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Town Council Regular Meeting

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Regular Meeting

Mayor Pifer called the regular meeting of the Mount Jackson Town Council to order at 7:00 PM in the council chambers at 5901 Main Street. Roll call was taken with Councilmembers Rod Shepherd, Judy Fultz, Evelyn Burner, Bonnie Good, and Brandi Freed in attendance. Councilmember Todd Holtzman was absent. Also, in attendance, Neil Showalter, Town Manager; Erick Moore, Planning and Development Director; Mario Rosso, Finance Director; Keith Cowart, Police Chief; and Barbara Riggelman, Town Clerk. Visitors included Todd Bowman; David Luddy; Lori Schweller, land use attorney with Williams Mullen; Derek Sheehan, Director, Community Solar Business Development with Dynamic Energy; Charles Dye, Core & Main; Brenda Foley and Judi Wakeman with the Mount Jackson Hometown Partnership; Charles and Robin Middleton; and one visitor.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes: None

Hear from Visitors: Mr. Showalter introduced Charles Dye with Core & Main, the firm that worked with the Town to install the radio read water meters. Mr. Showalter stated that Mr. Dye had come to the meeting to answer questions from concerned citizens about their water bills. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Dye for attending the meeting, however Mr. Showalter believes that the questions raised have been answered.

Presentations: None

Chief of Police Report: Chief Cowart reported for the month of January 2023 there were 840 calls for service; several resulted in arrest. There was a DUI, Drunk in Public, and a couple burglaries. There was a report of a death in the town occurring at the motel; it was an out-of-state traveler that was not in good shape. There were 17 mutual aid/warrant services; 2 warrants served for other agencies out of our county. All of the officers will complete a training course in use of force, duty to intervene, and Taser qualification by 2/28/23. On February 10, 2023, officers were present at the Tim Tebow Foundation's 2023 Night to Shine at the American Celebration on Parade, which was a type of prom for our special needs citizens. It was a great event, and we hope for it to be a continual event. The Drug Enforcement Administration is hosting a drug take-back event on April 22, 2023 at the Town Hall and the Mount Jackson Pharmacy. Mayor Pifer congratulated Chief Cowart on his newborn grandson.

Town Manager Report: Mr. Showalter reported the progress on the sidewalk project, which is about at the halfway mark. He reported there will be a progress report meeting with VDOT, the contractor, and Staff tomorrow morning to review progress and paperwork before the audit for the grant money received. Mr. Showalter reported that progress has been excellent and they are slightly ahead of schedule. Mr. Showalter reported that Staff continues to work thru the application for the equalization basin project financing with the USDA, making sure the contractor has met the provisions. He reported this should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks and they can move on to contract signing. Mr. Showalter addressed Charles Middleton - town citizens have received some notices from the Postmaster. Mr. Showalter reported that he attempted to call the Postmaster yesterday and she wasn't available. There was a meeting with Mr. Showalter, Mayor Pifer, and Councilman Shepherd to talk about how the Town can help with this situation. Mr. Showalter stated that he had no answers yet, but several questions to ask and does have a copy of the notice citizens have been receiving. Ms. Good inquired into the sidewalks in the northern part of Avondale Acres; with the flooding that has been occurring for years, has there been any consideration into where the water is being routed. Mr. Showalter stated that he did not believe there has been any reengineering of the water routing. A good bit of the water comes off the hill on the west side of Rt. 11 and the highway department contracted with the Town's

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contractor to replace some of the “pipes” that go under Rt. 11 and he doesn’t believe there are any changes being contemplated. That would require an engineering study in order to be addressed.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance Committee Chairperson, Rod Shepherd reported that a copy of the audit had been given to Council. The auditor will be present at the March Council meeting to answer questions and give a presentation. The budget calendar is coming up. Mario Rosso will be giving a presentation in April with a public hearing in May, voted on in June, to take effect on July 1, 2023. The mid-year review was also given to Council, to include income, expenses, revenues, etc. Mr. Shepherd stated that it looked pretty good and that Mr. Rosso was present to answer any questions. Form 990 from the Fire & Rescue was received, which they present to the Town prior to the Town giving them a donation check. Staff is reviewing the 990 and will have more to report at the March Council meeting. Mr. Shepherd reported that the Town is on the front page, above the fold, of the NV Daily, talking about the rail trail project and the meeting to be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Mr. Showalter clarified that this meeting is not a Town meeting; it is a public meeting being held by the Shenandoah Rail Trail people. There has been some misunderstanding that it was a Town meeting and the Town has been changing it. Mr. Shepherd answered that this had never been a Town meeting; the Town is just allowing them to use the facilities as a public forum.

2. Ordinance Committee Chairperson, Evelyn Burner had no report.

3. Personnel Committee Chairperson, Todd Holtzman was absent.

4. Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Judy Fultz presented the January fire and rescue report. The total responses were 93 (77 EMS and 16 Fire); 44% of the total EMS responses included volunteer members on the apparatus; 63% of the total Fire responses included volunteer members on the apparatus; 73% of EMS calls responded to by a unit capable of advanced life support care. The total number of volunteer members taking calls was 15, total number of calls in Mount Jackson was 35, and total number of calls in the county was 58. There will be a Ham & Oyster Supper on February 25, 2023 from noon until 6:00 PM.

5. Public Services Committee Chairperson Bonnie Good had no report. Ms. Good stated that she had been talking before the meeting with the head of the budget and she questioned if there was anything in the budget specifically earmarked for the Hometown Partnership. The topic of supporting them has come up a number of times and they have asked for support, so Ms. Good inquired into adding a line item in the budget for the Partnership. There are line items for special events. Judi Wakeman stated that John Boor and Tyler Hinkle had both submitted a budget to the council and had never heard anything regarding it. Mr. Showalter stated they had had submitted a spreadsheet with some numbers on it, but Staff wasn’t able to meet with Mr. Boor and Mr. Hinkle to discuss the line items. This was submitted in November 2022 but Staff needed more information about some of the items listed. Mr. Showalter stated that the Town has continued to support the Partnership in many ways, by advertising, purchasing the brackets to put up the military banners, Maintenance personnel to put them up and take them down each time, preparing for and working the special events, with trash removal and police presence, etc. Mr. Showalter stated that there is a meeting of the Partnership on Friday and he is planning on attending to help the Partnership better understand what the Town would require for the amount requested by the Partnership on the submitted spreadsheet. The Town has always required invoices or supporting documents for specific expenses, but has never given a “blanket” amount without stating what the amount is for. Mr. Showalter stated that it hasn’t progressed to this point.

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Ms. Good stated her hopes to get the interested parties together to discuss these things. She stated she would want to know, if there were things planned, what resources would be available for planning purposes. She understands that the Partnership plans well in advance for their activities, but there has been a shortage of income for them. Mr. Showalter referred to the 990 Form that Mr. Shepherd had mentioned in his report from the Fire and Rescue Department as their financial accountability for the year; likewise, the Town would like to see something similar from the Hometown Partnership, a summary of receipts and disbursements, so the council could decide on a level of support, rather than a spreadsheet with numbers. Ms. Good expressed her agreement. Ms. Wakeman addressed the 990 Form mentioned and asked if Council would like this submitted to them; Mr. Hinkle and Karen Costie fill out this form and submit it, but would Council rather have this with whatever documents are needed. Ms. Wakeman stated that the Partnership is starting over and reorganizing, and they want to do things correctly, but they need direction. Mr. Showalter stated that a summary of 2022's cash balances, receipts, disbursements, and ending balance would be a good starting point, with the disbursements listing the expenses they were used for. Mr. Showalter stated some vagueness in the spreadsheet submitted; it wasn't a suitable form to be submitted to Council. Ms. Wakeman stated that this was the first time she had heard Ms. Fultz give a fire and rescue report; she had not heard this report given before. Ms. Fultz answered that this is a monthly report; she gives this report each month. Ms. Wakeman inquired as to whether Council would like to see something like this from the Partnership each month. Ms. Wakeman and Ms. Foley stated that there will be a Big Band Bash in May. Mayor Pifer inquired if this was something that could be worked out with the committee at the meeting on Friday, February 17. Ms. Burner stated that the committee should discuss this at the Partnership meeting on Friday and talk more about details and what is needed at that time. Ms. Wakeman and Ms. Foley again addressed the Big Band Bash in May. Mayor Pifer stated the committee should discuss this and bring a recommendation back to Council.

6. Public Properties & Facilities Committee Chairperson Brandi Freed had no report.

Consent Agenda: Approval – Minutes of January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting and January 19, 2023 Special Meeting.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. SA-22-02: Mt. Jackson Solar, LLC Substantial Accord Determination – Introduction and Set for Public Hearing

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Mr. Moore reported that this is a request by Mount Jackson Solar, LLC for a utility scale solar facility. The request is to install and operate a 5 megawatt alternative current system using ground-mounted panels, to be located on 24.3 acres of a 40.5 acre parcel. The existing site is agricultural production. Mr. Moore presented photographs of the project location; to the north is Shenandoah County, agricultural use; to the west is I-81; to the south is Hawkins Road; and to the east is the proposed Shenandoah Rail Trail recreational area. Mr. Moore reported that Comprehensive Plan Review, Virginia Code §15.2-2232, for utility-scale solar facilities and public utility facility proposals (solar panels) require affirmative determination by the Planning Commission to be substantially in accord with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, or part thereof, and determine general or approximate location, character, and extent of such facility. Mr. Moore stated that the substantial accord is based on the Comprehensive Plan, which states project reviews: Encourage efficient use of land to enhance property values and tax base; promote appropriate and economic development south of Town; enhance employment opportunities; ensure site compatibility with small-town character, charm, and history; guide future town growth, physical and economic development; implement economic development policies and plans adopted by the Town Council; and to promote health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare. Part of the Comprehensive Plan not only includes the current zoning district, but Long-range Land Use Planning, which is developed by the citizens and Town's leadership vision statement; the primary goal is to provide for public health, safety, convenience, and welfare of it's residents; guides future community, physical, and economic development; protect and improve Town's resources and small-town character; and ensure future development is compatible with small-town character, charm, and history.

Mr. Moore reported that the subject property is zoned A-1, Agriculture. The Statement of Intent of the A-1, Agricultural District, is intended to preserve the character of those portions of the town where agricultural and other low-intensity uses predominate. The permitted uses should include mainly agriculture and related uses. The Zoning Ordinance provides a solar facility, utility-scale, with the approval of a special use permit in an Agricultural (A-1) Zoning District. In a companion case, the applicant is seeking approval of a Special Use Permit (Case SU-22-04) to provide a solar facility.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Burner to SET a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM for SA-22-02: Mt. Jackson Solar, LLC Substantial Accord Determination.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

2. SU-22-04: Mt. Jackson Solar, LLC Special Use Permit – Introduction and Set for Public Hearing

Mr. Moore reported that the Special Use Permit considerations, Standards for Review are: The proposed use will not affect adversely the health or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed use; the proposed use will not be detrimental to the public welfare or unduly injurious to property values or improvements in the neighborhood; the proposed use will not conflict with the policies and

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principles of the town's adopted Comprehensive Plan; adequate public services, including streets and other traffic ways, utilities, police and fire protection, are or reasonably will be available to support the proposed use; and comply with the Community Design and Standards. Mr. Moore presented a PowerPoint showing pictures of the projected site, the Long-Range Land Use Planning, the Mt. Jackson Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map, and the Zoning District Statement of Intent, with uses for the A-1 District.

Councilmember Shepherd MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Burner to SET a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM for SU-22-04: Mt. Jackson Solar, LLC Special Use Permit.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

3. Planning Commission Appointment

Mr. Showalter reported that when Mr. Dennis Andrick resigned, the number of seats on the Planning Commission went to 4 and Council has been interested in bringing it back up to 5. Mr. Showalter reported that the mayor had discussion with Ms. Karen Costie about becoming a Planning Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Andrick. This appointment would be to serve out Mr. Andrick's term, which would expire June 30, 2024.

Councilmember Good MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Freed to APPROVE the Planning Commission nomination of Karen Costie to fill the unexpired term of Dennis Andrick, to expire June 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

4. King Street Resurfacing Project

Mr. Showalter reported that most of the time, the Town states that the streets are owned by VDOT, but the Town does have a few streets of its own, probably one of the bigger ones being King Street at 600 ft. from the Y-intersection to where it meets Orkney Drive, and is the responsibility of the Town to maintain. It is not a heavily-traveled street so the road bed doesn't need much work very often, but it needs it now according to Randy Lonas, Public Works Director. Mr. Lonas has worked with Mr. Hepler to develop an estimate to lay a thin layer of asphalt to level the road up and shoot two shots of tar and gravel on top. Mr. Showalter stated that the \$35,000 recommendation is not Mr. Hepler's number, but Mr. Lonas' number due to some additional

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grading and other work that he'd like to do along with the resurfacing. Mr. Lonas is recommending to just do a "chip and tar" to stabilize the surface, as there is an anticipation in the future to repair the water and sewer mains that run along the street. Ms. Good asked if Mr. Showalter was stating that the water system would be updated at the same time. Mr. Showalter answered that it would not; the Town wants to design the water upgrade to a more definite spec when the time comes. Rather than the bed work, the excavating, and the VDOT standards work that would need to be done if a full paving job was done, the surface can just be stabilized, the goal at this time, which can be done with the chip and tar until a decision is made about the water and sewer and not waste money later on by digging up the street.

Councilmember Fultz MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Good to APPROVE the resurfacing of King Street, to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund allowance for Major Street Projects (Acct 40-5714-7900).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

5. Proposal to Trim Railroad Right-of-Way

Mayor Pifer stated that this item would be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Endorsement of Regional Commission Grant Application for Recycling Bins

Mr. Showalter reported that while Staff does not have a proposal to bring to the council on an affordable recycling program that would restore recycling to curbside as has been enjoyed in the past, the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission does have the opportunity, and would like to submit a grant tomorrow, some of the proceeds of which could be used to purchase curbside recycling bins in the hopes of making it a little bit more affordable for the towns in the area. This would allow the towns access to free, or very reduced price bins. The letter submitted for recommendation for the mayor to sign would lend the Town's good name in support of this idea as the Town is working on getting recycling back. Ms. Good inquired if Mr. Showalter knew of any recycling facilities that have opened up in Virginia. Mr. Showalter stated that he did not, but the Regional Commission is actually doing the work on looking for recycling. There evidently is some economies of scale, so their hope is to get something where maybe 25,000 households could sign up rather than the Town's 700 to get some economies of scale and make it worth the while to have a regional recycling plan. Mr. Showalter stated that there is some money that might be available to help; there is no guarantee that the Commission will get the funds, but they would like the Town's endorsement. Ms. Good stated that about three years ago at a conference she attended, there was discussion that, at that time, there were some recycling plants that were starting to be built in the state and if that were to happen, the Town could get back into recycling. Mr. Showalter stated that there is no cost in the Town endorsing this application, but if the Town is not interested in curbside recycling, it would be misleading to tell them that we are.

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Councilmember Good MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Burner to EMPOWER the mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the Town, endorsing NSVRC's Grant Application for Curbside Recycling.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

7. Little Free Library for Mayors Park

Ms. Freed reported that the Little Free Library program is a non-profit program where people can take a book, leave a book that are usually small wooden boxes. Bryce has one; New Market has one in an old phone booth. These are popping up more in the area and is a great opportunity for people here in our community. We have a library, but the hours are very limited and it is volunteer-ran, so this would be something that would be open 24/7. The goal is to set it up in the Mayors Park beside the Town Hall building, visible to people traveling through our community. Ms. Freed reported that there is a map on the Little Free Library website where citizens can find all the little libraries near you or within the state. This is a great program to encourage children and adults to read, providing 24/7 access to books. Ms. Freed stated that she believes the Mayors Park would be a great location with the benches and other areas to sit and read and the nice gazebo, which could provide a cute place to enjoy one of the Little Free Library locations. Mayor Pifer inquired as to how the books inside the little library would be replenished. Ms. Freed stated that the general idea is to take a book, leave a book; she also has a large collection of books that she would like to donate to start the little library, and other people could always donate books as well. Generally, there is a person who keeps up with the little library, which Ms. Freed stated her willingness to do, along with anyone who would like to join her, to keep an eye on it. Ms. Good stated that the Library could also replenish the little library with duplicates, etc. with books that may be of interest to adults and children, as this would be something for all ages. Ms. Freed stated that the Library removes books that aren't being checked out regularly from the shelves; all the libraries do this as they are constantly adding new books. These books are put in an area as free books, but this is only available during the Library hours; this little library gives the Town the opportunity to take some of these books and put them out for the community to access. Ms. Good stated that there was a discussion not long ago about utilizing part of the Town Hall for this project, but it wasn't something that would have worked out well. At that time, there were talks about seeing if there was a boy scout who would need a project like this for an Eagle badge and could actually build a little library for the Town and install it. Ms. Freed stated that this would be an option also, but through the Little Free Library program, there are pre-made libraries which can be purchased from their site that come with a numbered plaque showing which number this library is. These little libraries are all over the country, so this would recognize the Town's little library and you could find it on the map. If you make your own little library, you would need to sign up, but they come automatically with the pre-made ones. Mayor Pifer inquired that \$700 is the amount requested. Ms. Freed answered affirmatively, this would purchase the pre-made library itself and the stand, along with the plaque, and at that point it would be ready to install.

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Ms. Good inquired as to whether there has been any discussion with the Maintenance Department about where this library could be located. Mr. Showalter stated that he had not talked with them. Ms. Freed stated that she had not either but she would probably need to set up something to walk thru the park with them and see, in regards to Maintenance, which area would be best. Ms. Good stated the importance of doing this as Maintenance would know where there are things underground which could cause a problem.

Councilmember Good MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Burner to INSTALL the Little Free Library in the Mayors Park at the expense of the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilmember Burner			
Councilmember Freed			
Councilmember Fultz			
Councilmember Good			
			Councilmember Holtzman
Councilmember Shepherd			

5 AYES, 1 ABSENT, motion carried

8. Mid Year Financial Reports

Mr. Shepherd reported that these reports were included in the information packet to Council. He stated that he looked over the reports and the Town is pretty much right on track. Mr. Shepherd stated, in response to the question earlier about supporting events in town, there are some line items for festivals, etc. with over \$15,000 allocated for special events. This is not all for the Hometown Partnership; it is also for the National Night Out with the Police Department, etc. Ms. Wakeman inquired if this was also for the salaries of the Town workers helping. Mr. Shepherd answered affirmatively and requested that the Partnership put together a wish list of what funding they would like help with, no guarantees, but some specifics. Ms. Foley stated that the Partnership has a tentative calendar similar to last year, with some larger items like a Christmas parade.

Ms. Good stated that it seems like there are a lot of areas on the financial reports where expenses are improved, costs being held down more than last year. Mr. Rosso stated that Staff is trying; right now they are going through phone bills, power bills, to determine if some services are still needed. They are trying to eliminate some things that are no longer needed, getting more efficient items, using less power, using less chemicals, etc. Ms. Good stated that, particularly in the Enterprise Fund, expenses have been reduced. Mr. Showalter stated that Joey Blankenship is doing an excellent job with the sewer plant. Mr. Rosso stated that Mr. Blankenship is staying on top of the chemical usage; he knows the chemistry of the plant and is finding better suppliers. Ms. Good reiterated that the Enterprise Fund has to do with sewer water.

Ms. Burner asked if the Town would ever change to solar street lights to save money. Mr. Rosso stated that this could be looked into. Mr. Moore stated that one of the biggest issues, especially downtown, is the historic nature of how the streetlights look. Most solar lights do not have a historic look. Mr. Moore stated that one of the first things he looked at when he started last year was to make the wayfinding signs, street signs, etc. all the same style like in Woodstock. He does not remember in his research of any places that provide some type of ornamental lamp post, or a way to change the existing posts without changing the character of them. Mr. Moore stated that he is all for saving money, and he would be willing to look into something as things progress, maybe in the rest of the town towards the north or other places where the historic style is not as



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necessary, but for the historic district he has yet to find something. Mr. Showalter stated that a good bit of the town is lit because VEPCO allows the Town to put lights on their poles. He is not sure if they would allow the Town put a solar light on their poles. Ms. Good stated that more people are concerned with up-lighting and want to reduce that; they want the light to shine down so they can see the stars. Mr. Moore stated that this is the Dark Sky initiative. Mr. Showalter stated that there has been discussion about the growing importance of keeping light on your own property as a protection of view shed and being a responsible illuminator, so this is a coming thing.

Closing Remarks by Council Members, Mayor: Ms. Good asked Mr. Showalter if any citizens have come into the Town Office in regards to their water bills, and if there was any response from the group that was not pleased. Mr. Showalter stated that no one has called or tried to contact him to explain what the actual problem was, but based on a Facebook post, he looked into a few accounts and discovered that the statements made were not factual. He was prepared to discuss the topic tonight but he believes that the interest has fallen off. Mr. Showalter stated there were a few instances where things were not calibrated correctly, or a wrong number had been assigned to the account, but this has been very minimal and overall the radio reads have exceeded expectations. Mr. Rosso stated that the radio reads have been a cost savings as there is not as much manpower to read the water meters; instead of having 6 employees reading meters, there is one employee in his truck reading meters for 45 minutes and the job is done. Ms. Good inquired if there has been an increase overall in the water bills; older meters are not as efficient. Mr. Rosso stated that it hasn't been a noticeable increase and Mr. Lonas was good at keeping up with the meters. Even in the initial research into the meters, the company advertises it as a possibility, but in calling other towns, they stated they had not noticed a change. Mr. Rosso stated it is mostly a savings in labor time. Mr. Showalter stated how a Daily Usage Log has been very helpful and that citizens have appreciated the log in determining water usage in relation to their water bill.

Ms. Burner stated that there is an area towards Food Lion on Rt. 11 where the sidewalk dips way down. She has noticed some handicapped people with walkers and other health issues walking on the sidewalk and addressed the safety issue. In South Jackson, there is a handrail in a certain area so people can't fall down. Ms. Burner stated that the area where the sidewalk dips is deep. Mr. Showalter stated that sidewalks do settle after time and inquired if this would be a possible area to install a ramp. Ms. Burner suggested this or a handrail to prevent people from falling. Mr. Showalter stated that he would look into this issue.

Motion made by Councilmember Good, seconded by Councilmember Fultz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

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Barbara M. "Barbie" Riggleman, Clerk

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Donald "Donnie" I. Pifer, Mayor