

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

July 14, 2025

Town Administrator Cindy Stover swore in Mayor Jason DeFrance and Recorder Charles Mason, Treasurer John Jacobs, and Councilmembers Bob Wotring, Tim Ridenour, Kristine Mason, and Mandy Espanol for the 2025-2027 term.

Treasurer John Jacobs opened with the pledge of allegiance with Councilmember Bob Wotring leading in prayer. The Town of White Hall Council meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Town of White Public Safety Building and called to order by Mayor Jason DeFrance at 6:02 p.m.

Officers Roll Call:

<i>Mayor Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Mandy Espanol</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

Also present:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover
Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the 6.23.25 Town Council Meeting were presented and approved as written.

Citizens' Concerns:

None

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

This will be discussed at the last meeting of the month.

Communications & Announcements:

Appalachian Music Festival was held on July 11 and 12 from 4 pm – 10 pm each day.
Fireworks are on Saturday at 10 pm.

Sounds of Summer is August 1, 2025 from 6 – 9 pm. 3 Teez Band

Municipal League Conference Aug 4-7, 2025 Morgantown WV

White Hall Elementary Back to School Bash – August 12th at 5 pm.

Mayor Jason DeFrance read a 'Thank You' letter from the Marion County Historical Society for the Town of White Hall's donation.

Public Hearing

None.

Volunteer Fire Department Report:

Valley VFD stated that the festival went great and the fireworks were awesome.

Valley VFD then stated that for the month of June there were 11 vehicle accidents on I-79, and 3 vehicle accidents on other roadways. There were 8 investigation calls, 9 automatic fire alarms, 2 landing zones, 11 residential flooding calls, 3 rockslides, 3 trees down, 2 lines down, 1 water rescue, a smoke investigation, vehicle fire, and 1 fuel spill.

A discussion was held on the coal fire burning.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Park Committee:

None.

Police Department Report:

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri stated that in June 2025 there were 329 calls for service, 25 cases, and 47 citations.

Chief of Police Geno Guerrieri then stated that there were no problems at the Appalachian Music Festival, and the new police vehicle is getting lights installed this week.

Legal Department Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover has a phone call out to Town Attorney Trey Simmerman about any updates on Moran Circle.

Town Administrator Report:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover spoke about the Appalachian Music Festival and ideas for next year.

Engineer Report:

Mayor Jason DeFrance discussed current pending projects.

A discussion was then held on the netting in Charlie Mason's yard.

Unfinished Business :

None.

New Business to Consider:

Appointing Treasurer and Deputy Mayor:

Mayor Jason DeFrance appointed John Jacobs as Treasurer for the 2025-2027 term.

Mayor Jason DeFrance appointed Tim Ridenour as Deputy Mayor for the 2025-2027 term.

Consider Longevity Pay for Officer Norman:

Town Administrator Cindy Stover stated that Officer Norman was 29 days away from getting longevity pay and asked Council to consider longevity pay since he worked here before.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made a motion to consider longevity pay as discussed for Officer Norman

Motion passed.

Consider Donation to Volunteer Fire Department for Assisting with Fireworks:

A discussion was held on donating to Valley VFD for assisting with the fireworks at the conclusion of the Appalachian Music Festival.

Recorder Charles Mason made a motion to donate \$5,000 to Valley VFD for assisting with fireworks.

Motion passed.

Final Remarks:

Councilmember Mandy Espanol stated that the festival was nice and does agree that a one-day festival would work better. Councilmember Mandy Espanol then stated that more things are needed for kids and discussed advertising ideas.

Councilmember Bob Wotring took a moment to let Council know he appreciates the opportunity to be able to serve on Council again, and acknowledged the teamwork between Council, Administration, Police officers, and the fire department.

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour stated he looked forward to the next 2 years on Council, hoping to have a park come to fruition during that time, and the beautification below Red Roof Inn will make the area look nice as well. Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour then asked about the yellow fire markers as some residence fire markers are broken. Valley VFD stated that if someone immediately needs one, to let them know, but that is more a thing of the past.

Treasurer John Jacobs stated that we should do radio advertising for the Appalachian Music Festival. Treasurer John Jacobs then stated that after seeing the flags wrapped around the poles, he retracts his idea at the last meeting of having American flags on the pole banners.

Recorder Charles Mason stated that we should still consider having a scrolling sign in the front of the White Hall Public Safety Building for event advertising. Recorder Charles Mason then stated he received several good comments on the Farmers Market and commended Marketing and Communications Coordinator for her dedication to her role. Recorder Charles Mason then agreed that the Appalachian music Festival should be moved to one day, and need a bugger act to bring people in.

Mayor Jason DeFrance thanked everyone for their work on the Appalachian Music Festival and that we should go back to one day and explore having something for the kids.

Adjournment:

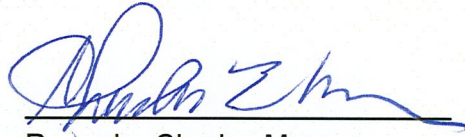
Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour made the motion to adjourn.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Mayor Jason DeFrance
(Or Acting Mayor)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Mason", written over a horizontal line.

Recorder Charles Mason
(Or Acting Recorder)

Minutes prepared by Kristin Kirk