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THE CONTINUING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANARDSVILLE, VA., WAS HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 9th, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL.

PRESENT: Council Members: Richard Early
Doris Swenson
Kevin Kelley
Matthew Kime

Michael Payne, Mayor

Maynard Sipe, Town Attorney
Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk

Noting that a quorum was present, Mayor Payne called the meeting to order and inquired if the Council had read the May 5th and 26th Minutes for the previous meetings. The Council answered in the affirmative. Matthew Kime motioned to approve the May Minutes which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

Clerk's Report and Financial Report

Clerk Wolkowicz reported he had fielded phone calls and highlighted the maturity of CDs as well as transfer of funds from another account to cover unexpected expenses. Doris Swenson motioned to approve the May Financial Report which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

FY 2025-26 Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Payne asked for any comments from the Council on the proposed budget and as there were none he opened the hearing up to the public. Mr. Blakey gave prepared comments and public comment period was closed. Doris Swenson motioned to continue the budgetary process at a continuing meeting on June 16th which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

Presentation from the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department

Representatives from the Stanardsville Volunteer Fire Department described their need for a new skid unit for fighting wildfires. They sought $14K to cover the purchase, representing ½ the whole amount of the item. After questioning and discussion by the council Doris Swenson motioned to approve the amount from the Reserve Fund in hopes that ½ of that amount would be refunded from the SVFD fund raising which was seconded by Kevin Kelley; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

William Mills House

Mr. Lowe informed the council that the architect's contract and site engineer were ready and could be signed. Mr. Frydl commented his regulatory department would help to facilitate the work.

Bear Festival

Mayor Payne made comments that fund-raising was ongoing.

BZA Update

Attorney Sipe informed the council on his helping the reestablishment of a BZA committee, and its first case handled.

County Water and Sewer Update

Mr. Hutka provided information on ongoing work to modernize the acquired water and sewer infrastructure and responsibilities. He highlighted meter work, engineering design for the dam, reservoir and treatment facilities, a possible fee increase, and population growth estimates. He said they were nearing decisions on the size of the project and discussing whether it would be funded by either bonds or a loan. He noted that wells could be used for redundancy and fielded questions from Mayor Payne.

Sign Ordinance

Attorney Sipe said that the writing of a new sign ordinance was ongoing and being coordinated with Mr. Frydl and that a work session was to be held before a probable October finish to the document. Mr. Frydl made further comments.

Tax Ordinances

Attorney Sipe provided draft handouts for the proposed Food & Beverage and Transient Occupancy taxes. He said that they would essentially be following the county ordinances and discussed their features with Mayor Payne.

Bookkeeping

Mayor Payne said that Shari Bedeker had volunteered her services as Town Bookkeeper.

Thomas Jefferson Planning District

Mr. Frydl and Mayor Payne discussed a letter from the TJPD expressing their willingness to help with the Town's planning.

Other Matters from the Council

There were none.

STAR Update

Mr. Jacober said that a grant had been prepared and submitted to the Perry Foundation for the William Mills House project and that he was trying to finalize a website.

SIDC Update

Ms. Karin Woodson provided updates as to the financials of the organization totaling $85K. She further updated the council on plans and changes to the 4th of July festivities such as a $5fee per person to attend, the addition of a kid's area, a beer garden and the need for truck signage for the parade and all other sponsored community events. She added that another car show was planned as a fundraiser.

Stanardsville Cemetery

Eugene Powell acted as representative for the Blakeys, owners of the cemetery, who proposed the transfer of ownership of the cemetery into the town's ownership and responsibility. Mr. Powell discussed the history and particulars of the property such as an attached $60K CD to pay for upkeep and the council questioned him as to liabilities and legal commitments. Attorney Sipe volunteered his time, pro bono, to the project and Doris Swenson motioned to have Attorney Sipe work with the organization to legalize any agreement which was seconded by Richard Early; Voting for the motion were Doris Swenson-Aye, Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye and Matthew Kime- Aye; Motion passed.

County Update

A childcare center was proposed for Twin Lakes and a meeting was scheduled to distinguish buildings in agricultural and residential areas. Additionally, fitness center zoning was ongoing as well as buy-right in commercial versus residential areas, Mr. Frydl discussed the 2024 draft comprehensive plan versus the 2017 it would replace and asked the council to review it.

Closed Session

There was no need for one.

Approval of Non-budgeted Expenses

There were none.

Adjournment

Kevin Kelley motioned to continue the meeting on June 16th which was seconded by Mathew Kime; voting for the Motion were Richard Early-Aye, Kevin Kelley-Aye Matthew Kime- Aye and Doris Swenson-Aye; Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

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Michael Wolkowicz, Clerk