

**MINUTES
TOWN OF WHITE HALL
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
July 11, 2022**

Treasurer John Jacobs opened with the pledge of allegiance, with Mayor John Michael leading in prayer. The Town of White Hall Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Town of White Hall Public Safety Building and called to order by Mayor John Michael at 6:00 pm.

Officers Roll Call:

<i>Mayor John Michael</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour</i>	<i>Absent w/o Pay</i>
<i>Councilmember Jason DeFrance</i>	<i>Absent w/o Pay</i>
<i>Councilmember Bob Wotring</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Treasurer John Jacobs</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Councilmember Kristine Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Recorder Charles Mason</i>	<i>Present</i>

A quorum was present.

Also, present was:

- *Town Coordinator Cindy Stover*
- *Police Chief Geno Guerrieri*

Councilmember Bob Wotring moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour without pay. Motion Passed.

Councilmember Kristine Mason moved to excuse Councilmember Jason DeFrance without pay. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the June 27, 2022, Town Council Meeting were presented.

Mayor John Michael stated if no objections the minutes are approved.

Citizens' Concerns:

Democratic Candidate running for West Virginia Senate, Barbara Evans Fleischauer introduced herself to the White Hall Town Council. She spoke of her background experience and the bill she is cosponsoring to place a cap on insulin copays and copays for insulin related devices.

Treasurer & Financial Reports:

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover will be sending councilmembers a preliminary fiscal year-end budget later this week.

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Communications & Announcements:

Municipal League Conference is August 2, 2022, to August 5, 2022, at the Marriott in Morgantown off Don Knotts Blvd.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be at Trinity Assembly of God Church from August 4, 2022, to August 8, 2022.

VFW Auxiliary President Earlene Lovern has been organizing the escort for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. She reported that the escort will meet the Vietnam Wall at the Bluestone Travel Center at Milepost 18 at 9:00 am and exiting onto I77 toward US 19.

The first stop will be the Marathon at the Ghent Ext- 125 Odd Road.

Second Stop is the Go Mart in Summersville

Third Stop is the Pilot Travel Center in Flatwoods

Fourth and Final Stop will be the Northbound Rest Area on I-79 where local police and citizens will join the escort to Trinity Assembly of God Church.

Road Captain for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association will be Ryan "Sweet Pea" Thornhill. Participating Veterans groups are the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Patriot Guard, and Legacy Vets. State Police will also participate from the Bluestone Travel Center through Route 19 to I-79. There will be 75 to 100 bikes and multiple vehicles participating in the escort.

The Town of White Hall is looking for volunteers over the age of 18 to help set-up the wall on August 4th and take-down the wall on August 8th including one good lead carpenter to help with the set-up frame. The Town of White Hall is also looking for someone to sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremony on August 4th at 7:00 pm.

The Community Music Event will be held on August 27, 2022, from 12 noon to 10 pm.

The new Town sign is up by Clark's Flowers on US Route 250.

Public Hearing:

None.

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Volunteer Fire Department Reports:

Valley Volunteer Fireman Jerry Pinson reported 26 EMS calls for June, 15 fire alarm calls, 23 Motor Vehicle Assists calls and 8 public service calls for downed trees. They also assisted in two structure fires.

Valley Volunteer Fireman Jerry Pinson also reported that the Valley Volunteer Department participated in the Mannington 130-year parade and the Stonewood 75th parade. He reported that their new engine came home with a plaque.

Their #121 truck has been in the shop, but it should be finished soon, and it will be back in the White Hall fire department bay soon.

Mayor John Michael invited the Valley Volunteer Fire Department to set up a table at our upcoming Community Music Event to recruit volunteers for the fire department.

Marion County EMS Report:

None.

Streets & Highways Committee:

None.

Wage Review Committee:

Deputy Mayor Tim Ridenour, Treasurer John Jacobs and Councilmember Bob Wotring will be on the Wage Review Committee.

Police Department Report:

Police Chief Geno Guerrieri reported 846 Calls for Service in June with 72 cases and 70 citations.

Police Chief Geno Guerrieri also reported 5252 Calls for Service, 337 cases and 390 citations from January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

Legal Department Report:

None.

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Town Coordinator Report:

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover reported that Public Works Supervisor Cameron Michaels is trying to schedule an inspector for the new main town sign. Once that is complete, we can fill in around the base of the sign and add landscaping.

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover also reported that the ceiling and the first coat of stain is completed in the pavilion. Once the second coat of stain is complete, they just need to put the dirt and rock around the pavilion.

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover is putting a request for insurance quotes together for a review of our general liability insurance.

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover is also working on the last piece of the code of ordinances. This will be on the next agenda for councilmembers to vote on any changes.

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover will also have budget revisions on the next agenda.

Engineer Report:

Mayor John Michael read the engineer report submitted by Town Engineer Brad Pigott.

Town Engineer Brad Pigott reported that the town would have to be registered with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection and apply for a permit for \$300.00 before we can move forward with the Beautification Project because the area is over 1 acre. He is 80% done with the bid package for the project and hopes to put it out for bid by July 15, 2022.

Town Engineer Brad Pigott also reported that the corrections to the existing easements and right-of-ways for the Garnet Stormwater Project need to be recorded. He hopes to advertise the bid package for the Garnet Stormwater Project by July 29, 2022.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Budget Revision Marion County Humane Society

Treasurer John Jacobs moved to move \$10,000.00 from City Hall account to Other Grant for the Marion County Humane Society. Motion Passed by Roll Call.

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New Business to Consider:

Budget Revision- Coal Severance 22-23

Town Coordinator Cindy Stover reported that the revenue for the Coal Severance fund was more than anticipated for fiscal year 2022-2023 by \$442.00.

Recorder Charles Mason moved to move \$442.00 from Coal Severance account to City Hall. Motion Passed by Roll Call.

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Final Remarks

Councilmember Bob Wotring stated that the billboard ads coming out of Walmart for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and the Community Music Event look good. He also wanted to thank Valley Volunteer Fireman Jerry Pinson and Zac Eakle for participating in the Town Council meeting in the last few months.

Councilmember Kristine Mason stated that she can't believe that she has been on the White Hall Town Council for a year now and she has learned so much. She is looking forward to learning more and continuing to work with the White Hall Town Council in the next year.

Treasurer John Jacobs agreed with Councilmember Bob Wotring and is also grateful that Valley Volunteer Fireman Jerry Pinson and Zac Eakle are participating in the Town Council meetings.

Mayor John Michael agreed with Councilmember Kristine Mason on working with the Town Council. They are all easy to work with even when they don't agree on an issue. He also commented that the town receives numerous complements on our Public Works Department, our Police Department and how the town is moving forward.

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Adjournment:

Recorder Charles Mason moved to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

John Michael, Mayor

Charles Mason, Recorder

Minutes Prepared by Lori Riffie