

1 **Minutes of the New Market**  
2 **Town Council Meeting**  
3 **Monday, May 17, 2021**  
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, May 17, 2021 with the following members  
8 present: Mayor Larry Bompiani, Vice-Mayor Peggy Harkness, Scott Wymer, Bob King,  
9 Daryl Watkins and Janice Hannah. Council Member Doug Bradley was absent.

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11 Town Attorney – Jason Ham  
12 Town Manager – J. Todd Walters  
13 Administrative Assistant – Donna Lohr  
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15 Mayor Bompiani called the meeting to order and established a quorum with five  
16 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Bompiani  
17 welcomed all visitors and guests.  
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19 **Approval of the Agenda:**

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21 **Mr. Wymer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr.**  
22 **Watkins seconded the motion which passed on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.**  
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24 **Consent Agenda:**

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26 **Mr. Wymer moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the**  
27 **minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting of the Town Council, the April 20, 2021**  
28 **minutes from the Work Session of the Town Council, and the Financial Statements**  
29 **for April 2021. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0**  
30 **voice vote.**  
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32 **Public Hearing:**

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34 A public hearing was held to receive public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year  
35 2021-22 Annual budget, as required by Virginia State Code Section 15.2-2506. Mr.  
36 Walters gave a brief overview of the budget. Council members had previously reviewed  
37 the budget at a Work Session held on April 20, 2021. Mayor Bompiani opened the public  
38 hearing at 6:38 p.m. There were no citizens present in the audience so no comments from  
39 the public were made during the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:39  
40 p.m.  
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42 **Citizen Comments and Petitions:**

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44 There were no comments from the public emailed to Mr. Walters prior to this  
45 meeting. There were no citizens present at the meeting who wished to make public  
46 comments.  
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48 **Committee Reports:**  
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50 There were no Committee Reports.

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52 **Staff Reports:**

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54 **1. Public Works Department Monthly Report – Mr. J. Todd Walters**

55 Mr. Walters gave a brief power point presentation which included updates on  
56 projects on which the public works department and water department had worked. Mr.  
57 Walters mentioned several projects on which the public works department had worked.  
58 Projects included the installation of a new sewer line for a sewer connection on Clark  
59 Street, landscaping and mulching at town facilities and welcome signs, preparation for  
60 the opening of the community pool, and regular maintenance tasks. The Water  
61 Department had continued work on the plan for the Lead and Copper testing, worked  
62 with Public Works Department on leak determination on East Old Cross Road, completed  
63 a pump rebuild at one of the pump stations, and completed regular monthly testing and  
64 meter reading. A copy of Mr. Walter’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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66 **2. Planning Department Monthly Report – Meghan Rupkey**

67 Ms. Rupkey gave a brief power point presentation highlighting planning and  
68 zoning items for the month. Ms. Rupkey mentioned several permits on which she had  
69 worked during the month. Permits included a zoning permit for a fence, a zoning permit  
70 for an attached carport, a zoning permit for a shed, and two sign permits. A copy of Ms.  
71 Rupkey’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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

74 Chief Rinker distributed his monthly report to Council members. Chief Rinker  
75 gave a brief update on the calls for service for April. He mentioned that the number of  
76 suspicious persons/vehicles was high for the month. A copy of Chief Rinker’s report is  
77 on file with the minutes.

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79 **3. Events & Marketing Annual Report – Mrs. Amber Smoot**

80 Mrs. Smoot gave a brief power point presentation in which she mentioned that the  
81 Arbor Day Celebration went well, despite the cold weather. She also mentioned  
82 upcoming events such as Movie Night in the Park, and Jammin’ Foods Fest. Mrs. Smoot  
83 had also worked with the merchants to create a flyer for downtown incentives for folks  
84 participating with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation’s programs. A copy of  
85 Mrs. Smoot’s presentation is on file with the minutes.

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87 **Action Items:**

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89 There were no action items for discussion and consideration.

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91 **Mayor’s Comments:**

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93 Mayor Bompiani requested that everyone keep Council Member Bradley in their  
94 thoughts and prayers.

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96 **Council Comments:**

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98 There were no comments from Council Members.

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**Staff Comments:**

There were no comments from staff members.

**Closed Meeting:**

At 6:56 p.m., Mrs. Harkness made a motion to recess into a Closed Session as authorized by section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the state code to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. The subject matter is the possible acquisition of real property for an additional ground storage water tank. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:


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

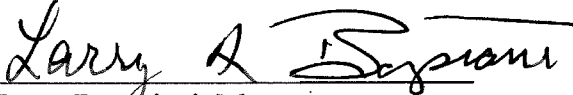
At 7:34 p.m., Mr. Watkins made a motion to accept the following Certification Resolution: With respect to the just-concluded closed session, and to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Mr. Wymer seconded the motion which passed on the following 5-0 unanimous roll call vote:

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

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Wymer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. King seconded the motion which carried on a unanimous 5-0 voice vote.

  
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J. Todd Walters, Town Clerk

  
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Larry Bompiani, Mayor