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**Minutes of the New Market
Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2021
6:30 pm**

The New Market Town Council met in the Council Chambers of the Arthur L. Hildreth, Jr. Municipal Building on Monday, July 19, 2021 with the following members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer, Bob King, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins and Janice Hannah.

Town Attorney – Jason Ham
Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr

Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani welcomed all visitors and guests.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mr. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as stated. Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous voice vote of all six members.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting of the Town Council, and the Financial Statements for June 2021. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.

Public Hearing:

There were no public hearings scheduled.

Citizen Comments and Petitions:

There were no citizen comments nor petitions.

Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports.

Staff Reports:

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

Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation regarding projects from the Public Works Department. Mr. Walters remarked that Mr. J.D. Fadley, the new public works director, was working on a water line break this evening and so Mr. Walters would

50 be presenting the monthly report for him. Mr. Walters mentioned several issues that were
51 repaired within the Town's distribution system. He also mentioned the recent purchase
52 and acquisition of a mini-excavator and new trailer that will be used by the Public Works
53 Department. Mr. Walters updated Council Members on the progress that had been made
54 on the water and sewer line installation project on West Lee Street. He also mentioned
55 several items on which the Water Department had been working over the past month. A
56 copy of Mr. Walter's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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58 **2. Planning Department Monthly Report – Meghan Rupkey**

59 Ms. Rupkey gave a brief power point presentation highlighting planning and
60 zoning items for the month. Ms. Rupkey stated that three permits had been issued during
61 the past month. She also mentioned that the ordinance for bee keeping and chickens will
62 be going to the Town Attorney for review and then a public hearing will be held in the
63 next month. Ms. Rupkey also stated that the Façade Enhancement grant application is
64 live and the applications are due August 2, 2021. A copy of Ms. Rupkey's presentation is
65 on file with the minutes.

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67 **3. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker**

68 Chief Rinker distributed his monthly report to Council members. He then gave a
69 brief update on the calls for service for June. He also mentioned several notable events
70 for the department for the month. Mrs. Harkness asked Chief Rinker about the impact of
71 the recent closing of admissions to Western State Hospital in Staunton. Chief Rinker
72 advised that his department had not yet experienced the effects of that issue, but it has the
73 potential to be a problem. It is a concern for his department, but the department will
74 handle it as it comes. Chief Rinker commented that he appreciated the Sheriff's
75 Department sending several officers to help with the Independence Day Celebration in
76 New Market. A copy of Chief Rinker's report is on file with the minutes.

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

79 Mrs. Smoot gave a brief power point presentation. Mrs. Smoot mentioned that
80 June's Podcast guest was Ms. Cristi Coryell, the owner of The Buttercup, which is a shop
81 in Town. Mrs. Smoot mentioned several events that had occurred such as the
82 Independence Day Celebration, and the Cross Roads music event. Mrs. Smoot remarked
83 that she believed the attendance at the Independence Day Celebration was the most she
84 had ever seen. She stated that the Independence Day Celebration is a Community Event
85 and is put on by a Committee of citizens who live in the New Market Community. Mrs.
86 Smoot then mentioned two upcoming events which were The Congress Street Summer
87 block Party, hosted by the Merchant's Committee, and Movie Night in the Park. Mrs.
88 Smoot also mentioned several upcoming events that are still in the planning stages. A
89 copy of Mrs. Smoot's presentation is on file with the minutes.

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91 **Action Items:**

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93 The first action item was the discussion and consideration of Resolution #239 – A
94 Resolution in Honor and Appreciation of the Dedicated Service of Mr. Douglas Bradley.

95 **Mr. Hughes made a motion to accept Resolution #239. Mr. Wymer**
96 **seconded the motion which carried on the following unanimous 6-0 roll call vote:**

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98 **Mr. Wymer Aye**

Mr. Hughes

Aye

99 **Mrs. Hannah** **Aye** **Mr. King** **Aye**
100 **Mr. Watkins** **Aye** **Mrs. Harkness** **Aye**
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103 **Mayor's Comments:**
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105 Mayor Bompiani invited Mr. Douglas Bradley, former Council Member to come
106 to the front of the Council Chambers. Mayor Bompiani read aloud Resolution #239 – A
107 Resolution in Honor and Appreciation of the dedicated service of Mr. Douglas Bradley.
108 A copy of the Resolution is included with the packet. The audience applauded Mr.
109 Bradley after the resolution was read. Mayor Bompiani then read aloud a letter from
110 Clark Borough, Pennsylvania recognizing Mr. Bradley's service to their community in
111 the past.

112 Mr. Bradley commented that it had been a pleasure serving both the Town of New
113 Market and Clark Borough, Pennsylvania. He remarked that it was always a team effort
114 and he enjoyed his time serving both locations.

115 The audience applauded Mr. Bradley again.

116 Mayor Bompiani then welcomed Mr. Peter Hughes back to the New Market
117 Town Council.
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119 **Council Comments:**
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121 There were no comments from Council Members.
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123 **Staff Comments:**
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125 Mr. Walters stated that a retreat/Council Work session is being planned for
126 September. He is still trying to find a date when all members will be able to attend. Mr.
127 Walters stated that he is being asked about plans for the ARPA funding. He hopes that
128 Council will discuss plans for those funds at the Council Retreat in September. There is
129 no rush to spend those funds. It does not need to be spent until 2024. Mr. Walters
130 advised that the Town will receive over \$1,080,000 with the possibility of receiving an
131 additional \$80,000. Mr. Walters advised that the Town is under contract for the purchase
132 of the lot by the existing Water Tower. Ms. Rupkey has taken the paperwork to the
133 County to file for a Special Use Permit for that lot. Ms. Rupkey and Mr. Walters will
134 attend the County Meeting on August 5th, 2021 when the Special Use Permit is
135 considered. Mr. Walters stated that he had received the contract for Preliminary
136 Engineering work by Ramboll and he will begin reviewing that contract. He will also
137 send that contract to the Town Attorney for review. Mr. Walters emphasized that this is
138 only for preliminary engineering work. This is not for work to actually build the new
139 Water Tank.

140 Chief Rinker requested that Council Members bring their IPAD's in for some
141 updates.

142 Mr. Walters mentioned that the Town is in the process of upgrading the phone
143 system. This upgrade should be completed within the next month.
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145 **Closed Meeting:**
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148 **No closed meetings were held.**

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150 **Adjournment:**

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152 Mayor Bompiani invited everyone to stay around after the meeting to enjoy some
153 cake and punch in honor of Mr. Douglas Bradley.

154 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:09 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
155 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which carried on a**
156 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

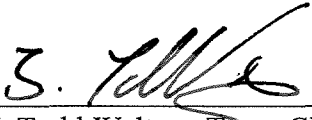
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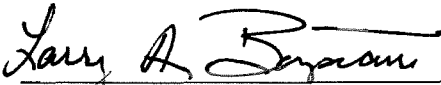
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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor