

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, September 18, 2023**
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, September 18, 2023 with the following
8 members present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Bob King, and
9 Peter Hughes, Scott Wymer, and Janice Hannah. Daryl Watkins was absent.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham
12 Town Manager-Nathan Garrison
13 Town Treasurer – Teresa Green
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15 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a
16 quorum with 6 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
17 Mayor Bompiani welcomed all visitors and guests.
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**
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21 **Mr. Hughes moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. King seconded**
22 **the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0**
23 **vote.**
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25 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
26 Mr. Watkins	Absent	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
27 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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30 **Consent Agenda:**
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32 **Mr. King moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes**
33 **from the August 17th, 2023 Closed Work Session of the New Market Town Council,**
34 **minutes from the August 21st, 2023 meeting of the New Market Town Council,**
35 **minutes from the August 31st, 2023 Special Called meeting of the New Market Town**
36 **Council and the financial statements for August 2023. Mr. Hughes seconded the**
37 **motion, with no further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.**
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39 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
40 Mr. Watkins	Absent	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
41 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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50 **Public Hearing:**

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52 The New Market Treasurer, Mrs. Green, presented financial information for a
53 proposed equipment lease financing. The Town would like to pursue financing for public
54 purchases to include various vehicles and equipment. The proposed financing would be
55 for box sweeper, brush hog mower, 4 wheel drive pickup, enclosed utility trailer, Ford
56 F150 pickup, street sweeper, sewer jet, line locator, sewer camera, tandem dump truck
57 and utility car. The Town has been working with VML-VACO to help with financing.
58 After a selective & competitive RFP process the lender chosen was a home trust bank.
59 The terms is 10 years, with 20 semiannual payments of \$31371.02. First payment to be
60 on March 9th, 2024, and final payment will be on September 9th, 2033. The total amount
61 financed \$505,000, with total interest \$122,420.

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63 Mayor Bompiani opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m., and encouraged citizens to ask
64 questions. With no questions or comments, Mayor Bompiani closed the Public Hearing at
65 6:37 p.m.

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67 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

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70 **Committee Reports:**

71 Stephanie Seekford presented for the New Market Fire & Rescue Department. Mrs.
72 Seekford reported the number of calls that were answered for the last month. She
73 reported the volunteers did stand-by service at the Shenandoah County Fair during the
74 events such as the tractor pull. The department has several volunteers in the EVOC
75 (Emergency Vehicle Operations) class to be certified to drive the apparatus. Mr. King
76 inquired about a house fire and what level of assistance the volunteers were able to
77 provide. Mrs. Seekford reported that they were up there for several hours. The
78 membership is continuing to grow, and more are in training.

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80 **Staff Reports:**

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82 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. D. Fadley**

83 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
84 his department had worked over the past month. The Public Works Department repaired a
85 1” service lateral at 293 Shenvalee Drive, capped water and sewer service at 9594 John
86 Sevier Road, 6” water main repair by George R Collins Drive, and replaced a fire hydrant
87 and 6” valve behind the Memcore plant. They also replaced a 2” lateral across East Old
88 Cross Roads. They repaired a few sewer main blockage issues. They have been working
89 on closing the pool for the winter and Rebel Park. They continue to complete their
90 monthly maintenance routines. The Water Department completed hydrant maintenance
91 and flushing. They conducted the lead and copper testing and started prep work for filter
92 replacement for Filter #1. They repaired the generator at Well #6, and replaced the level
93 airline as well. They were successful in repairing the main control PLC at the Water
94 Plant. Mr. Fadley reported that the foundation work has started for the new maintenance
95 shop. Mr. Hughes inquired about our water levels, since there is a drought. Mr. Fadley
96 stated that they are checking it daily, and we are doing good on our water supply. Mayor
97 Bompiani thanked Mr. Fadley and the Public Works crew for their hard work. A copy of
98 Mr. Fadley’s report is on file with the minutes.

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2. Planning Department Monthly Report – J. Todd Walters

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Mr. Walters reported that he approved three permits, two sign permits, and a foundation replacement.

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3. Public Safety Monthly Report – Chief Chris Rinker

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Chief Rinker gave a power point presentation highlighting the statistics for the month of August 2023. Chief Rinker reported that the total calls for service for the month was 379 and for the year is 3021, and community policing efforts to include 160 extra patrols, foot patrols and Facility K9. Chief Rinker reported some notable events such as the National Night Out. He praised Officer Toman for organizing this event. Sergeant Smoot and Officer Foss attended duty to intervene training at the Regional Police Academy. Sergeant Smoot, Officer Foss, and Officer Eastep attended and successfully completed intox re-cert training at the Northern Virginia Lab. Benelli met with the kindergarten students at Honey Run Elementary. Chief Rinker presented a detailed list of calls for service. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the minutes.

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4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Mrs. Amber Smoot

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Ms. Savannah Frazier gave a power point presentation that highlighted the events that happened over the past month. She reported that the Puppy Pool Party was a success, and raised \$56.00, along with food and toys for the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter. The Cross Roads Music Fest was well attended, given the fact that there was a lot of other events competing with us. Ms. Frazier highlighted upcoming events. A copy of Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file.

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Action Items:

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The first action item was a discussion and consideration of Resolution #252 a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Market, Virginia approving the financing of Equipment and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents Prepared in Connection Therewith. Mr. Walters started the conversation about Resolution #252 and noted that Mrs. Green gave the presentation in reference to this. Discussion about the cost of the items, and Mr. Walter’s reassured Council that Mr. Fadley is doing his due diligence in find the best price for a quality product.

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Mrs. Harkness made a motion to accept Resolution #252, as presented in the packet. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, with no further discussion the motion passed on the following 6-0 roll call vote:

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Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
Mr. Watkins	Absent	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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Mayor’s Comments:

148 Mayor Bompiani read the Constitution Week Proclamation commemorating the signing
149 of the United States on September 17th, 1787.

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151 **Council Comments:**

152 Mrs. Harkness thanked Mr. Walters for his graciousness to help us when we needed an
153 Interim Town Manager.

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155 **Staff Comments:**

156 Mr. Walters discussed his appreciation of his time here in New Market and the
157 accomplishments. He congratulated Mr. Garrison on his appointment of Town Manager.

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160 **Closed Session:**

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162 **At 6:58 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in order**
163 **to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision**
164 **of legal advice by our attorney as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state**
165 **code. The subject matter of the meeting is to discuss the Voluntary Settlement**
166 **Agreement matters regarding annexation. Mrs. Hannah seconded the motion which**
167 **passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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170 **At 8:50 p.m., Mrs. Hannah made a motion to return from Closed Session and read**
171 **aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded**
172 **closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business**
173 **matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia**
174 **Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were**
175 **identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard,**
176 **discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Hughes seconded**
177 **the motion which carried on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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179 **Adjournment:**

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181 **With no further business to discuss, at 9:21 p.m. Mrs. Hannah made a**
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183 **discussion the motion passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**

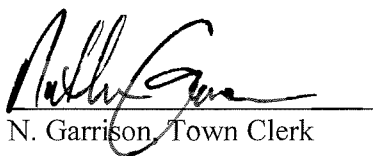
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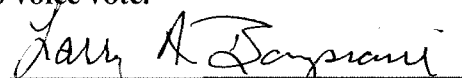
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N. Garrison, Town Clerk


Larry Bompiani, Mayor