

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

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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 7 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. Watkins moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Wymer seconded the
22 motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous 6-0 vote.
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24 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
25 Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
26 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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29 **Consent Agenda:**

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31 Mr. Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the minutes
32 from the November 20th, 2023 meeting of the New Market Town Council, December 4th,
33 2023 Joint Public Hearing of the New Market Town Council and the New Market
34 Planning Commission, along with the November 2023 Financial statement. Mr. Wymer
35 seconded the motion, with no further discussion, the motion carried with a unanimous
36 vote of 6-0.
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38 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
39 Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
40 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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45 **Public Hearing: none**
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50 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

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. He stated that the
54 membership was at 30 volunteers. He explained that they have honorary members with
55 the Luray Fire Department. He explained that they help with fundraiser by running the
56 kitchen, and in turn they borrow tables and chairs for their events. They are continuing to
57 increase their volunteer base, and increase education of members, and their certifications.
58 Mr. Mongold shared photos of events that the members attended. Mrs. Harkness asked if
59 the 30 volunteer base number included the honorary members. He reported that it did not.
60 Mr. King inquired about volunteers standing by, and what that means. Mr. Mongold
61 explained that if volunteers are not on standby, they will have to come from home or the
62 call has to be answered by another entity that is farther. Mr. Mongold's PowerPoint
63 presentation is on file with the minutes.

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65 **Committee Reports:**

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67 **Staff Reports:**

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

70 Mr. Fadley gave a power point presentation summarizing the projects on which
71 his department had worked over the past month. The Public Works Department repaired a
72 water main leak on Bindary Road, and on Shipp Street. They replaced a later from
73 property line to the sewer main at 9298 N. Congress Street. There was a sewer main
74 blockage at S. Congress Street and Stonewall Street that they fixed. The men's bathroom
75 at the New Market Community Center was upgraded with new paint, and old fixtures
76 removed. They hung up winter banners and continued their regular monthly maintenance
77 of the park restrooms and shelters, along with street and sidewalk maintenance. The
78 Water Department replaced chlorine injector at the water plant, and worked on VDH
79 Lead Service Line Program. They removed blockage in the pump at Stirewalt Pump
80 station, replaced three air valves CMF#1 at the water, pit-less adapter O Rings at SVA
81 well, and started working on CMF processor replacement. Mr. King asked about the new
82 maintenance building progress, and Mr. Fadley reported that the concrete walls were up
83 and the steel will be here before Christmas. A copy of Mr. Fadley's report is on file with
84 the minutes.

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

87 Mr. Garrison reported that the Village at Smith Creek development have
88 submitted for re-approval for DEQ and VDOT permits for the subdivision. For the
89 Community Center and DHCD Planning Grant, he reported that interviews for firms for
90 the planning and feasibility study will begin.

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

93 Chief Rinker gave a power point presentation highlighting the statistics for the
94 month of November 2023. Chief Rinker reported that the total calls for service for the
95 month was 294 and for the year is 4148, and community policing efforts to include 143
96 extra patrols, 9 foot patrols and 1 Facility K9. Chief Rinker reported some notable events.
97 Chief Rinker provided a presentation during the Northwest CIT Training. Benelli visited

98 Honey Run Elementary school. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is on file with the
99 minutes.

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

103 Ms. Savannah Frazier gave a power point presentation that highlighted the events
104 that happened over the past month. She reported the Tis the Season event was a success.
105 The community enjoyed the extra activities, and sales were up for the stores. The
106 attendance of the parade was good, and thanked the New Market Rotary for their
107 assistance. The 5th Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt was a success with over 300 attending.
108 She reported that the food drive with ReUnite the Light was a success. Working on
109 upcoming events for the year. A copy of Ms. Frazier’s presentation is on file.

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112 **Action Items:**

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114 Mayor Bompiani moved the meeting on to the action items, which there was only one.
115 This was the discussion and consideration of the proposed text amendment to Article V.
116 Medium Density Residential, District R-2, Section 70-35 (a3) to allow for a minimum of
117 five (5) feet side yard on each side of the lot for Courtyard homes. Mr. Garrison
118 explained there was a public hearing on this and the Planning Commission has
119 recommended the approval of this text amendment.

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121 **Mrs. Harkness made a motion to proceed with the text amendment to Article**
122 **V. Medium Density Residential, District R-2, Section 70-35 (a3) to allow for a**
123 **minimum of five feet side yard on each side of the lot for Courtyard homes.**

124 **Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, with no further discussion the motion**
125 **passed on the following 6-0 roll call vote:**

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127 Mrs. Hannah	Aye	Mr. King	Aye
128 Mr. Watkins	Aye	Mrs. Harkness	Aye
129 Mr. Hughes	Aye	Mr. Wymer	Aye

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133 **Mayor’s Comments:**

134 The Mayor thanked the staff and Mr. Garrison for their hard work. He stated that he
135 knows of a director that will be filming in this area.

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138 **Council Comments:**

139 Mr. Hughes noted that the Town looks nice with the decorations, and appreciates the
140 work put into it. Mrs. Harkness thanked staff for the hard work and the community
141 members that attend the meetings. Mrs. Hannah said she mirrored Mr. Hughes statement,
142 and also asked if there could be candy thrown at the next parade.

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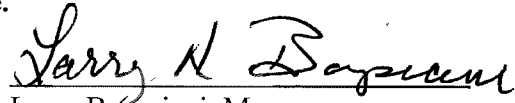
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147 **Staff Comments:**
148 Mr. Garrison thanked the staff, and reminded the Council that the staff luncheon is
149 tomorrow. He also gave thanks to the Mr. Fadley and the Public Works Department for
150 their hard work on the park lights and it looks amazing.
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154 **Adjournment:**

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156 **With no further business to discuss, at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Hughes made a motion**
157 **to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion, with no further discussion**
158 **the motion passed on a unanimous 6-0 voice vote.**

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163 N. Garrison, Town Clerk


Larry Bompiani, Mayor