

The Smithfield Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Mr. T. Carter Williams, Mayor; Mr. Michael Smith, Vice Mayor; Mrs. Denise Tynes, Mrs. Valerie Butler, Mr. Randy Pack, Mr. Wayne Hall, and Ms. Beth Haywood. Staff members present were Mr. Brian S. Thrower, Town Manager; Mrs. Lesley King, Town Clerk; Ms. Ellen Minga, Town Treasurer; Mr. William H. Riddick, III, Town Attorney; Mrs. Ashley Rogers; Director of Human Resources, Mr. John Settle, Community Development & Planning Director; Ms. Judy Winslow, Director of Tourism; Mr. Charles Bryan, Planning Commission Vice Chairman; Mr. Alonzo Howell, Chief of Police; and Mrs. Amy Novak, Director of Parks and Recreation. There were approximately twenty-four (24) citizens present. The media was represented by Mr. Frederic Lee of the Smithfield Times.

Mayor Williams – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Smithfield Town Council meeting of July 2nd, 2019. It is now 6:30 p.m. Thank you all for coming tonight. Would everyone join me and stand for the Pledge please?

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Williams – The first order of business is our Informational Section starting with the Manager's Report with Mr. Brian Thrower.

Town Manager – Honorable Mayor and Council, the June Activity Report is in your packet. I will be happy to answer any questions if you have any.

Mayor Williams – Just to remind everyone, tomorrow night at 9:30 p.m. we will have the wonderful fireworks display here in the town. It has been going on now for thirty-three years. The town is going to be loaded with people. If you plan on going anywhere, go early. If you plan on getting a place to watch the fireworks, go early. We will now move to Public Comments. The public is invited to speak to Council on any matters except public hearings. We do not have any public hearings this evening. Comments are limited to five minutes per person. Any required response from the town will be provided in writing if you so desire. Please state your name and address for the record when you come forward. Are there any signups, Mr. Thrower?

Town Manager – Yes; the first speaker is David Kimball.

Mr. Kimball – Good evening. Recently, I received a letter from the town dated June 27th about a RV trailer that is parked in my driveway. They attached pictures and attached a section of the zoning ordinance for Neighborhood Residential requirements.

Apparently, my RV does not come up to snuff as meeting what the town needs. I just wanted to bring my voice of opinion of displeasure before this Council. I would like to know what we could do to change this. I am a hardworking citizen and a lifelong resident. I work seven days a week to provide for my family and to provide a means for vacationing and entertainment away from home life. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Thank you for coming up Mr. Kimball. We appreciate that.

Town Manager – The next speaker is Mr. Randy Keaton who is our County Administrator for Isle of Wight County.

Mr. Keaton – I am here on behalf of Mr. Grice. He is out of the country on vacation and asked me to stand in for him tonight with a Briefing from the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors. I just wanted to give you a quick update on three items that really would be of interest to the town I think. The first, if you remember several years ago, the county entered into a partnership with the Benn's Grant development for intersection improvements. As part of that agreement, the county actually applied for a 50/50 VDOT grant whereby the state actually paid for half of the grant and the developers were to repay the county for the remainder of that. Benn's Grant's portion was \$2,755,000.00. We are pleased to announce that as of earlier this month they have completely paid that back through there water and sewer tap fees and proffers. There are about two hundred homes in that development now. Now those funds can be diverted to where they normally would have gone to assist the utilities department and other capital projects that we have. We are glad to have that one behind us. Secondly, about a year ago, the county and the town signed a new utility agreement that also provided for the boundary line adjustment for the Scott Farm. At that point, we talked about extending the water line down Route 10 from Suffolk. I think the agreement said earlier than two years and no later than five years that we would start selling water on that side of town out by Turner Drive. We will begin work on that later this summer. We are going to be putting it out for bids in July. We expect to have the Route 10 water line completed by August of 2020. It will be about a year from now. We will be right in that two year time frame. The town still has another three years to go for that; but we should be able to begin providing water around this time next year. Lastly, you probably read in the paper about the Hardy Elementary School project. The county contracted with Alpha Corporation to do a third party review of the cost associated with renovating the school versus

replacing the school. The school system had a preliminary review of that. They had a number. The Board of Supervisors wanted to get a more refined number to include all of the potential costs to bring it up to parity with new schools in the county. Alpha Corporation presented those findings to the Board at the last meeting. We are going to have a joint work session with the Isle of Wight County School Board on August 1st. Basically, right now; about five hundred and fifty students attend that school. The new or renovated school would be designed for eight hundred with a core capacity of nine hundred. Based on what Alpha Corporation looked at, it includes a lot of things that were not in the original scope of work that the school system had contracted. One of those includes a sewer line out to the school due to the problems we have had in the past with the septic system. The new/renovated costs would be about \$23,000,000.00. Replacement of the school would be almost \$32,000,000.00. There is about a \$9,000,000.00 difference between replacement versus renovation. The renovation, though, would bring it up to a new school standard; but we would be using the same building that is currently there. It is something that will be a big topic of conversation with the school Board and the county. It will greatly affect our capital improvement budget and, ultimately, our operating budget as we look at debt service in the future. Those are three projects that are either close to or around the town that I wanted to give you an update on. If you have any questions, as always, I will be glad to answer them. Mr. Thrower and I speak on a regular basis. We will be glad to get information back to you. Are there any questions?

Mayor Williams – Hearing none, thank you or the update. We appreciate you filling in for Mr. Grice.

Town Manager – The next speaker on our list is Mr. Dennis Arinello.

Mr. Arinello – Debate is a healthy concept. We appreciate the opportunity to debate and to challenge our Council members. Afterall, I think somebody said it best in that you are elected to represent the entire town. The entire town is made up of a lot of money; some of it old and some of it new. Money, none the less, is what drives the town and this is how we thrive. When debate is challenged, we have a right to respect and listen to each other. One of the things I want to talk about tonight is that over the last two weeks I have read two articles in the paper that have been pretty damning. One was by our Town Attorney with his thoughts and concepts as it relates to a particular

law and how he interpreted it as it relates to Pierceville. The other is Mr. John Edwards' rebuttal to that article and how he felt about it. My friend, Mark, just handed out a letter from the Preserve Smithfield that I represent and am proud to represent. We want to give this letter to members of the Council and I want to read part of that letter to you. It is about doing the right thing and about doing what is right for the town. We know that Pierceville will probably never be saved. We are long gone with that; but what I resent is the fact that we are dragging our feet in enforcing our laws that are on the books right now. We are allowing people not to be responsible for what their due responsibilities are as it relates to their property. With that, Honorable members of the Town Council, I will read from this letter. It states: We are sorry that the preservation of the Pierceville Manor Home is suffering yet another delay and that this matter has come before you for reconsideration yet again. This Council voted unanimously with a 7-0 vote on September 6th, 2016 to adopt Councilman Dr. Cook's motion that the Board of Historic and Architectural Review was correct in its ruling regarding the maintenance violation at the 502 Grace Street property that has been ongoing and continues to be unresolved. Councilman Pack affirmed that the vote was in support of an effort to continue to preserve the home from further deterioration. Councilwoman Tynes agreed that the vote would be to preserve Pierceville as a historical home. We inquire – what has changed? Does the Pierceville home have any less historical value today than it did to this Council in 2016? We urge you that it should not. We also encourage you to avoid setting a negative precedent that historic structures can simply be neglected over time as a means to obtain approval for razing and demolition. Isn't that exactly what the Zoning Ordinance is attempting to prevent? It cannot be emphasized enough that this has been remanded for reconsideration not automatic rescission of the unanimous vote taken over 2 years ago. The Order is clear that this is a reconsideration matter. This Council has been advised that an advisory opinion issued in 2007 by former Attorney General Robert F. McDonnell supersedes and overturns the 1983 Order issued by the Honorable James C. Godwin. Judge Godwin ruled in 1983 that the Town's interpretation of its ordinance allowing for the protection against destruction of historic areas includes "destruction by neglect" and that requiring maintenance standards is reasonable related to the purposes of its ordinance. Accordingly, the Court ruled that the property owner perform specific acts of repair and maintenance which included, without limitation,

weatherproofing exterior walls or other vertical supports; repairing the roof and all shingles; replacing all broken windows and panes; cleaning debris from the house, among other repair and maintenance items. This property condition sounds similar to the current condition of the Pierceville house. The Zoning Ordinance today expressly allows the Town to require the repair and/or maintenance similar to requirements above and further allows the Town to perform those same actions on behalf of the property owner and place a lien on the property. This is textbook precedent at its finest. This Council should unanimously follow Judge Godwin's order. I will yield the rest of my time to the next speaker.

Town Manager – The next on the list is Carrie Arinello.

Mrs. Arinello – I am going to finish the letter for everybody. The letter says: The suggestion that Judge Godwin's opinion has been overturned by Attorney General McDonnell's advisory opinion is simply incorrect. The opinion itself states that it is "advisory" only. It is not binding nor does it overturn common law precedent. The Attorney General's office expressly states that "official opinions represent the Attorney General's analysis of current law based on his thorough research of existing statutes, the Virginia and United States constitutions, and relevant court decisions. They are not "rulings" and do not create new law, nor do they change existing law. Creating and amending laws are the responsibility of the General Assembly, not the Attorney General...While the opinions may be given deference by the courts, they are not binding on the courts." It's pretty clear that even if the facts considered in Attorney General McDonnell's opinion were on point (which it isn't as discussed below), it does not overturn Judge Godwin's decision. Let's not confuse the issue before you. This is not a situation wherein you are being asked to make a decision in which a building code potentially conflicts with the approval requirement for demolition of structures within a historic district. You are being asked to reconsider whether the proper procedures have been followed as set as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for the Historic Preservation Overlay District. Pierceville violates the ordinance in several and substantial ways. It has not been preserved against decay and deterioration. It has not been maintained free from structural defects. Those are Zoning Ordinance violations. Moreover, the Review Board expressly has the power to take steps to preserve, acquire or relocate the structures. It has the power to place a lien on the property for expenses related to

repair and maintenance. The Review Board has not been able to do its duties due to the delays and efforts to stall this matter. It is time for this Council to affirm its vote and allow the Review Board to cause the repairs to be completed and lien the property. It is signed "Sincerely, Alan A. Diamonstein." Thank you. I yield the rest of my time to the next speaker.

Town Manager – The next speaker is Bobby Scott. Apparently, he is not present. The next signup is Mr. Mark Gay.

Mr. Gay – Good evening. The people of this town, several who are represented this evening, want to thank Colonel Arinello and his wife for their remarks. Over the past five years, more than five hundred citizens of this town and county have signed petitions, addressed committee and Council meetings, performed a search and written letters, coordinated and hosted meetings, and taken other measures for a single purpose; to preserve a very historic property of the town through measures prescribed by our excellent ordinances and supported articles of preservation. Both that property and the ordinances are now endangered once more. The Town Attorney would have us believe that an Isle of Wight County judge has issued an order compelling Town Council to rescind its 2016 ruling on the legal basis that our preservation laws have evolved to the point of being unenforceable. Mr. Diamonstein's letter certainly blows up that argument as did John Edward's recent editorial in the Smithfield Times. Today, we learned from the courthouse officials that the county judge held no hearing or discussion on the matter; rather, he simply signed off on an agreement that Mr. Riddick himself had drafted and signed. He then convinced the other attorneys involved to sign as well. So, the judge was simply signing off on a mutually agreed upon document of resolution without the knowing consent of any member of Town Council and certainly without the knowledge or the approval of the people of Smithfield. We ask tonight that Town Council take up as old business, as part of the agenda, the 502 Grace Street request to raze. That item was in the June meeting of Council. You perhaps recall that the matter was deferred for decision to the July meeting which is tonight because the owner's attorney, Mr. Jones, had not been given sufficient notice of his right to appear at the June meeting. Mind you, no such notice was required as the matter was not a public hearing. Mr. Jones can receive the same notification as other citizens of the town receive. He was due his five minutes of public comment and nothing more and he is still

not here tonight. It is now July 2nd and still no Mr. Jones; but someone, not Mr. Thrower the Town Manager apparently nor Mrs. Butler the appropriate committee Chair, directed that the topic be deferred until the August meeting of Council. That might have been okay had the agenda been published in a timely manner but that too was not the case. Those of us who are here this evening request, most respectfully, that the 502 Grace Street request to raze be addressed by Council during old business. Our strong recommendation is that Council consider and uphold its 2016 ruling and that recent administrative actions to dilute the town's Zoning Ordinance and Preservation Articles be halted immediately. Thank you.

Town Manager – The next speaker is Mr. Greg Brown.

Mr. Brown – Good evening. Some of you coming in may have seen my kids riding their bikes around the parking lot. We are all excited that the options are going to be discussed for the bike trail through the town. We have already ridden the section that is along Battery Park Road. It is nice and smooth. Whichever option works best for the town, we are excited to see us move forward with the bike trail so that we can ride to the library, bar, or the ice cream shop. Thank you.

Town Manager – The next signup is Ms. Terry Mulherin.

Ms. Mulherin – I live at 206 Washington Street. Happy 4th to everyone and everyone who was brave enough to make us free; extra thanks to you. I have lots to talk about tonight. The first is that I support that we need to do something about Pierceville. It is time to get off the pot on that one. How many more years do I have to come to these meetings. Let's do something new for once and get that resolved. The second piece is related to the budget. I have been to the meetings. The only hearing that was posted was related to the budget. There was no hearing posted related to the tax increase which is 18.75%. Virginia code requires that and so I do not think you can pass a tax increase until you have had an official town hearing for that. Also, I spoke last time about my opposition to 3% increase across the board for water and sewer when we make no allowance for the use of hoses. I brought my water and sewer bill so you could laugh at it. It is \$3.00 and \$24.00 in fees. I am a good miser and recycle rainwater. Those of you that have been to my house know that I do. It took me thirty-four years of blood, sweat, and tears to earn \$80,000.00 a year so I read with interest all of the planned full time employees in the budget. I will just leave out positions for that. What

we do at my business when you want to add a full time employee is beg on your hands and knees. Secondly, usually, an FTE is eliminated somewhere and when you want furniture you scrounge for it. You do not get brand new furniture and I painted my own office. There is a lot that we are doing in the public sector that we do not seem to be doing in the town. I also spoke to you about how much I pay for my own health insurance. We no longer pay for family health insurance. I took some pictures to show you tonight. There are some things that need updating on the town's website. The town's finances are only posted through 2012. We need to update those. The tax rates are not visible on the town's website. I had to root and dig and I finally just pulled out my own receipt because that was the easiest way to do it. So, let's get them visible on the website. The minutes are FOIA protected so can we please include draft minutes in the Town Council packets so we can see them. We are unable to make any corrections if they are not posted until they are final four months later. I think that will probably suffice for everything I wanted to say tonight. Thank you, by the way, for everything you do to keep our town the way it is. I think the whole world comes for fireworks here. I think we do a great job overall but we have some cleanup to do in terms of our rigor and our respect for taxpayer money. Thank you.

Town Manager – The next speaker is Mr. Greg Vassilakos.

Mr. Vassilakos - I live at 148 Talbot Drive. I will keep it short. I am here to talk about the bike trail. I support it. My daughter and I have already done the segment from Ringo's Donuts down to the intersection of Battery Park and Nike Park. We have also done the section from Nike Park to where it ends just before Jones Creek. We look forward to it being completed all the way through including all the way to the bridge at Smithfield Station. Please make it at least eight feet wide so that two-way bike traffic can be accommodated including widening the section from Royal Farms down to the Villas of Smithfield. Thank you very much.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. There are no other signups. Is there anyone who has had a thought since signups who would like to speak? You are still welcome to come on up.

Mr. Bob Hines – I live at 216 Washington Street. A few years back, I got a letter from the town that said my house was in violation since my siding was looking bad. The house is little over one hundred years old. It did look bad. The siding was original and

the paint was peeling. I was planning to put Hardie siding on it. I sent a letter back saying I had planned to put new siding on a year from now. The letter I got back said good and to let the town know when I was doing it. Well, if the law is interpreted the way I understand...and I do not understand legalize here...if the law has changed then the town cannot send me a letter like that anymore. If we can let some building, Pierceville or any other, go to demolition by neglect...if that is allowed to be done then what about the rest of us? We can do what we want and let it fall down and there is nothing anybody can do. If I am incorrect in that then I would like to understand why I am correct in that interpretation. It is as simple as that.

Mr. Bart Pannell – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to revisit, to mention, or to support the problem we are having with the letter that went out to everybody that has an RV. I am at 205 Joshua Circle. Since 2014, I have had a Class B which is a very small RV about the size of a Chevy van but it is equipped for camping or whatever. I had that for three years parked in my driveway. I then moved up to Class C in 2014. Before I went up to the larger unit, I came down to the Planning Commission and asked about it. I was told that as long as it is registered as a motor vehicle, I pay insurance, it has a safety inspection, I give Smithfield thirty dollars for the plate thing, I pay personal property tax on it, and I drive it then that is a motor vehicle. When I moved up from that size to a thirty-six foot Class A, which is the big guy, I did the same thing as the previous two. Their comment was that if it was a legalized motor vehicle and you are going by all the rules, it's parked in your driveway, and does not have anything to do with the city street then that is your vehicle. I went ahead and bought it. I have had it for the last two and a half years in my driveway. I use it and logged eight thousand miles this year in it. I took it yesterday to Norfolk. The vehicle is not stored, stagnant, and just sitting there. I use it. The key here is that it is plated as a legal motor vehicle. It is not a trailer, camper, or a boat. I have also gone door to door in my cul-de-sac two and a half years ago asking each one of my neighbors if they would have a problem with this being parked there. It is kind of large. They said it was pretty and didn't bother them one bit. I just want to bring that up. The letter that we got is very vague as to what an RV is. The code even says that you cannot park it in your front yard or in the easement on the side of your house. I am not in my front yard. I am in my driveway where I park any vehicle. That is my point. We need to clarify this and figure out what it is and find out if it is really

a problem for RV's or are we rolling boats in here as a point of aggravation. Well, if you are then an RV is not going to cover boats. In all of Smithfield Forest and Moone Plantation, there are only two Class A's like me. It is not an earth shattering event. Thank you. Good evening.

Mayor Williams – Thank you. We will get back with you. Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

Mrs. Carolyn Torre – I live at 32 Main Street. I wanted to read something from Judge James C. Godwin when the Parker house was first presented to him or around the time that it was in January of 1983. He wrote to Archer Jones and Rodham T. Delk who are both attorneys in the town as you probably know. He wrote: "RE: Ray Elsey Harris versus Ray Parker, Jr. Gentlemen, after reviewing the authorities submitted in the above captioned matter, I have concluded that the ordinance is valid and constitutional. The only question remaining is whether or not Dr. Parker has maintained minimum maintenance necessary to preserve the property. I think it would be well for us to meet and discuss this matter before any action is taken." His final order on April 15th, 1985 which is a little over two years later; not only did he say the ordinances were legal, enforceable, constitutional, admirable in effect but he delineated the ways that Dr. Parker's home needed to be fixed so that is the demolition by neglect. He delineated what that definition is, in effect, by saying paint exterior of house with approved color, repair all roof leaks and repair all broken or missing roof shingles, remove window air conditioning units, close all windows, re-caulk window sashes, re-glaze windows where needed, and replace all broken window panes. He also said to replace all broken, missing exterior trim around porch windows, doors, roof eaves, soffit, and the like, repair or replace all broken/missing roofing, sealing roofing and foundation on Main Street porch, clear all basement drains, air out and dehumidify basement, clean all debris from inside house and basement, trim or clean up landscaping on Main Street side, point-up mortar on chimneys and replace broken or missing bricks, remove TV antennae from roof. It sounds a lot like Pierceville which has been deemed by two experts as salvageable and of great importance. It is made of brick and the walls are like eighteen inches thick. Roofs can be replaced and basements can be aired out and dehumidified. It is important that we understand what our history means to this town and to people who visit. Restoration can be profitable. Many people have written about that in law

review, Richmond Law, Georgetown, and the University of Pennsylvania who also noted how wonderful our precedent setting ordinances are. Find the money to do it. You can do it. You guys are smart, hardworking. You want what is best for the town too. Don't lose a landmark property that is from 1732 or about that can be saved and should be saved. Our ordinances say do it. They are good, strong, well-written ordinances. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – We are still under public comments. Is there anyone else who would like to come forward?

Ms. Kim Newman – I have only been in Smithfield for three weeks. I just purchased 213 South Church Street right here in the historic district. I will echo the comments in support of Smithfield preservation. I moved here because of your historic district. I moved here because it is a beautiful town that someone cared enough about to preserve for over three hundred years. I grew up in Williamsburg. It reminded me of the town I grew up in. I am now a retired lawyer, a mother, and a historic preservationist. I am taking the time to restore 213 South Church Street. I commend, please, to your thoughtful consideration of why people come here. This is not just any old factory town. It is a beautiful historic town. If someone did not want to live in the historic district they could sell and leave. As a lawyer I can tell you that you do not want to be living in a regime where some people have to abide by the law and others don't. If everyone else is told to cut their grass, paint their house, or to fix their chimneys they do it. You do not want to have anyone out there giving, in a sense, the middle finger to this Town Council or the community. We want everyone working together to make it better for everyone. I ask for you to think about that and think about the free-rider problem. The person who doesn't abide by the law; but profits because everyone else has taken care of his/her property, everyone else is cutting his/her grass, or doing what the law requires. You do not want to have anyone else ignoring the law and profiting from it. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

Mr. Herb DeGroft – Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I live on Mill Swamp Road in the Hardy District. I am here as a veteran. I want to thank you very much for the beautiful veteran's memorial that you help maintain right up the hill here. It is probably one of the prettiest that you will find anywhere and we have Allen and Margaret Monette to thank for that. I do have two requests relative to that memorial. If you have never sat

down on that bench then be careful because if you scoot left or right you might end up with a splinter or you may end up with some of those lichens coming off on your clothes. I would like to ask you all to consider refinishing or replacing those hard wood boards with some artificial type board that does not require maintenance. Secondly, I have been there on a number of occasions with Smitty putting in veteran's bricks. There have been people that come up and try to use the water fountain. I do not know why it has been turned off for a number of years. I understand why it would be turned off and drained for the winter; but if anybody goes over there to get a drink they will be as dry as soldiers in WWII. I would appreciate checking out the fountain and see if it can be turned back on for the summer and Fall. Thank you very much.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Mr. DeGroft. Are there any other speakers? Hearing none, we will close public comments and move to Council Comments. I will start off with a presentation by Miss Anika Eng, Smithfield High School.

Miss Eng – Good evening Mr. Mayor and member of Town Council. Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak tonight as the student liaison representing Smithfield High School to inform you about what is happening at our school. While school is no longer in session and is out for break that does not stop the Packers from working hard in academics, sports, and preparing for the new school year. Many sports teams such as golf, field hockey, cross country, football, and wrestling have started conditioning to prepare for the 2019/2020 season. In addition, the BETA Club attended the national convention in Oklahoma City. The biggest accomplishment was my own sister who was elected as one of the three national leadership representatives for the National BETA Club. Finally, SHS teachers are participating in an optional book study club with the book 'What School Could Be' in order to consider new ideas for education. SHS is currently under construction as the building receives a new HVAC system. Next month, I hope to provide you with more specific details as we get closer to the new school year. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Thank you, Anika. I appreciate all you do. Are there any other Council comments?

Councilwoman Tynes – Since our last meeting, I was appointed to represent our Town Council on the Virginia Municipal League. I think it is the Human Growth and Education Committee. We will be meeting this month.

Mayor Williams – Great. Congratulations. We will now move to our Summary of the Consent Agenda Items. We have thirteen items tonight on the consent agenda. Would any Council member like to pull any item for further discussion?

Councilman Pack – Mr. Mayor, if we could, I would like to pull item C6.

Mayor Williams – Okay. Are there any others? Hearing none, we will start with the Water and Sewer Committee Chairman, Vice Mayor Smith.

Vice Mayor Smith – Water and Sewer Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have three items on the consent agenda this evening. Item C1 is a staff recommendation for sanitary sewer rehabilitation services. They are looking to engage Prism Contractors as our engineering firm. Item C2 is a request to execute a contract for underground utilities services. Staff is recommending Lewis Construction. We have worked with them before and they have done an excellent job. Item C3 is the FOG Program. FOG stands for fat, oil, and grease. I call it the grease police. It is a program request to execute an agreement. The overall goal is to reduce the impact of FOG through activities such as retaining, dumping, and not going into the sewer system.

Mayor Williams – Next, we have our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – Finance Committee Summary. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This evening we have several items that are in excess of \$10,000.00 requiring Council authorization. The first is to Blair Brothers, Inc. for \$41,360.00 for the Smithfield Boulevard pipe replacement. The second is also to Blair Brothers, Inc. for the repaving of the 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street for \$99,800.00. We also have a bill here from Tri-State Utilities for \$44,780.00 for rehab work. The next invoice is our annual 2019 contribution to IOW Christian Outreach for \$12,650.00. Since our committee meeting, we have had four additional invoices come in. The first is to Docks of the Bay for \$234,965.59 for continuing work at the Clontz Park Boat Ramp. We have some additional rehab sewer work from Tri-State Utilities Co. for \$19,358.75. We have two invoices from Lewis Construction of Virginia. One was to install a twelve inch valve at the Reverse Osmosis Plant for \$11,190.00 and to install a twelve inch valve at Holt Street and Wilson Road for \$20,326.00. We are recommending approval of these invoices this evening. Item C5 is a line of credit with Towne Bank which is a request to renew. It is our annual line of credit that we have with the bank. We have pulled item C6

for further discussion. Item C7 is a request to execute a contract for financial advisory services with Davenport and Company for the Town of Smithfield. Thank you.

Mayor Williams – Next, we will move to our Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman, Mr. Wayne Hall.

Councilman Hall – Parks and Recreation Committee Summary. Item C8 is a request to amend the fee structure for the Joseph W. Luter Jr. Sports Complex. The request includes lowering the rental fee for the baseball/softball fields from \$300.00 per day to \$150.00 per day. The hourly rates for the use of the baseball/softball and multi-purpose field have also been eliminated. Amending the fee structure should help to increase the use of the fields and to bring in additional revenue.

Mayor Williams – Thank you Mr. Hall. We will now move to our Public Works Committee Chair, Ms. Beth Haywood.

Councilwoman Haywood – Public Works Committee Summary. Tonight, we have a request to execute a contract for street maintenance work. Staff is recommending that we go with Blair Brothers, Inc. for an additional year based on their expertise, experience, qualified staff, and their ability to complete work in a timely manner. Staff recommends that we renew our contract with them for one more year with an option to renew for an additional four years after that.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to our Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Chair, Mrs. Valerie Butler.

Councilwoman Butler – Public Buildings and Welfare Committee Summary. Thank you, Mayor Williams. Item C10 is a request to renew the demolition services contract. We have a recommendation from the Town Manager and staff to renew our contract with Waco, Inc. for our demolition services. These services are primarily used for the Pinewood Heights relocation project. Item C11 is for town hall alterations. We have a request from the Town Manager and staff to proceed with this request. With the hiring of two additional employees for the next fiscal year, there are some minor renovations that will be required to make adjustments for those two new staff members. We also have a request from Isle of Wight County for the fireworks display to use Clontz Park. Item C13 is a request from the Pinewood Heights relocation project for Phase IV to accept deeds for 5 Pinewood Drive and 44 Carver Avenue. This is the last phase of this project.

Councilman Hall – I would like to make a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made to approve items C1 – C13 with the exception of C6.

C1. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Services – Request to Execute Contract.

C2. Underground Utility Services – Request to Execute Contract.

C3. FOG Program – Request to Execute Agreement.

C4. Invoices Over \$10,000.00 Requiring Council Authorization:

a. Blair Brothers, Inc.	\$ 41,360.00
b. Blair Brothers, Inc.	\$ 99,800.00
c. Tri-State Utilities Co.	\$ 44,780.00
d. IOW Christian Outreach FY 2018/2019	\$ 12,650.00
e. Docks of the Bay	\$234,965.59
f. Tri-State Utilities Co.	\$ 19,358.75
g. Lewis Construction of Virginia	\$ 11,190.00
h. Lewis Construction of Virginia	\$ 20,326.00

C5. Line of Credit with Towne Bank – Request to Renew.

C6. Pulled from Consent Agenda.

C7. Financial Advisory Services – Request to Execute Contract.

C8. Joseph W. Luter, Jr. Sports Complex – Request to Amend Fee Structure.

C9. Street Maintenance Services – Request to Execute Contract.

C10. Demolition Services – Request to Renew Contract.

C11. Town Hall Alterations – Request to Proceed.

C12. Fireworks Display – Request to Use Clontz Park.

C13. Pinewood Heights Relocation Project – Phase IV – Accept Deeds for 5
Pinewood Drive and 44 Carver Avenue.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Butler

voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to Item C6 which is Line of Credit with Farmers Bank – Request to Renew with Councilman Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – I asked that we pull this tonight so I could make it clear that I will not be voting on this. I am on an Advisory Board for Farmers Bank. I do not think it would be proper for me to vote on it. We have a line of credit with Farmers Bank and this is a request to renew this for one additional year. This was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Someone else will need to make the motion.

Councilwoman Tynes – Since Mr. Pack has an association with Farmers Bank, I would like to make the motion to approve the line of credit with Farmers Bank as presented.

Councilman Hall – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilman Pack abstained, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There was one abstention. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to the Action Section of the agenda with our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack.

Councilman Pack – We have a Motion to Adopt an Appropriation Resolution for Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 effective July 1st, 2019. We passed our budget at our continued meeting in June. This is the mechanism to fund it. I would like to make a motion that we adopt this appropriation resolution.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The next item is with our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Randy Pack with a Motion to Adopt an Ordinance to Increase the Real Estate Tax Rate.

Councilman Pack – I will defer this to our Town Attorney.

Town Attorney – I need to explain that Ms. Mulherin was correct tonight. This is a reassessment year. In a year when there is a reassessment, you have to have a separate public hearing to adopt a tax rate. We have done this in the past but it has been so long that you probably do not remember. Our Town Treasurer, Ms. Minga, will explain further.

Town Treasurer – I apologize. There was a communication error on my part. Normally, we have always done a public hearing. Usually, it is in the Fall when we get the billing file from Isle of Wight County. It shows what the revenue neutral amount would be in the tax if we would have to roll it back or leave it the same based on the new assessment. We usually do that in September or October before the tax bills go out. Also, in the Fall, we will adopt our personal property tax relief rate as well. The Town Manager, Mr. Thrower, did it a little differently in Emporia. He was handling the budget more so this year for the town. I failed to discuss that with him. Mr. Riddick and I discussed that this afternoon so we will be having a public hearing on the revenue neutral rate to be formally adopted; probably in September.

Town Attorney – So, there needs to be no action on that this evening, Mr. Mayor.

Councilman Pack – Is the next item the same?

Town Attorney – No, that was advertised at the public hearing on the budget.

Councilman Pack – Okay. We have a Motion to Adopt an Ordinance to Increase the Cigarette Tax. I do not have my notes right here on the rate.

Town Attorney – The effect is thirty-five cents to fifty cents. It is actually by the cigarette.

Councilman Pack – Is it per cigarette?

Town Attorney – Yes; per cigarette. In the ordinance it works out to fifty cents per pack versus the current thirty-five cents per pack.

Councilman Pack – I would like to make a motion that we change the ordinance to increase the cigarette tax from thirty-five cents to fifty cents per pack.

Town Attorney – Just for the record, Mr. Pack, it is .025 per cigarette which equates to fifty cents per pack.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Councilman Pack – The next item is a Motion to Adopt the Ordinance to Increase the Town's Water Rates. This will increase our water rate by 3% for services rendered within corporate limits. The bimonthly rate for water customers shall be \$11.47 plus \$6.32 per 1000 gallons for all water used during the billing period. For service rendered outside of corporate limits, the bimonthly rate shall be \$11.47 plus \$7.91 for 1000 gallons for all water used during the billing period. This ordinance shall become effective July 1st, 2019. I would like to make a motion to accept this ordinance as presented.

Councilman Hall – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Councilman Pack – The next item is a Motion to Adopt an Ordinance to Increase the Town's Sewer Rates. This is also a 3% increase. The sanitary sewer service charge within the corporate limits of the town shall be \$18.62 plus \$3.61 per 1000 gallons on a bimonthly basis. The bimonthly sanitary sewer charge outside the corporate limits shall be \$18.62 plus \$4.51 per 1000 gallons effective July 1st, 2019. I would like to make the motion that we approve this ordinance as presented.

Vice Mayor Smith – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, Councilwoman Butler

voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – The next item is a Motion to Approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 4th and June 24th, 2019.

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor and members of Council, I have reviewed the minutes and made minor revisions and corrections. I recommend the minutes for both meetings be approved as revised and corrected.

Councilman Pack – So moved.

Councilwoman Tynes – Second.

Mayor Williams – A motion has been made and properly seconded. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

On call for the vote, seven members were present. Councilwoman Haywood voted aye, Councilman Hall voted aye, Councilwoman Butler voted aye, Councilman Pack voted aye, Vice Mayor Smith voted aye, Councilwoman Tynes voted aye, and Mayor Williams voted aye. There were no votes against the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Williams – We will now move to New Business. We have the Smithfield Nike Park Trail – Segment 3 Alternatives Project – Task Order from Kimley Horn Associates.

Town Manager – Honorable Mayor and Council, I believe I sent this to you on Friday. We received a proposal from Kimley Horn to do a citizen information meeting, as you requested and directed in your last committee meeting, regarding the multi-use bike path project. We did get a proposal of not to exceed \$14,500.00 for Kimley Horn to conduct that. As you are aware, anything over \$10,000.00 requires your approval. It is on your agenda tonight to further discuss if you want to proceed with this as presented by Kimley Horn or come up with an alternative strategy to gain citizen input on the project.

Councilman Pack – I would like to say that I think Kimley Horn's \$14,500.00 assessment for a two hour meeting is absolutely ridiculous. It is out of this world. We have just paid for a study that was close but not quite that much. This is ridiculous. I think we still need to have our citizen input session as we discussed. I think staff can take the pictures we paid for and have them blown up and present the meeting without our engineers here. We can just listen to our citizens and save \$14,500.00 without

having Kimley Horn here; period. I also think we might want to consider looking for a new engineer. I think that bill is infuriating.

Mayor Williams – We have had the route studied before. I think it was about a year and a half ago. We have three alternate routes that we have looked at. We just need to get the pictures blown up and take a look at them and see which way to go. I certainly agree with that. We said, at our committee meetings, that we wanted to bring the public in like we did with the widening of South Church Street. We had eight meetings for that before we decided. I think that is a very good idea.

Councilman Pack – It is how I would like to proceed. It is a great idea; but we do not need Kimley Horn involved for that kind of money.

Councilwoman Haywood – I agree, Mayor. I think we could just make some large posters and have something simple that is much less expensive. I completely agree.

Councilman Hall – Do we have access to the information they showed us at the committee meeting?

Mayor Williams – Yes.

Councilwoman Tynes – We just need pictures. I think we could probably work with the county. I think they have the equipment where we could blow it up and make posters. We can check around with the county or the schools. Someone has equipment we can use to make large posters. When we suggested it, we just wanted to have a town hall meeting with the citizens to see how they felt about which route they want then we will know which direction to go.

Councilman Pack – If we could, I would like to be a little more specific for staff. We were given five alternatives for the route. I would like to have five pictures blown up with one route on each one. We can look at all the routes and what the basics are. I would like to have a sixth one that says we do not want a multi-use path period that shows nothing so we have a full representation of options. When the public comes out to speak, we will have an opportunity to interact with them and chat with them and go over each one. This Council has gone through this presentation enough that I think we can save the \$14,500.00 on that.

Councilwoman Haywood – Councilman Pack, can I respectfully disagree with the one that has nothing showing? I think, as a Council, we all have decided to move

forward with something. I feel that we just need to take that off the table at this point. It is not an option right now.

Councilman Pack – We have not passed anything yet, Councilwoman Haywood.

Councilwoman Haywood – We, as a Council, have all decided that within the next three years we want to move forward with this.

Councilwoman Tynes – We are asking for a town hall meeting which is for the citizens. When they come out, you will have citizens for and against it. So, you have to give them that option and then we go from there. You have to give all citizens the option to vote on something.

Councilman Pack – It is not like we vote on it that evening. If we have more against than for, as a Council, we could still choose to reconsider. It just puts all options out there and keeps it open.

Councilwoman Haywood – That is true.

Mayor Williams – We also talked about having something so that the citizens could write their comments down; instead of just telling us and us trying to remember. It can all be written down.

Councilman Hall – I think we should just use index cards.

Councilwoman Butler – I think it would be nice to have stickers so they can just put them on as opposed to index cards. They would have to write their option and what their comments are.

Mayor Williams – I do not think we need to vote on this.

Town Attorney – You do not have to take any action. You had a proposal and, apparently, that is not acceptable to anyone so you really do not need to do anything. You can direct staff to move in a different direction.

Town Manager – If that is the consensus of Council, I will work with staff and come up with a plan on that. We will come up with a date for it.

Councilman Pack – I think we had a date; didn't we?

Town Manager – I think it was for July 8th but we will not make that date.

Director of Parks and Recreation – I am willing to help John Settle come up with a way to do this. If we could add a little more time then that would be great.

Town Manager – Yes; we will need a bit more time. We could push it back another month. I will talk with staff about it tomorrow.

Mayor Williams – Is there any other new business? Hearing none, we will move to Old Business.

Town Attorney – Mr. Mayor, can I address the Pierceville issue real quick?

Mayor Williams – Yes; you can.

Town Attorney – The suggestion was that the application by Mrs. Crocker on the Pierceville matter should be acted on tonight. If you recall from last month, the town staff took full responsibility for the delay. Mr. Jones filed the application; but as you remember, Mr. Saunders left during that month. Mr. Jones was not given notice. He was the applicant. He has the opportunity and the right to be present. You all agreed. I suggested that it was not fair. I think fairness is an abiding principal we should ascribe to. We offered to do it this month; but we also recognized that this month has a holiday week and Mr. Jones is on vacation. He asked us if we could delay this until August. As we made the mistake, we did not feel like we should penalize him for our mistake. We agreed that his application should be considered at the August meeting. It is not an emergency by any means. It is his application. It is not anyone else's application. No one else has the right to bring it forward; only he does. He can withdraw it if he wants to. He has the right to be here. For those reasons, I do not think you should take it up tonight. It is not fair. I know Mr. Diamonstein. He is a very fine lawyer. He is a gentleman. It is clear to me that he does not have all the information and the facts. I will call Mr. Diamonstein and we will discuss the matter. On the side note, there was an editorial this week alleging that we were attempting to gut the historic preservation ordinances. Mr. Settle got a phone call from Mark Wagner with the Department of Historic Resources. He was referred to me. He called and we had a long conversation about this. I explained everything to him. He said that he understood exactly what was going on. He said the version he got was not anything like what I had told him. I explained that we are not trying to gut our ordinance at all. We are just trying to bring it into a state where it is clearly enforceable without the problems that have been identified. I told him that we would welcome the cooperation and assistance from DHR. He said that he would have a lady who is responsible for that kind of thing to contact me and help me work through what I perceive to be problems with our ordinance. Contrary to stated beliefs, there is no effort by the Town of Smithfield to gut its historic preservation ordinances. That is ridiculous and is not what is going on at all. The issue

with Pierceville is much more complicated than that. It is not quite as simple as everyone seems to think it is. Once again, as I stated last month, there is a tremendous difference between Pierceville which is privately owned and Windsor Castle which is owned by the Town of Smithfield. There are different things that apply. We will have many more conversations about this. With respect to taking action on Pierceville tonight on Mrs. Crocker's application, I do not think that is wise at all. It is not fair. Mr. Jones is not here and he told us he could not be here. It is not a public hearing but it is an agenda item. You have control over your agenda. There is no need for you to consider something when the man is not here to represent his client.

Mayor Williams – Does anyone have any questions?

Councilwoman Tynes – I want to ask Mr. Riddick a question. I was listening to the gentlemen who spoke tonight about the RV's they have at their homes. They received letters from the town. They are sent out by staff and we are not always aware of them. I am saying that because they got the letters because they were violating the ordinance. Isn't this the same thing as Pierceville? I understand it is private. Of course, Windsor Castle will not be allowed to violate the ordinance. We are going to keep the property up. The Pierceville property has been going on for years. Anyone else with property like that in town would have received letters by now. Letters have gone out to fix up other property. I am thinking now that we, as a Council, need to go forward and do something. We just cannot keep waiting on people to come to a meeting. Last month, I understand that they did not get notice. If our Town Attorney is out on vacation, we are still having our Town Council meeting. He could have someone come on his behalf. When you are out on vacation, someone is here on your behalf. You have had Mr. Barlow here in your place before. I think, as a Council, we can go forward and take an action if we like on that property. We do not need legal representation from the other side. I do not really think so because they already told us their side. We know that.

Town Attorney – That is not true at all Mrs. Tynes. There is a factual question to be determined as to whether or not they are even in compliance. You have got about five different issues that you just kind of stated and they are all somewhat interconnected but they are not. First of all, the RV thing does not have anything to do with Pierceville.

Councilwoman Tynes – I know that. It was just an example.

Town Attorney – That is a zoning violation. It is for our town enforcement people to deal with. It is a staff thing. Sometimes they can work things out. There are ways for people to be in compliance in that regard. Our staff tries to work with people to make them understand that. So that is completely separate. On tonight's issue, there is a factual issue to be determined with respect to Mrs. Crocker's application to tear down her house by right. The question is has she done all the things that the law requires her to do. There is some question as to whether she did it or not. The burden is on them to show that they did. It is only fair for the applicant to be present to say what they have done and why they should be permitted to tear the house down. If they prove that they have done them then you might take one action. If they cannot prove that then you might take another. To act without them being present is grossly unfair. If you take action, they will appeal it to the Circuit Court and they should. It is not how you treat people. I do not want to ascribe to acting with respect to people's property rights without them being present and being allowed to defend themselves and to put their best foot forward. That is the way it works. It is what we told him we were going to do. You can take whatever action you want to. I am just telling you that it is not fair. If you want to vote then that is fine but I am telling you it is not fair. I would resent the hell out of it if somebody treated me that way. It is a completely different issue than it is on the issue of tearing it down. The other issue which is more complicated than all of this is whether or not the town has the authority to make people fix up their homes. For years, we have taken up the position that we do have that authority because our ordinance says that we do. With respect to Pierceville, the BHAR said to fix up that house. They appealed that decision to the Town Council. You affirmed that and agreed that they had to do that. They took us to Circuit Court. Our attorney who represented us, Mr. Conrad, said that based on the current evolution of the law.....and I have never said that Judge Godwin's opinion has been overturned....that is factually incorrect. I have never said that. I have said that the law has evolved and based on the interpretation of the law with respect to this maintenance provision and the Dillion Rule which is very complicated and a hard thing to understand. Based on that, our attorney believes and recommends to us that we have less than a 50% chance that we would prevail in that kind of litigation. He recommended that we take the action that we are taking and that we seek to adopt different ordinances that would allow us to require maintenance of people's properties

but to do it through a different mechanism; to do it through a building code versus the historic preservation ordinance. It is much more enforceable and substantiated by law than what we are trying to do with our historic preservation ordinance. We are not trying to gut the ordinance. We are trying to find a way to make it stronger and to do it in a way that is legally defensible. Mr. Diamonstein is a lawyer too and lawyers have opinions. In every case I have ever been in, there are two opinions on each side. Everybody has their opinion about how they see things. I am just telling you that Mr. Diamonstein does not understand the facts. I will be happy to discuss it with him. My conversation with the gentleman from DHR was very interesting. The version that he told me is not the version that is reality. He got a version from someone else that was not correct. I am confident that when the DHR and Mr. Diamonstein know what the facts are then they will come to the same conclusion that I have come to and our attorney in Richmond who represents us. There is a different way to skin the cat without sacrificing the things that are important to the town which is the integrity of the historic preservation district. So, if you want to vote on Mr. Jones application for Mrs. Crocker tonight then you can. I just think it is wrong and you should not do it.

Councilwoman Tynes – So, we have a conflict and we need a solution. This conflict has been here for years. We need to hurry up and get a solution. Whether we do it tonight or next month, I am sure that it will come back again and I probably will not be on this Council. It has been going on for years. We can procrastinate. It will just come back. Just like the old saying, if you have a sore it will fester and the longer it festers it will smell.

Town Attorney – Mrs. Tynes, nobody is procrastinating.

Councilwoman Tynes – I am not saying we are procrastinating. The process itself is procrastination. It has just been going on too long. We need step up as the governing body and work with the property owner and their legal advisor and get it resolved. It is just going on too long.

Town Attorney – Mrs. Tynes, if we could solve it we would have done it a long time ago. It is an adversarial situation. They are asking to do something that the Town Council has not wanted them to do. It is not a situation of resolving it with the property owner because we have not been able to do that.

Councilwoman Tynes – It is going to continue because no one is going to agree. They are going to continue to disagree and we are going to continue to give them time. When the time runs out, they are going to come up with something else.

Town Attorney – No. It is until the August Town Council meeting. I assume you will take action if you choose to. You will have the opportunity to vote yes or no to let them tear the house down or not. It is coming up next month. It is not on tonight's meeting because we deferred to Mr. Jones request to not do it tonight which was entirely reasonable given the fact that he was not given notice to be here in May.

Mayor Williams – We can put it off until August.

Town Attorney – It is not on tonight's agenda.

Councilwoman Tynes – I am just one individual. My whole concern is that it has just been going on too long. I am ready for a solution.

Mayor Williams – Denise, part of that is what they have been doing to us. They took us to court and sued us for \$10,000,000.00 which has taken a year plus four months to resolve. The BHAR and this Council has voted against them in every single aspect and then they come back with something else. It takes time. It is a sticky wicky if you will. It is a hard thing to get through. Nobody would like to see it saved more than I would. We had a man that was going to do it and spend over a million dollars to restore that home and open it to the public and that fell through. It was the last offer that I have heard anything about for them to be able to have someone come forward and do it. Is there any other old business? Is there anything else to come before Council? Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming out tonight. We stand adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Mr. T. Carter Williams
Mayor



Mrs. Lesley King
Town Clerk