

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, March 15, 2021**
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, March 15, 2021 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer,
9 Bob King, and Janice Hannah. Council Members Daryl Watkins and Doug Bradley were
10 absent.

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12 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
13 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
14 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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16 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with four
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 4-0 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 February 16, 2021 meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
29 **Statements for February 2021. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a**
30 **unanimous 4-0 voice vote.**
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32 **Public Hearing:**
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34 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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36 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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38 There were no comments from the public emailed to Mr. Walters prior to this
39 meeting. There were no citizens present at the meeting who wished to make public
40 comments.

41 Ms. Heather Jones, Autism Awareness Chairman of the Special Education
42 Advisory Committee with Shenandoah County Public Schools and CEO of Moms in
43 Motion, spoke regarding Autism Awareness. Ms. Jones asked for Council's support of a
44 Mayoral Proclamation establishing April 2020 as National Autism Awareness Month.
45 Ms. Jones thanked the Town Council in advance for their support. A copy of the
46 Proclamation is included with the packet.

47 Mr. Don Hindman, gave an Update on Rails to Trails. He gave a brief power
48 point presentation summarizing the progress that has been made so far on this project and

49 plans for future work on the project. A copy of the power point presentation is included
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52 **Committee Reports:**

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1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd Walters

Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on planning and zoning items, and updates on projects on which the public works department and water department had worked. Mr. Walters stated that the Town Planner position had been filled. Ms. Meghan Rupkey will start on March 22nd, 2021. He also noted that two zoning permits had been approved. He discussed several sewer line repairs that had been made on John Sevier Road, Congress Street, Shenandoah Drive and West lee Street. Public Works crews had also performed street sweeping on Congress Street and Old Cross Road, worked on correcting a drainage issue at the sewer pump station, installed banners with the new logo along with the spring banners, and performed regular maintenance of the Town facilities. Mr. Walters noted that some upcoming projects are tree trimming in the park, mulching around town, pool preparation and metal roof replacement on buildings at the park. In the Water Department, work continued on the lead and copper testing. They completed the regular monthly testing, repaired a compressor issue at the plant, replaced cooling lines on all finish and feed pumps, installed an automatic drain valve on the main air compressor line, and worked on installing a new SCADA system on wells 6 & 8. A copy of Mr. Walter’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

2. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker

Chief Rinker distributed his monthly report to Council members. Chief Rinker gave a brief update on the calls for service for February. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.

3. Events & Marketing Annual Report – Mrs. Amber Smoot

Mrs. Smoot gave a power point presentation highlighting some things that are happening in Town as well as projects on which she is working. She noted that the new streetscape banners have been put up on Congress Street. These new banners show the Town’s new logo. In addition, the sign at the Town Office will be displaying the new town logo this week. Mrs. Smoot mentioned a new way to communicate with Town citizens which involves a new texting and email notification system for residents and/or visitors. Mrs. Smoot also mentioned the new podcasts that Town staff is producing in order to disseminate information about the Town to interested listeners. Listeners can find the podcasts on the website, social media, and the e-newsletter. Mrs. Smoot also mentioned that the fourth round of the COVID Recovery Grant for businesses is now open. She then discussed upcoming events such as the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Jammin’ Foods Fest, Cross Roads Fest, and Movie Nights in the Park. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

Action Items:

98 The first Action Item was the discussion and consideration of the Capital
99 Improvement Plan (CIP) FY 22-26. Mr. Walters explained the CIP by line item to
100 Council Members. A copy of the CIP summary and spreadsheet is on file with the
101 minutes. Mr. Walters explained that the Planning Commission had reviewed the CIP.
102 Members of a subcommittee of the Planning Commission had met to discuss a few items
103 on the CIP. They recommended that Mr. Walters look into whether engineering for the
104 Rt. 211 sidewalk project can be started prior to receiving the funding from VDOT. Mr.
105 Walters explained that the Town could pay to have that engineering completed ahead of
106 receiving funds from VDOT. That way the project would be ready to be started when the
107 funds come through from VDOT. **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to approve the CIP**
108 **FY 22-26 as presented. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which carried on the**
109 **following unanimous 4-0 roll call vote:**

111	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
112	Mrs. Hannah	Aye		
113	Mrs. Harkness	Aye		

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115 **Mayor's Comments:**

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117 Mayor Bompiani read aloud the Mayoral Proclamation establishing April 2021 as
118 National Autism Awareness Month. A copy of the proclamation is on file with the
119 minutes. Mayor Bompiani thanked Mrs. Jones for speaking this evening.

120 He then commented that the new town banners with the new logo look great. He
121 thanked Mrs. Smoot and Chief Rinker on their efforts in creating the podcasts. Mayor
122 Bompiani mentioned that some other towns may be interested in how New Market is
123 creating their podcasts so that they may do them in their own towns.

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125 **Council Comments:**

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127 There were no Council comments.

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129 **Staff Comments:**

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131 Mr. Walters mentioned that there will likely be a Special Called Meeting
132 scheduled around the first of April in order to discuss Water Disconnection and a Small
133 Utility Easement on John Sevier Road. This meeting may be scheduled for the same
134 evening as a Work Session for the budget.

135 Mr. Walters thanked Mrs. Smoot and Chief Rinker for creating the podcasts and
136 for the new text and email alert system for Town residents.

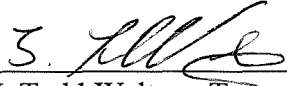
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138 **Closed Meeting:**

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140 No Closed Meetings were scheduled.

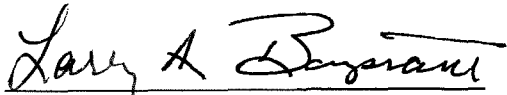
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142 **Adjournment:**

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144 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
145 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a**
146 **unanimous 4-0 voice vote.**

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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor