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2 **Minutes of the Town Council Meeting**  
3 **Monday, May 16, 2011**  
4 **7:30 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, May 16, 2011 with the following members  
8 present: Larry Smith, Mayor, John Blosser, Vice Mayor, Douglas Bradley, Troy Fadeley,  
9 Gary Comer, Harry Durrett, and Eddie Litten.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
12 Town Manager – Evan Vass  
13 Town Clerk – Jeanne K. Rinker  
14 Visitors and Press – See attached sheet  
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16 Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and established a quorum. The Pledge  
17 of Allegiance was recited in unison.  
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19 **Approval of the Agenda**  
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21 **Mr. Comer made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was**  
22 **seconded by Mr. Fadeley and carried unanimously on a voice vote.**  
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24 **Consent Agenda**  
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26 Mayor Smith presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the  
27 April 18, 2011 Council Meeting and the Financial Statements for April 2011. **Mr.**  
28 **Blosser made a motion to amend the minutes to include the name of Doug Bradley**  
29 **in the list of members present, to correct the spelling of the name of Evan Vass, and**  
30 **to approve the consent agenda as amended. Mr. Comer seconded the motion which**  
31 **carried unanimously on a voice vote.**  
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33 **Public Hearing**  
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35 Mayor Smith opened the public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of  
36 \$600,000 in general obligation indebtedness by the Town of New Market for short term  
37 financing of streetscape construction activity along portions of Congress Street. Mr. Vass  
38 added that this would give the Town a line of credit and the ability to pay the contractor  
39 for streetscape activities in a timely manner. Reimbursement would then come through  
40 the Tea-21 grant program which has been approved.  
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42 Councilman Doug Bradley commended the town attorney, Mr. Ham and also Mr.  
43 Vass for the fine job they did in putting the document together. There were no other  
44 public comments so Mayor Smith closed the public hearing.  
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46 **Citizen Comments and Petitions**

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There were no citizen comments nor petitions.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance and Personnel:** Mr. Fadeley reported that the Finance and Personnel Committee met on May 2, 2011 with all members present. There was no new business on the agenda. Mr. Vass gave updates on the 3 year contract with Long Enterprises for trash removal and the upcoming public hearing on short term financing for streetscape activities. The meeting was then adjourned.

**Public Works:** Mr. Blosser reported that the Public Works Committee met on Monday, May 2, 2011 with all members present. The first agenda item was discussion and consideration of a comprehensive update to the Town’s Sewer Ordinance. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Ordinance to full Council. Mr. Vass gave an update on the Shady Lane project, stating that a complete set of plans and drawings have been submitted to VDOT. Mr. Ritchie reported on the projects that have recently been completed and those coming up in the months ahead. There was no further business to consider so the meeting was adjourned.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Comer reported that the Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 2, 2011 with a quorum present. There was no new business on the agenda and no other business to consider. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Tourism, Economic Development and Historic Preservation Committee:** Mr. Durrett reported that the Committee met on Monday, May 2, 2011 with one member absent. Mr. Litten presided over the meeting. The first agenda item was an update on the Streetscape Phase I construction. Mr. Vass reported that on May 10<sup>th</sup> a public information session was held involving the contractor, business owners and residents in the two block project area. Construction will begin around May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Vass also announced that the Town has been tentatively approved for additional funds for Phase 2 of the Streetscape project which will cover one additional block both north and south.

Mrs. Betty Karol Wilson, director of the Masterworks Chorus of the Shenandoah Valley, gave a presentation on the role of the Arts in New Market. She outlined some of the activities taking place in town. The Schultz Theatre, Masterworks Chorus and the Shenandoah Valley Academy all have programs throughout the year. Mr. Vass confirmed that the Town of New Market has applied for a grant from the Virginia Commission of the Arts, Local Challenge Grant Program. With no further business to consider the meeting was adjourned.

Following Mr. Durrett’s report of the May Committee meeting he gave an update on the activities planned for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Items**

93 The first action item was discussion and consideration of a resolution endorsing  
94 the issuance of up to \$600,000 in general obligation indebtedness. **Mr. Comer made a**  
95 **motion to approve the resolution (#208). Mr. Fadeley seconded the motion which**  
96 **carried on the following roll call vote: ayes (6) nays (0).**  
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98 The next action item was discussion and consideration of adopting an ordinance  
99 for the fiscal year 2012 annual budget. **Mr. Bradley made a motion to adopt the**  
100 **ordinance (#74). The motion was seconded by Mr. Fadeley and passed on the**  
101 **following roll call vote: ayes (6) nays (0).**  
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103 The final action item on the agenda was discussion and consideration of adopting  
104 an ordinance revising the comprehensive sewer regulations. The ordinance conforms to  
105 the contractual agreement between the Town of Broadway and New Market regarding the  
106 treatment of wastewater at the Broadway regional treatment facility. **Mr. Litten moved**  
107 **to adopt the ordinance (#75). Mr. Durrett seconded the motion which carried on the**  
108 **following roll call vote: ayes (6) nays (0).**  
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#### 110 **Mayor's Comments**

  
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112 Mayor Smith commended Town staff and the streetscape contractor for the  
113 meeting held for property owners, businesses and residents located in the construction  
114 area. He stated that the atmosphere of the meeting was very positive and everyone was  
115 looking forward to getting the project started.  
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117 Mayor Smith commented on the flowers in front of the Municipal Building which  
118 were planted by the FFA organization of Stonewall Jackson High School. Also  
119 mentioned was the fact that BB&T Bank is responsible for some new greenery at the  
120 Community Park around the gazebo. Mr. Smith stated that these enhancements are much  
121 appreciated.  
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#### 123 **Council Comments**

  
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125 Mr. Litten expressed his appreciation for Mr. Durrett's efforts and others  
126 responsible for planning the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.  
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128 Mr. Bradley asked if any of the streetscape funds provided by the grant allowed  
129 for the upgrading of any of the buildings, such as painting and general facade  
130 improvement. Mr. Vass responded that the grant prohibits work on private property.  
131 Therefore the funds could not be used for improvements to the buildings. However there  
132 is a small amount of money set aside in the fiscal year 2012 budget for the enhancement  
133 of the exterior of buildings in the historic overlay district. This grant is funded  
134 exclusively by the Town.  
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#### 136 **Staff Comments**

  
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138 Mr. Vass also commented on the success of the meeting for area residents and  
139 business owners in the project area for the Streetscape Project. He added that there were  
140 14 members in attendance. He stated that the project will officially begin May 17<sup>th</sup> with  
141 the mobilization of equipment. Actual demolition and construction activity is scheduled  
142 to begin May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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144 Mr. Vass also stated that the subcontractor who is going to be moving the  
145 generator from the current wastewater treatment plant facility to Campbell pump station  
146 would be doing that work on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The pump station project was declared  
147 substantially complete effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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149 **Closed Session**

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151 There were no closed sessions.

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154 **Adjournment**

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156 Following a motion by Mr. Comer and a second by Mr. Bradley, Mayor Smith  
157 adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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Jeanne K. Rinker, Town Clerk

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