

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Montross Town Council was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 15869 Kings Highway, Montross, VA.

Council Members Present: Terry A. Cosgrove, Clinton A. Watson, Jr., Carolyn K. Carlson, Bobby D. Greene, Robert L. Barker, Kathryn S. Wittman

Council Members Absent: Joseph P. King

Town Manager: Patricia K. Lewis

Water Works Operator:

### REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cosgrove called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

### APPROVAL PRIOR MINUTES

Mayor Cosgrove asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 25, 2022, regular meeting. Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Watson, made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2022, meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

### APPROVAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Cosgrove asked if there were any additions or corrections to the financial reports for January 31, 2022. Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Mrs. Wittman, made a motion to approve the January 31, 2022, financial reports. The motion unanimously carried.

### REPORTS

#### TOWN MANAGER

Mrs. Lewis stated that year ago, Council presented Doug Norris with a resolution commending him for the 16 years working for the town as the water operator. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 12. His memorial service is scheduled on his birthday, which is March 2 at Carmel United Methodist Church. Visitation from 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. She stated he was a great guy that could make the saddest person laugh. She said she would always remember him for his love of music and books. She asked that everyone please keep his wife, Margaret, in their prayers.

Mrs. Lewis stated there were two water breaks at the end of last month. One on Polk Street near the Inn at Montross and the other in front of Blue Ridge Bank. The crew that worked on them got water back on in a timely fashion, considering how cold it was and how bad the breaks were.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lewis stated that she heard back from Virginia Rural Water. The water inspector for Southern Corrosion said that the rust occurring on the tank is something that should be addressed within the next 1 to 2 years. If the rust is not addressed, it is possible that in 5 years or so, the tank may need to be completely stripped and painted. This would result in a significant cost increase for the maintenance. Mrs. Lewis stated she reached out to Tom Delbridge at Southern Corrosion. He sent an inspector out on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> to look at the tank. It appears that the exterior will need to be pressure washed, spot tooled, cleaned, and primed. They recommend to coats of Alkyd aluminum. Mrs. Lewis stated spoke to Charlie Riedlinger with Resource International. He recommended waiting about 6 months. Hopefully, we will have heard from the Virginia Department of Health by then regarding the grant and include the cost to paint the tank in with that.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council had been provided with the information on the July 1, 2022 renewal with Local Choice for health insurance. Mrs. Lewis reported that there will be an 8.5% increase in health insurance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Mrs. Wittman, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, made a motion to enroll in the Key Advantage Expanded with Comprehensive Dental plan. Mayor Cosgrove asked for a roll call vote: Mr. Greene, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mrs. Wittman, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mrs. Carlson, aye. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Lewis reported that the trash removal contract ends June 30, 2022. It was extended two years ago. She said she spoke to Mrs. Doggett and she indicated that her prices will not change for the next two years. Mrs. Lewis stated that she did tell Mrs. Doggett that another company came by the office and is interested in bidding on the trash service. Mr. Barker, seconded by Mr. Watson, made a motion to put the contract for trash services out for bid. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that the town received \$25,000 back from the county for the Blue & Gray economic development project. Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Mrs. Wittman, made a motion to deposit the \$25,000 from the county to the economic development encumbrance fund. Mayor Cosgrove asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Greene, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mrs. Wittman, aye; Mr. Watson, aye; Mrs. Carlson, aye. The motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Cosgrove stated that Branch Builds, on behalf of the Westmoreland County School Board, has applied for a variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals for signage. The school board is requesting that the \$500 application fee be waived, along with additional application fees. The school board will pay reimburse the town for the cost of advertising the public hearing and postage. Mrs. Wittman, seconded by Mr. Barker, made a motion to waive the application fee and any additional application fees as it relates to the new school. Mayor Cosgrove asked for a roll call vote: Mr. Watson, aye; Mrs. Carlson, aye; Mr. Greene, aye; Mr. Barker, aye; Mrs. Wittman, aye. The motion unanimously carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

## COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Barker stated he thought it would be a good idea to put a town sign at the east end of town. Mrs. Lewis stated that there is one near Atlantic Union Bank but sits off the road just a little.

Mr. Greene asked if the town charged the fire department for water. Mrs. Lewis replied that they do not get charged for water.

Mayor Cosgrove asked if the county is moving ahead with putting their well in. Mrs. Lewis stated that the county received a grant to cover a portion of the cost of the well and may be starting sometime this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Patricia K. Lewis  
Town Manager

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Terry A. Cosgrove  
Mayor