

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, August 15, 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, August 15, 2022 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Janice Hannah,
9 Bob King, Peter Hughes, Daryl Watkins, and Scott Wymer.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters
13 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr
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15 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with all
16 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani
17 welcomed all visitors and guests.
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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21 **Mr. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hughes**
22 **seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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24 **Consent Agenda:**
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26 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**
27 **minutes from the July 18, 2022 Meeting of the Town Council and the Financial**
28 **Statements for July 2022. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion which carried on a**
29 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**
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31 **Public Hearing:**
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33 There were no public hearings scheduled.
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35 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**
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37 There were no citizen comments nor petitions.
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39 **Committee Reports:**
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41 There were no committee reports.
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43 **Staff Reports:**
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45 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. D. Fadley**

46 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
47 his department had worked over the past month. The Maintenance Department replaced
48 an 8” water main valve on Congress Street at Seminary Lane. They also replaced a shut
49 off valve at 202 East Old Cross Road. Additional completed projects included

50 preparation and clean up for the Cross Roads Event, cleaning and maintenance of the
51 pool, replacement of the water hydrant at Shelter 2 in the park, the trimming of trees in
52 the park, as well as the regular monthly maintenance projects. The Water Department
53 submitted the corrosion control program to VDH for approval, scheduled painting of the
54 water tanks for the fall, replaced a 2” meter at the poultry plant, submitted synthetic
55 organic contaminate waivers to VDH to reduce sample and testing frequencies at the
56 wells, and began reviewing changes to the lead and copper rules. A copy of Mr. Fadley’s
57 report is on file with the minutes.

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

60 Ms. Rupkey gave a brief update on items that had been done regarding the
61 Community Center grant. She mentioned that the first meeting of the management team
62 had been held, a survey had been distributed to the public to assess the needs and wants
63 of the community regarding the Center, and an informational meeting for the public about
64 the grant and community center is scheduled for August 22nd, 2022 from 5pm – 8pm. Ms.
65 Rupkey also mentioned that the Façade Enhancement Grant due date has been extended
66 to September 1st. A copy of Ms. Rupkey’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

69 Chief Rinker gave a brief power point presentation highlighting the statistics for
70 the month of July 2022 as well as some notable events for the month. Chief Rinker
71 mentioned that the department had provided a police presence and traffic control for the
72 Independence Day Celebration. They also transported an individual to Petersburg for a
73 Temporary Detention Order call. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the
74 minutes.

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76 **4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Amber Smoot**

77 Mrs. Smoot gave an update on events for the past month as well as upcoming
78 events and projects. She stated that the Congress Street Summer Block Party was a
79 success with an increase in sales for the businesses. The Cross Roads Music Fest on
80 August 12th, 2022 was a great success with over 300 people in attendance. Upcoming
81 events include the Puppy Pool Party, the Fall Festival, and the Fairway 5K Walk/Run.
82 Mrs. Smoot is also currently working with vendors on the website redesign, wayfinding
83 signage, and the walking tour app. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with
84 the minutes.

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86 **Action Items:**

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88 The first action item on the agenda was the discussion and consideration of the
89 Amendment to the Second Amended Voluntary Settlement Agreement between the Town
90 of New Market and Shenandoah County. Mr. Ham gave a brief history of the Voluntary
91 Settlement Agreement and the process involved in amending it. Mr. Ham advised
92 Council that the process is not quick but he would do what he could to expedite it. He
93 also explained the changes included in the Second Amended Voluntary Settlement
94 Agreement. A copy of the second amended agreement is included with the packet. **Mr.**
95 **Hughes made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Second Amended**
96 **Voluntary Settlement Agreement between the Town of New Market and**
97 **Shenandoah County. Mr. King seconded the motion which passed on the following**
98 **6-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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100	Mr. Wymer	Aye	Mr. Hughes	Aye
101	Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
102	Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye

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104 **Mayor’s Comments:**

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106 Mayor Bompiani mentioned that the recent projects in the Council Chambers
107 looked great. He also mentioned that the weather had been great for the most recent
108 Town events.

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110 **Council Comments:**

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112 There were no comments from Council members.

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115 **Staff Comments:**

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117 Mr. Walters mentioned the following items:

- 118 • The Façade Enhancement Grant application due date has been extended to
119 September 1, 2022.
- 120 • The Town needs to establish an IDA/EDA, which is a board consisting of 7
121 members. Mr. Ham gave a brief explanation of what an Industrial Development
122 Authority is and what its function is. An Industrial Development Authority can
123 do tax exempt financing, and they can give money away. The Town previously
124 had members on an IDA, but currently there are no records indicating who was
125 appointed to the IDA. The Town will need to appoint new members to the IDA,
126 dissolve that IDA of members, and then establish a new IDA. Members of the
127 IDA are required to provide total disclosure of their personal assets. This may
128 make it difficult to find members for the IDA.
- 129 • The Town is still receiving requests for rentals at the Community Center. The
130 Town will consider renting rooms at the Center based on a case by case basis. It
131 will largely only be rented to large groups.
- 132 • Mr. Walters had a recent meeting on the Water Improvement Project. He is
133 hoping the design documents will be ready to go by the end of the year.
- 134 • The 211 sidewalk project has been moved up a year. Funds will be available in
135 2023.

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137 **Closed Meeting:**

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139 No Closed meetings were scheduled.

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142 **Adjournment:**

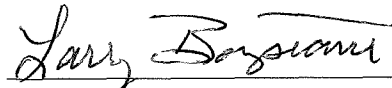
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144 **With no further business to discuss, at 7:18 p.m. Mr. Hughes made a motion**
145 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which carried on a**
146 **unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk



Larry Bompiani, Mayor