

1 **Minutes of the New Market**
2 **Town Council Meeting**
3 **Monday, October 16, 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, October 16, 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. Wymer**
22 **seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with a**
23 **unanimous 5-0 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 September 18th, 2023 meeting of the New Market Town Council/Public**
34 **Hearing/Closed Session and the Financial Statements for September 2023. Mrs.**
35 **Hannah seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the motion carried with a**
36 **unanimous vote of 5-0.**

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38 **Mrs. Hannah** **Aye** **Mr. King** **Aye**
39 **Mr. Watkins** **Absent** **Mrs. Harkness** **Aye**
40 **Mr. Hughes** **Aye** **Mr. Wymer** **Aye**
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45 **Public Hearing: None**

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47 **Citizen Comments and Petitions: None**
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50 **Committee Reports:**

51 Mr. Jeff Mongold, representative of the New Market Fire and Rescue Volunteer
52 Department, gave a report and power point presentation on the monthly call volume,
53 recruitment and retention, training, and community engagements. Mr. Mongold gave an
54 overview of equipment costs ranging from vehicles, fire suppression equipment and
55 accessories, fire equipment gear and other costs that incur. Mr. Mongold discussed the
56 comprehensive planning for the next 25 years and the expenditures for equipment that
57 will need to be replaced. Mr. Mongold reiterated that the volunteers help to raise funds to
58 purchase equipment, and are looking for other avenues such as grants to help supplement.
59 Mr. Mongold talked about the challenges of replacing equipment. Mrs. Hannah inquired
60 about Shenandoah County's financial contribution for the past five years. Mr. Mongold
61 did not have an exact amount, but did list that they do pay for the diesel, career staff, and
62 insurance. Mr. Mongold will research this more and report back to council.

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64 **Staff Reports:**

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

67 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
68 his department had worked over the past month. The Public Works Department repaired a
69 6" water main at 141 W. Lee Highway, a 2" water main repair 215 East Old Cross Road.
70 There were no sewer system repairs to report. The Public Works staff have worked on
71 trimming trees, removal of trees at maintenance shop to make room for the new facility,
72 helping with events, prepared all vehicles for snow season, and helped with events at the
73 Community Center. Staff have started putting up lights in the park, and continued
74 maintenance of all community park shelters, bathrooms and landscape. The Water
75 Department staff replaced 48 filters, and rebuilt 96 isolation valves and replaced 1056 O-
76 rings in CMF #1. This work saved approximately \$19,000 by doing the work in house.
77 Water Department staff replaced two pressure transducers at the water plant and
78 completed EDMR reporting system and lean and copper notifications. They worked on
79 fire hydrant painting. A copy of Mr. Fadley's report is on file with the minutes.

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81 **2. Planning Department Monthly Report – Nathan Garrison**

82 Mr. Garrison reported a permit approved at 154 Confederate St. for a roof porch.
83 The Planning Commission met and there will be a joint public hearing scheduled for
84 November 6th to take public comment on a potential text amendment to reduce accessory
85 building setbacks from ten feet to five feet.

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

88 Chief Rinker gave a power point presentation highlighting the statistics for the
89 month of September 2023. Chief Rinker reported that the total calls for service for the
90 month was 385 and for the year is 3407, and community policing efforts to include 151
91 extra patrols, 14 foot patrols and 1 Facility K9. Chief Rinker reported some notable
92 events such as Chief Rinker being selected as an executive board member of the Virginia
93 CIT Coalition. Chief Rinker attended the regional academy executive retreat. The police
94 department provided police presence during Cross Roads Music Fest. Officer Collins and
95 Officer Eastep attended Duty to Intervene training, and Sgt. Smoot attended the Virginia
96 Crime Clinic Association Conference in Virginia Beach. Benelli attended the
97 Shenandoah Memorial Pediatric. Chief Rinker acknowledge Sgt. Smoot's Silver medal of

98 Valor at the Valor Public Safety Awards for his superb command presence and leadership
99 during an intense call. A copy of Chief Rinker's report is on file with the minutes.

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4. Events & Marketing Monthly Report – Ms. Savannah Frazier

102 Ms. Savannah Frazier gave a power point presentation that highlighted the events
103 that happened over the past month. She reported that the Fall Festival event, the
104 Downtown Music & Shopping event, and the last Movie Night in the Park were cancelled
105 due to rain, but the Cross Roads Music Fest had a great turn out with good weather. Ms.
106 Frazier discussed the upcoming events for October and the planning of events for later on
107 in the year. Mayor Bompiani asked about the interest of the Christmas parade, and Ms.
108 Frazier reported that they have started reaching out and there the interest is there. A copy
109 of Ms. Frazier'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 #253 a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of New Market, Virginia to adopt the 2023 Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Garrison informed council that this plan comes up every five years which is a jurisdictional requirement from FEMA at the regional level. It identifies natural hazards and risks the region may have and gives strategies and action items that can be implemented. By approving this plan, it allows the Town of New Market to apply for disaster recovery funds, instead of waiting for Shenandoah County to apply on our behalf. This has been approved in the past. The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission will be working with all jurisdictions in the region to have this adopted. Mr. Hughes requested that the next time this is revised for the council to have more details during this process. Mr. Garrison explained that this plan is a recommendation for all of the jurisdictions and is not a town specific plan. Mr. Ham, the Town attorney, stated that Shenandoah County approved this document and it is a good plan to implement to allow for disaster recovery funds if needed.

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Mrs. Harkness made a motion to accept Resolution #253, as presented in the packet. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion, with no further discussion the motion passed on the following 5-0 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: none

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147 **Council Comments: none**

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149 **Staff Comments:**

150 Mrs. Smoot informed council of the Eagle Scout project that would be installed on
151 Sunday, October 22nd at 5pm. This is a little free library, and encouraged council
152 members to attend if they were available.

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154 Mr. Garrison reported that the office is back up to full staff. Mrs. Smoot attended a
155 clerk's conference which was beneficial. Mr. Garrison thanked the staff for their warm
156 welcome, and making his first month easy.

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158 Chief Rinker thanked Mr. Garrison for his leadership within his first month.

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161 **Closed Session:**

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163 **At 7:18 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to enter into a Closed Session in order**
164 **to consult with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision**
165 **of legal advice by our attorney as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the state**
166 **code. The subject matter of the meeting is to discuss the New Market Town Charter**
167 **and Voluntary Settlement Agreement matters regarding annexation. Mrs. Hannah**
168 **seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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170 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
171 Mr. Watkins	Absent	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
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176 **At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Hughes made a motion to return from Closed Session and read**
177 **aloud the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded**
178 **closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business**
179 **matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under The Virginia**
180 **Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were**
181 **identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard,**
182 **discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. King seconded**
183 **the motion which carried on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:**

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185 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
186 Mr. Watkins	Absent	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
187 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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190 **Adjournment:**

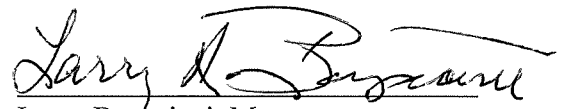
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192 **With no further business to discuss, at 8:42 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion**
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194 **discussion the motion passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**

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N. Garrison, Town Clerk


Larry Bompiani, Mayor