

Mount Jackson  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2021

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Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council was held January 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with the following in attendance; Mayor Donnie Pifer; Councilmembers Rod Shepherd and Roger Rudy. Councilmembers Judy Fultz, Dennis Andrick, Whitney Miller, and Bonnie Good attended electronically through Zoom.

Also, in attendance, Neil Showalter, Town Manager; Keith Cowart, Police Sergeant; and Debbie Stover, Town Clerk. Mario Rosso, Finance Director attended electronically through Zoom. Dave Moore and Kevin Estep from Cornerstone Technology were present to video record the meeting. There were no visitors.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors: None

Remarks & Recommendations from the Mayor: None

Remarks from Councilmembers: None

Presentations: None

Chief of Police Report: None

Town Manager Report: Mr. Showalter stated his report was provided in the Council packets. He added the Town's Public Works department, although they have not returned to quarterly large trash pick up due to COVID, did pick up Christmas trees on January 7 for residents who requested this, and will pick up one last time on January 14.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee Chairperson, Rod Shepherd stated the Council packets include mid-year financial reports, with specifics on the Enterprise Fund and the General Fund. He stated the numbers look reasonable, and Finance Director, Mario Rosso, can answer any specific questions.
2. Ordinance Committee Chairperson, Dennis Andrick had no report.
3. Personnel Committee Chairperson, Roger Rudy had no report
4. Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Judy Fultz reported December Police Department calls were 920, up 74 from November. There were 6 criminal offenses, 2 cleared by arrest and 4 under investigation. They conducted 691 extra patrols/property checks, 28 foot patrols and located 4 open doors/windows. The Police Department has also started their accreditation process. The December Fire and Rescue Department reported 84 total responses, 69 EMS/15 Fire; the total number of Mount Jackson calls were 28, and 21 total members took calls. The 2020 year end Fire and Rescue Department report showed 891 total responses, 678 EMS/213 Fire.
5. Public Services Committee Chairperson, Bonnie Good had no report.
6. Public Properties & Facilities Committee Chairperson, Whitney Miller had no report.

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Consent Agenda: Approval – Minutes of December 7, 2020 Special Meeting and Joint Public Hearing  
Minutes of December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Fultz to APPROVE the Consent Agenda above.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Miller			
Councilmember Andrick			
Councilmember Shepherd			
Councilmember Rudy			
Councilmember Good			
6 AYES, motion carried			

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Nomination of Town Representative on the Shenandoah County Tourism Council, for Term to Expire June 30, 2022.

a. Eligible for Action

Mr. Showalter stated Bob Luce reluctantly surrendered his seat on the Tourism Council after many years of service. Mr. Luce stated his experience was tremendous and he enjoyed the appointment and felt the Tourism Council did worthy work. Mr. Luce had approached John Boor about taking his place, and stated John took the suggestion favorably. Mr. Showalter stated, at the direction of Council, he contacted Mr. Boor formally asking if he would be willing to serve on this Board replacing Mr. Luce, and he graciously accepted. Mr. Showalter stated the staff recommendation is John Boor be nominated to the Board of Supervisors for this role.

Councilmember Andrick MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Rudy to APPROVE the recommendation of John Boor to the Board of Supervisors, as Town Representative on the Shenandoah County Tourism Council, for Term to Expire June 30, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Miller			
Councilmember Andrick			
Councilmember Shepherd			
Councilmember Rudy			
Councilmember Good			
6 AYES, motion carried			

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2. Authorize Staff to Acquire a Memorial to be Placed on Town Property.

Mr. Showalter stated previous Town resident, Hope Emph, who passed away last summer, was known to many as a kind soul with a pleasant demeanor. Her family has spoken to Town staff about placing a small memorial in her honor, in Mayor's Park. Mr. Showalter stated he spoke with a representative from Rinker & Frye regarding a simple plaque, to perhaps attach to a bench or a gazebo pillar. Mr. Showalter stated this is entering new territory, but there is uniqueness to Ms. Emph's situation and her relationship to the Town, that may not be easily duplicated.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Good to PASS this agenda item to the Public Properties Committee, to research the possible size and wording on the plaque, before Council votes on it. Mr. Shepherd asked the record reflect he is not opposing this, only suggests background work be done first.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Miller			
Councilmember Andrick			
Councilmember Shepherd			
Councilmember Rudy			
Councilmember Good			
6 AYES, motion carried			

Motion made by Councilmember Shepherd, seconded by Councilmember Fultz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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Debbie A. Stover, Clerk

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Donald "Donnie" I. Pifer, Mayor