mr. Frank Depreiter.

In other noteworthy items, Mr. Vass gave updates on Tea-21 Grant Administration, street signs/STOP signs, and regionalization of wastewater treatment. He announced that William Johnson and Gary Rookstool would be meeting with the Town Council for a special meeting on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 am to further discuss this concept.

The Mayor presented the first item eligible for Council action, discussion and consideration of a request for a conditional use permit establishing more than one main use in the B-1 zoning district at 9423 Congress St. Gary Comer made a motion to approve this conditional use permit, adding as part of the motion that the Town Council has determined in accordance with the zoning ordinances that the utilization of the property for more than one main use will in no way adversely impact the property in question or the surrounding neighborhood. It was seconded by Ms. Burch and passed on a roll call vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Regarding the second item eligible for Council action, Mr. Eddie Litten made a motion to appoint Mr. Chad Neese and Mr. Jim Weissenborn to the Historic Overlay District Review Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troy Fadeley and passed on the following roll call vote: ayes (6) nays (0).

The third item eligible for Council action was discussion and consideration of recommending to the Shenandoah County Circuit Court the appointment of Mr. Robert “Bob” Moyers to the New Market Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Comer moved to appoint Mr. Moyers to the New Market Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fadeley and passed on the following roll call vote: ayes (6) nays (0).

139 The last item on the “eligible Council actions” roster was the discussion and  
140 consideration of a proposal to purchase a 1995 one ton bucket truck for \$8000 from Mr.  
141 Frank Depreiter. The truck also has a heavy duty snow plow attached. Following some  
142 background information from Mr. Vass, Mr. Fadeley moved to purchase the truck. The  
143 motion was seconded by Mr. Comer and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.  
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## 145 **X. Committee Reports**

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147 **Finance and Personnel:** Mr. Fadeley called the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting to  
148 order and established that a quorum was present. The committee voted unanimously to  
149 recommend to full Council the reappointment of Mr. Bob Moyers to the Board of Zoning  
150 Appeals for a five year term.

151 Committee members received the tentative FY 2008-2009 budget calendar from  
152 Mr. Vass.

153 In other business Mr. Vass gave an update on the hiring of a chief water plant  
154 operator. Mr. Ritchie reported that only one application had been received.  
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156 **Public Works:** Chairman Blosser reported that all members were present for the  
157 February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Members received an update from Mr. Vass on the North  
158 Fork Regional Treatment Plant concept. Mr. Vass informed the Committee that  
159 engineers from Stearns and Wheler would be meeting with Town Council in the very  
160 near future.

161 The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Bruce Alger, Manager of the New  
162 Market Rebels Baseball Team, requesting the Town’s support for five proposed  
163 upcoming projects. Mr. Blosser announced that a special meeting of the Committee  
164 would be held to consider the issues presented by Mr. Alger.

165 The Committee received a report of the meeting held with VDOT officials on  
166 street signs and STOP signs. The meeting was then adjourned.  
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168 **Public Safety:** Mr. Comer reported that all members were present for the  
169 February 2008 meeting. The Committee received a report from Chief Peery on the  
170 search for a patrol officer to fill the current vacancy. Chief Peery reported to the Council  
171 that applications were fairly strong and being reviewed that week. He advised that a  
172 selection would soon be made.  
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174 **Tourism, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation:** Ms. Burch  
175 reported that the February 2008 meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and a quorum was present.  
176 The Committee discussed the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>,  
177 2008 at 10:00 am. A rain date of Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:00 pm has been set. The  
178 egg hunt is being organized by Mr. Jerry Biller who needs volunteers to help with the  
179 event. His phone number will be posted in the March edition of the Town newsletter.

180 Ms. Burch added that Mayor Constable had brought up the issue of Endless  
181 Caverns’ plans for development being put on hold. He felt that the Town should support  
182 the Caverns’ efforts since New Market’s tourism would also be affected.

183 Mr. Vass informed Council that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors  
184 was scheduled to meet the next day, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to discuss the Caverns issue.

185 Mayor Constable advised that it would be best to wait until after the Board's  
186 meeting before taking any action.

187 Ms. Burch announced to Council that planning is underway for the July 4<sup>th</sup>  
188 celebration and asked for volunteers. She will be chairing the event with John Blosser's  
189 help.

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191 **Planning Commission:** Mr. Blosser reported that the Planning Commission met  
192 on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 with all members present. A joint public hearing was held with  
193 Town Council for a conditional use permit for more than one main use at 9423 S.  
194 Congress Street in the B-1 district (retail and printing establishment). The Commission  
195 voted to recommend approval of the application.

196 Mr. Neese gave an update on portable storage containers. There is a possibility of  
197 a public hearing being held in March.

198 The Committee voted against a proposed amendment to the Planning Commission  
199 Bylaws and received the annual Planning Commission report for 2007 from  
200 zoning administrator, Mr. Neese.

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#### 202 **XI. Council's Comments**

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#### 206 **XII. Mayor's Comments**

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#### 210 **XIII. Closed Meetings**

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#### 214 **XIV. Adjournment**

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