

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, October 17, 2022**
4 **6:30 pm**
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6 The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L.
7 Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, October 17, 2022 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Janice Hannah,
9 Bob King, Peter Hughes, and Scott Wymer. Council Member Daryl Watkins was absent.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
13 Town Treasurer – Teresa Green
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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16 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five
17 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
18 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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20 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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22 **Mr. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. King**
23 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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25 **Consent Agenda:**
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27 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
28 **minutes from the September 19, 2022 Meeting of the Town Council, the minutes**
29 **from the October 3, 2022 Special Called Town Council Meeting/Public Hearing, the**
30 **minutes from the October 3, 2022 Special Called Town Council Meeting/Joint**
31 **Public Hearing, the minutes from the October 8, 2022 Work Session of the New**
32 **Market Town Council and the Financial Statements for September 2022. Mr. King**
33 **seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**
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35 **Public Hearing:**
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37 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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39 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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41 Mr. Jeff Mongold with the New Market Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
42 gave an update on equipment expenditures and usage over the past year. He gave a
43 summary of statistics on call volume for the department over the past year. He also
44 explained the budget for the department in brief detail. Mr. Mongold advised that he
45 would be providing an update monthly to Council.
46 There were no comments emailed from the public to the Town Manager.
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48 **Committee Reports:**
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50 There were no committee reports.

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52 **Staff Reports:**

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54 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. D. Fadley**

55 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
56 his department had worked over the past month. The Maintenance Department repaired
57 water leaks at locations on Congress Street and West Old Cross Road, alleviated a sewer
58 back up at 171 Jackson Avenue, handled large trash pick-up, closed the pool for the
59 season, put up fall decorations throughout Town, and worked on the water line project on
60 Fairway Drive. The Water Department installed a new pump and pipe at the SVA Well,
61 rebuilt a valve at the SVA Well, flushed fire hydrants, installed and calibrated a new
62 pressure transducer and gauge at the Water Plant, performed generator maintenance at the
63 pump stations and wells, and rebuilt a pump at Campbell Pump Station. A copy of Mr.
64 Fadley’s report is on file with the minutes.

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66 **2. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

67 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for
68 the month of September 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. A copy of
69 the statistics is on file with the minutes. Chief Rinker then introduced “Benelli”, New
70 Market Police Department’s new facility/service dog. Chief Rinker provided a brief
71 history of his time training with Benelli over the past two weeks. He stated that the goal
72 for Benelli and the New Market Police Department is to provide comfort to victims of
73 crime, comfort to mental health consumers, and stress relief and comfort to police
74 officers within the department as well as other local agencies and first responders. A
75 copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.

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77 **Action Items:**

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79 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of
80 property located within the Town of New Market, 202 East Old Cross Road, Tax Map
81 Number 103-A-121, from Limited Industrial (M-1) to General Business (B-1). Mr.
82 Walters mentioned that this is the American Legion property that is owned by the Town.
83 The Town has a contract with the Day Care Center and they are requesting that the
84 property be re-zoned so they can operate at this location. A public hearing was held on
85 October 3, 2022. No comments were made from the public.

86 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the rezoning of the property located**
87 **in the Town of New Market at 202 East Old Cross Road, Tax Map Number 103-A-**
88 **121, from Limited Industrial (M-1) to General Business (B-1). Mr. Wymer**
89 **seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 roll call vote:**

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91	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
92	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
93	Mr. Hughes	Aye		

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95 The next item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of a conditional
96 use permit request (C.U.P.) for the property located in the Town of New Market at 202
97 East Old Cross Road, Tax Map Number 103-A-121, for the use of a daycare facility. Mr.
98 Walters stated that Town Code requires a C.U.P. for a daycare center in any zone where

99 it is allowed. Now that the property has been re-zoned, Council may approve the request
100 for a Conditional Use Permit (C.U.P.) to allow the daycare center to operate at this
101 location. A public hearing was held on October 3, 2022 regarding the C.U.P. No
102 comments from the public were made.

103 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit Request**
104 **(C.U.P.) to allow a daycare center to operate at the property located at 202 East Old**
105 **Cross Road, Tax Map Number 103-A-121, in the Town of New Market. Mr. Wymer**
106 **seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 roll call vote:**

108	Mrs. Harkness	Aye	Mrs. Hannah	Aye
109	Mr. King	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye
110	Mr. Hughes	Aye		

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112 The third action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of
113 Resolution #245 – A Joint Resolution between Shenandoah County and the Town of New
114 Market. Mr. Ham explained that this Resolution is necessary as a part of a multi-step
115 process for the Commission on Local Government to move forward with the Voluntary
116 Settlement Agreement amendment. After this, Mr. Ham, Mr. Walters, and Mr. Vass will
117 meet with an attorney with the Commission on Local Government on October 31, 2022
118 in order to come up with a proposed schedule to get this Voluntary Settlement Agreement
119 Amendment on. The Commission on Local Government is working to expedite this
120 matter. There were be a few public hearings by the Commission on Local Government
121 and then a report will be generated. Then both governing bodies will have a chance to
122 revisit the agreement and potentially amend it. Approval from a three judge panel is
123 sought and another public hearing will be held.

124 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve Resolution #245 – A Joint Resolution**
125 **between Shenandoah County and the Town of New Market. Mr. Wymer seconded**
126 **the motion which passed on the following 5-0 roll call vote:**

128	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
129	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
130	Mr. Hughes	Aye		

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132 **Mayor's Comments:**

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134 Mayor Bompiani commented that he appreciated Mr. Ham's work on this
135 Voluntary Settlement Agreement amendment, especially working between the two
136 entities and trying to accelerate the matter.

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138 **Council Comments:**

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140 There were no comments from Council members.

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142 **Staff Comments:**

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144 There were no comments from Staff members.

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146 **Closed Meeting:**

148 **Adjournment:**

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150 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
151 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried on a**
152 **unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**

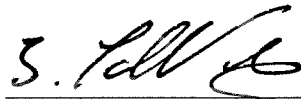
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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor