



MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 10, 2025



PENDING APPROVAL

PRESENT: Mayor Trowbridge M. Littleton
Vice Mayor Chris W. Bernard
Councilmember Pamela Curran
Councilmember J. Kevin Daly
Councilmember Morris E. “Bud” Jacobs
Councilmember Peter A. Leonard-Morgan
Councilmember Cindy C. Pearson

STAFF: Danny Davis, Town Manager
Martin Crim, Town Attorney
Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk
William M. Moore, Deputy Town Manager
Shaun Jones, Chief of Police
Angela Fletcher, Town Treasurer/Finance Director
Ali MacIntyre, Business Development & Community Partnerships Director

ABSENT: Councilmember C. Darlene Kirk

The Town Council of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 10 West Marshall Street. Mayor Littleton led Council and those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The roll was called at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Punkin Lee, Chair of the Middleburg Business & Professional Association (MBPA), noted that the MBPA and Police Department recently co-hosted two events – Stuff the Cruiser on June 27th and the Fourth of July Children’s Parade. She reported that the officers collected 1,218 pounds of food, which was donated to the Seven Loaves Food Pantry. Ms. Lee further reported that the children’s parade was one of the largest ones to date. She thanked Chief Jones, the police officers and the Council for the Town’s participation in the events. Ms. Lee noted that the next Stuff the Cruiser would be held in December.

Megan Gallagher, 204 E. Marshall Street, extended her thanks to the Town. She opined that the Juneteenth celebration, which was held at the Community Center, was a triumph. Ms. Gallagher noted that the Mayor and James Smith told the story of the desegregation of Middleburg. She advised that the Community Center was packed with people, including those who used the swimming pool, during the Fourth of July event. Ms. Gallagher noted the children’s parade, the music and the fireworks that also occurred on that day.

Special Recognition by Mayor & Council

Council Approval – Resolution of Commendation – Hilleary Bogley & Scruffy’s Ice Cream

Mayor Littleton noted that Scruffy’s Ice Cream Parlor was transitioning to new ownership. He recognized Hilleary Bogley for all she did at Scruffy’s during its nearly forty years in business, not only through providing great treats to the community but also for benefitting the Middleburg Humane Society. Mr. Littleton noted that her good works were a testament to her love and dedication for animals, as well as visitors. He advised that Ms. Bogley touched people’s lives in a positive way that transferred to others and would endure forever. Mr. Littleton noted that the community owed her a huge debt of gratitude. He read the Resolution of Commendation aloud, and following its adoption by the Council, presented a signed copy to Ms. Bogley.

Councilmember Pearson noted that people would have fond memories of Scruffy's for a long time.

Vice Chair Bernard moved, seconded by Councilmember Daly, that the Council adopt a resolution expressing its gratitude to Hilleary Bogley and Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor for their support and service to the Middleburg community for thirty-seven years.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Curran, Daly, Jacobs, Leonard-Morgan, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Councilmember Kirk

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Hilleary Bogley thanked the Council and noted that she had a wonderful run beginning with Scruffy's opening in 1988. She advised that she was happy to find someone to take it over and who would continue the work. Ms. Bogley noted that she watched many generations grow up. She told a story of how on her last day of being open, one of her customers stopped by with his children and told them that Scruffy's had been a part of his whole life and that they were going to grow up with it too, and noted that it broke her heart. Ms. Bogley advised that she started the foundation to raise community support and noted that they were able to support twenty-five different local animal welfare organizations annually.

Staff Reports

June Report

Town Clerk North reported that she was continuing work to close out the Town Hall Project. She advised that the security system was now fully functioning. Ms. North further advised that there was an all-hands-on-deck meeting last week to discuss the HVAC system and reported that the belief was that the DOAS unit was not operating as designed. She advised that Boland Trane was working with the manufacturer and would hopefully be on site soon to make repairs so it would operate correctly. In response to an inquiry from the Council, Ms. North advised that Boland Trane first had to work with the manufacturer to determine the exact problem before the Town would know when the repairs could be made. She noted that she was continuing to try to schedule the plumber to repair the outdoor drinking fountains and advised that if she could not get them on site soon, she would look for another plumber. In response to an inquiry from the Council, she advised that the plumber had been under contract with the Town for several months and worked on the plumbing and mechanical issues. Ms. North advised that they completed everything on the list, with the exception of the outdoor drinking fountains. She noted that despite multiple emails, they had not yet set a date for their return to work on them, which was why she was looking for an alternative plumber.

In response to an inquiry from the Council as to whether replacement of the unit was an option for the air conditioning issue, Town Clerk North advised that given the amount of time it took to manufacture the first unit, the preference would be repair over replacement.

Business Development & Community Partnerships Director MacIntyre reported that the Independence Day event was a success and the children's parade was wonderful. She recognized Family Ranch, who provided the food, and noted that she would probably look for a shaved ice vendor and another food vendor for next year's event. Ms. MacIntyre advised that the American Legion did well, as did the face painter and opined that she would need to bring in an additional one next year. She reported that the Middleburg Arts Council and Cultural & Community Events Committee were reviewing the potential vendors for Oktoberfest, which was scheduled for September 26th. Ms. MacIntyre further reported that she would hold a Town grants writing workshop on July 24th.

Finance Director Fletcher reminded Council that the June figures were preliminary, as she was continuing to close out the fiscal year. She noted that they would be finalized with the audit. Ms. Fletcher reported that the meals tax revenues were coming in stronger than expected and noted that she included a chart in her monthly report to reflect a month-by-month

comparison versus a cumulative one. She reported that the cash distributions were elevated due to the pay-off of the two Utilities Fund debts. In response to an inquiry from the Council in regard to the meals tax revenues chart, she confirmed the blue line represented the monthly revenues and the orange line reflected the cumulative revenues. Ms. Fletcher confirmed they were not weighted and that the numbers looked different because some months were heavier than others.

Mayor Littleton noted that the chart reflected dollar values. He further noted that February was a low revenue month; therefore, the cumulative average would not move much.

In response to inquiries from the Council, Town Manager Davis advised that the meals and occupancy tax revenues should come in above the budget and explained that there was still another month of collections that would be added to the figures. He reminded Council that the June revenues were not remitted until July 20th. Mr. Davis reported that as to the expenditures, there were some reconciliations that had not yet been reflected in the actual numbers. He suggested the staff provide the Council with a preliminary report on the FY '25 revenues and expenditures during its July meeting.

Police Chief Jones reminded Council that National Night Out would be held August 5th at the Middleburg Community Center's ball field. He recognized Officer McCord for the assistance he provided the Middleburg Museum with their Juneteenth celebration. Chief Jones also recognized Officers McCord and Beltran for their efforts during the Stuff the Cruiser event. He reported that the department was continuing to prepare for future events, including Christmas in Middleburg. Chief Jones announced that he had hired a new Police Administrative Specialist, who was scheduled to begin work on July 17th. In response to an inquiry, he advised that the vehicle take-home program was doing well and noted that he would provide a report to the Council in October.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported that the Historic District Review Committee (HDRC) had a large agenda this month and noted that they were dealing with the trend of requests to paint buildings black. He advised that they have resisted the trend and noted that the applicants seemed to react well to their suggestions. Mr. Moore reported that the HDRC received some positive feedback from the public at the beginning of their meeting, which was appreciated by the committee. He noted that his written report included a lot of zoning permits; however, those were for two months, as he did not provide a written report last month. In response to an inquiry from the Council, he confirmed he had not yet addressed the issue of lit address numbers in the Salamander subdivision.

Asbury Church Project Report

Town Clerk North reported that a revised proposal had been received from the number one ranked architectural/engineering firm and advised that it was under review. She further reported that Caandor was continuing its research and drafting of the voice over script for the compilation video for the Oral Histories Project. Ms. North advised that they were also editing the individual interview videos, which they would send to the Committee in batches for their review and input. In response to an inquiry from the Council, she advised that she did not know who videotaped Mr. Smith's talk on the desegregation of Middleburg during the Juneteenth celebration; therefore, she had not contacted them.

Mayor Littleton opined that Frances Dodson's granddaughter, Porcha, recorded it.

Reports of Town Committees/Council Liaisons

Vice Mayor Bernard noted that the Farmers' Market continued to be held on Saturdays and encouraged the residents to attend so the vendors could make some money.

Consent Agenda

- A. Council Approval – June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; June 26, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. Council Approval – Naming of Deputy Town Attorney

Councilmember Leonard-Morgan moved, seconded by Councilmember Jacobs, that the Council approve the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Curran, Daly, Jacobs, Leonard-Morgan, and Pearson
No – N/A
Abstain: N/A
Absent: Councilmember Kirk
(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)

Action Items

Council Approval – Amendments to Water Conservation Ordinance

Town Manager Davis reminded Council that they discussed potential amendments to the Town Code related to water conservation measures a number of times. He noted that during their June 12th meeting, they asked questions about the potential impact on commercial customers and advised that his memorandum addressed this, in particular those commercial customers who were low water users. Mr. Davis reported that in their case, they would be treated like residential customers. He further reported that he pulled the consumption data for the last three years for the periods between March and August, which would be the highest usage months, and found that there were forty commercial customers that used more than 9,000 gallons in a billing cycle. He advised that if water rationing had to be imposed, the Town would see a potential water savings of 9,000 gallons of water per day through the 10% reduction requirement. Mr. Davis reminded Council that this was a worst-case scenario and expressed hope that the mandatory water conservation level would capture enough of a reduction that the Town's wells would be fine. He explained that on the chance the Town needed to go a step further, the water rationing measures would be that next step. Mr. Davis opined that another question was whether there was value in imposing water rationing and advised that it would depend on the circumstances at the time. He reported that if the residential and commercial savings were combined, it would result in an overall 10% reduction in the Town's daily production requirements, which would allow the wells to sit inactive for four or five hours combined or would allow the Town to cycle some of the wells out of service for a period of time so they could recharge. Mr. Davis opined that there was value in having a water rationing option in the event the Town got into a dire situation. He reminded Council that as to the residential side, the proposed amendments included a flexible cap, rather than a hard one, which would allow the Town to impose a higher cap if necessary during water rationing in the event the Town saw challenges in its water supply.

In response to inquiries from the Council, Town Manager Davis reported that the residential reduction cap would not be based on averages but rather would be based on global averages. He noted that the 300 hundred gallons/day per household usage was a national average and opined that if the Town needed to impose water rationing, that may be the limit with which the Town would start. Mr. Davis suggested that, if necessary, the Town could tighten the cap further. He advised that there was no accommodation for large families and noted that this would be difficult to apply equitably. Mr. Davis advised that in the case of a multi-family facility, the cap would apply on a per unit basis.

Councilmember Jacobs expressed appreciation for the staff's hard work; however, he noted that he did not have time to read the revised amendments. He requested the opportunity to do so before the Council took action. After some discussion, the Council agreed to defer action until its next meeting.

Mayor Littleton noted that he heard a concern from a resident regarding the question of large versus small families. He advised that while it was unlikely the Town would ever have to impose water rationing, he would like to find a way to accommodate large families, as he was concerned that the families were more at risk. Mr. Littleton opined that large families would not be able to afford the extra fee for usage above the cap that would be set. He acknowledged that there was no answer; however, he advised that he would like to continue to think about this. Mr. Littleton agreed the ordinance should be adopted and noted that it could be amended in the future if the staff found ways to address the large family issue.

Councilmember Pearson noted that there were organizations that could assist families with their utility bills. She opined that while there was no guarantee they would do so, this was an option. Ms. Pearson suggested that if water rationing was ever imposed, the water bill should contain a statement encouraging customers to speak with the Town staff if they had a problem paying the bill.

Council Approval – Franchise for Use of Town Rights-of-Way – Segra

Town Manager Davis reminded Council that they held a public hearing last month regarding the use of Town rights-of-ways and advised that a new franchise with Segra was now being presented to them for their consideration. He further reminded Council that Segra provided fiber services in Middleburg to County properties and a limited number of commercial customers. Mr. Davis explained that the franchise would give Segra the right to use the Town's rights-of-ways. He reported that the franchise had been reviewed by the Town Attorney and was ready for approval. Mr. Davis noted that it set an expectation that the Town would work with Segra and a third-party residential internet service provider (ISP) to find a way for the ISP to use Segra's fiber to provide residential high-speed internet in Middleburg. He advised that there was no guarantee this would occur; however, the staff had had one conversation with a potential ISP provider and would meet with a second one next week.

Councilmember Daly moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Bernard, that Council approve AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO GRANT A TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONDUIT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION FRANCHISE TO PERMIT USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA FOR CONDUIT CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY.

Vote: Yes – Councilmembers Bernard, Curran, Daly, Jacobs, Leonard-Morgan, and Pearson

No – N/A

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Councilmember Kirk

(Mayor Littleton only votes in the case of a tie.)(by roll call vote)

Discussion Items

2025 Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Town Clerk North noted that the Council hosted a volunteer appreciation reception annually to thank the members of the Town's committees for their service to the community. She questioned whether they wished to do so again this year and suggested that if they did, it be held on Wednesday, October 29th. Ms. North further suggested the theme be "Thank You For Being So Sun-Sational!", which would be a Caribbean/tropical theme.

After some discussion, the Council agreed with the staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Pearson questioned whether there was a way to also recognize the volunteers publicly during Middleburg Day.

Vice Mayor Bernard noted that there was discussion about doing so and advised that he was looking for ways to incorporate something that would be in addition to the reception, which the volunteers found to be fun.

Town Clerk North reminded Council of the poster that was created for the reception that identified each volunteer and the dates they started their service on each committee. She suggested this be displayed during Middleburg Day as well.

Information Items

Sale of Large Stones

Town Manager Davis reminded Council that the Town received an unsolicited bid from an individual for the large flagstones on South Madison Street. He reported that a notice was placed in the newspaper regarding receipt of the unsolicited bid and opening the opportunity for others to bid. Mr. Davis advised that this item would be brought to the Council during their next meeting for their consideration. He noted that no action would be required; however, he wanted to ensure the public was aware of this offer and the conversation.

Weather Related Emergencies

Councilmember Curran noted the weather-related tragedy that was occurring in Texas and suggested the need for the Town to be prepared in the event of similar types of weather-related emergencies in Middleburg.

Town Manager Davis reminded Council that the Town worked closely with the Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management to prepare for these kinds of emergencies. He advised that the Police Chief also had a great relationship with the Sheriff's Department and the County government. Mr. Davis noted that the Town staff kept the lines of communication open to enhance and improve upon the emergency plans. He advised that they worked closely to make sure any potential threats were identified in order to determine who the partners would be should they occur.

There being no further business, Mayor Littleton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Trowbridge M. Littleton, MAYOR

Rhonda S. North, MMC, Town Clerk

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Bridge Littleton: All right we'll call the meeting to order. First item is Pledge of Allegiance.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. The next item is roll call.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Peter Leonard-Morgan.

Bud Jacobs: Bud Jacobs.

Bridge Littleton: Bridge Littleton.

Chris Bernard: Chris Bernard.

Cindy Pearson: Cindy Pearson.

J. Kevin Daly: John Kevin Daly.

Pam Curran: Pam Curran.

Rhonda North: Rhonda North, Town Clerk.

Danny Davis: Danny Davis, Town Manager.

Martin Crim: Martin Crim, Town Attorney.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Next item here is the public comment. Any member of the town. Excuse me. Any member of the community wish to address the Town Council on any item. At all. They may do so now, if you'd like to. You have three minutes. Madam. Name and address, please.

Punkin Lee: Yes, sir. Punkin Lee. Two, two. [off mic] No, we don't have time for that. Two West Federal Street. I would just like to say that the MBPA and the police department have just had two combined events. And I just wanted to come and say thank you. The first one was June 27th. Stuff the Cruiser at the Safeway. And the officers collected 1,218 pounds of food, which made Tammie very happy. And thank you. And then 4th of July we had the children's parade from the community center, which was the largest one we have had. It was packed and kids were decked out. They had their ribbons and stuff on their bikes, and wagons were all decked out, and lots of obviously the parents and grandparents and some neighbors and friends showed up and it was quite large. And Shaun led the parade from the terrace of the community center with a Whitehall Hound. Correct. The Hound?

Shaun Jones: Yes, ma'am.

Punkin Lee: Yes. Thank you.

Shaun Jones: Hound dog.

Punkin Lee: Hound dog. He wanted to call it. And to the charter school. So that was great. And I must say that if you want to see someone wind up a bunch of kids as if they just ate 5 pounds of sugar, he is your man. [laughter].

Shaun Jones: Thank you.

Punkin Lee: They were hooting and hollering and clapping and having a great time. So I just wanted to thank our Police Chief and his officers and the Council. So it was a great evening, both of them. And our next cruiser stuffer will be in December. So thank you.

Shaun Jones: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Anybody else? Oh, Megan. Come on.

Megan Gallagher: Okay. Hi. My name is Megan Gallagher. I live at 204 East Marshall Street. I want to second the thanks and expand the events. Juneteenth was a triumph. It was so much fun packing the community center. Bridge was followed by Mr. Smitty Smith, and they told the story of the desegregation of Middleburg's restaurants. It was amazing. But so that was a terrific event. Plus, the pool fee had been cut in half, so the pool was packed. The Community Center is really living large this summer. And 4th of July was just great from start to finish. And eight and nine year old moved in next door to me the day before July 4th. They were in the parade. They got all the stuff from the Business and Professional Association and had an absolutely wonderful time at the fireworks and listening to Will's band. Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Thanks, Megan. Anybody else? All right. We will close the public comment session and move on to special recognition. To say that we have a Middleburg icon in our midst today is an understatement. But as everyone knows, Scruffy's will be transitioning. Probably a good way to say it to a future location and a new set of hands. But what Hillary has done for the community with Scruffy's for near do I say 40 years, [off mic] near 40 years, not only for the community bringing everybody a lot of joy and a lot of great treats, but all that it's done to benefit Middleburg Humane, which is really the important works. I mean, the ice cream is fun, but Middleburg Humane is what endures. It's a testament not only to someone's love and dedication for animals, but also love and dedication for the entire community to do something that brings so much joy to not only the people in the community, but also all the visitors that can take a little special treat with them when they go home. But then there's so much more for the care of animals who are always in great need. It is something absolutely amazing and something will never be forgotten. So I've said this several times, especially at Mary Woodruff's funeral but when you touch a person's life in a positive way, that positivity transfers to the next person, to the next person. So it endures forever. So while Scruffy's may be moving on, and you may be moving on to other things, your work will endure forever here in the community. So we owe you a huge debt of gratitude. What's that? [off mic] Absolutely. So let me. I've got we've got a proclamation to read. And then we can take it from there. So this is a resolution of commendation for. Excuse me. God. I'm sorry. [off mic] No, I don't know. Yeah. For Hilleary Bogley and Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor. Whereas here's the date in December of 1987, Hilleary, founder of the Middleburg Humane Foundation, opened Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor with the goal of supporting the Middleburg Humane Society's Animal Shelter and to increase fundraising for the Middleburg Humane Foundation. And Whereas, Scruffy's Strays was operated through the ice cream parlor and allowed needy animals to be cared for in foster homes. And Whereas Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor increased community awareness of the Middleburg Humane Foundation and brought people, volunteers and community leaders together in support of the foundation. And Whereas, in addition, Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor supported the community by serving hot chocolate during the Dickens of a Christmas activities during the month of December the past three years. And by serving ice cream to Middleburg residents during the first annual Middleburg Day in 2024. And Whereas, on April 1st, 2025, Miss Bogley announced the closure of Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor, effective immediately. And Whereas, the Mayor and Town Council recognized that the closing of Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor was the end of a long tenured and well-respected business in the Town of Middleburg and would like to formally recognize its legacy of supporting needy animals. And the Middleburg Humane Foundation while serving delicious ice cream to residents and visitors alike. And Whereas, in addition, the Mayor and Council would like to recognize Hilleary for her many contributions to the town of Middleburg and the greater Middleburg community. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and members of the Town Council of the town of Middleburg expressed its gratitude to Hilleary Bogley and the employees of Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor for their faithful support of and service to the community for 37 years. Be it further resolved that on behalf of the Middleburg community, we extend our best wishes to Hilleary for her continued

success and happiness as she pursues her next steps in life. So again, that's just a small bit of how much you have meant to everybody here. Would anybody like to add any comments?

Cindy Pearson: I don't think we can top what you just said. [multiple speakers]

Bridge Littleton: That's true.

Cindy Pearson: There people will have fond memories of that for a long, long time. And if they do move the shop to the other location, you're going to have to have wayfinding galore to get people to the next location. So put that in budget. [laughter] But thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Where's Ali? Yeah. Can you contact Google and let them know the change and all that? I appreciate it. Okay. Would anyone like to make a motion? Chris.

Chris Bernard: I move the Council, adopt a resolution expressing its gratitude to Hilleary Bogley and Scruffy's Ice Cream Parlor for their support and service to the Middleburg community for 37 years.

J. Kevin Daly: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any comment? All in favor, say aye.

All of Council: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. Hilleary, would you like to say anything?

Hilleary Bogley: I'll say it. Not many people. Thank you so much. I really appreciate it. I had a wonderful run. 36 season. We opened on a great day 1988, actually. [off mic] And I thought I had a gold mine because I had immediate line. Then it was a tough, you know, tough winter. The first six years, we tried all kinds of things, trying to stay open all year long. We thought it was in the best interest of the town to not be closed, but it ended up working out pretty well. We're going to close January, March and then open up during the season. I miss it. But I'm just so happy that I was able to find another person or family to take over and continue the work. I saw so many generations. I saw kids that grew up, they had kids. My last day that I was there last day in May was a banana mocha cooler. And as I was blending it, I was like, oh my gosh, this will probably be my last banana mocha cooler. And I sat down at the window to take an order, and I had a young couple walked by and you obviously couldn't see in the window when the light was, the sun was very bright and looked very dark, so they couldn't see it. I was sitting right inside. Oh my gosh. And the husband stopped with his two beautiful children and his wife and said, this has been a part of my life, my whole life and my, you know, I love Scruffy's and I you guys are going to grow up with this too. And I just hope, oh my gosh, I just broke down. [off mic] And then I had to take their order and it was so tough. But I'm just really happy that it's still serving the community. And we raised we started Community Foundation by raising community support. And then but we actually every year supported about 20 to 25 different local animal welfare organizations. And so we're continuing to do that through the donation jars at the thrift shop. And it's [off mic]. I'm calling it now. So thank you again, I appreciate it. It was great fun. [applause] Thank you and that's my whole scoop. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: That's the really good one.

Hilleary Bogley: I know it was really fun. We actually have my sign and the golden scoop and a freezer with ice cream by my mother's pool. And all the kids that live on the farm they come up every night and have ice cream. And so it's really [off mic].

Bridge Littleton: So very cool. There you go.

Hilleary Bogley: Thank you so much.

Bridge Littleton: Want to get a picture?

Hilleary Bogley: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: And if you want. [off mic]

Hilleary Bogley: Okay. Appreciate it so much.

Bridge Littleton: Thanks.

Hilleary Bogley: Okay. Thanks you guys. Have a great evening.

Bridge Littleton: Take care. [applause] All right. The next item is staff reports. Miss North.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. We continue to work on closing out the town hall project. The consultant who's working been working on the security system NGSC did correct the remaining deficiencies today. So we do have a fully functioning security system now I'm happy to report. We did have an all hands on deck remote meeting last week regarding the HVAC system. And then we had everyone here on site to actually review some of the equipment. We believe the DOAS unit, which is the outdoor air handler unit, is not operating correctly and as designed. So Boland Train is working with the manufacturer and will be on site to hopefully initiate some repairs and get that operating correctly.

Bridge Littleton: When will they be on site?

Rhonda North: Well, first we have to work with manufacturer and figure out exactly what the problem is. I don't have a date yet. Finally, I'm still working with the plumber to try to schedule the repairs to the outdoor drinking fountains. They're kind of tied up right now, getting the schools ready to reopen. And if I don't get them soon, I'll be looking for another plumber to see if they can come in and finish that work up.

Bridge Littleton: Real quickly on the plumbers. When did we reach out to the ones we reached out to?

Rhonda North: So they've done. I mean, we've had them under contract for a few months now because they did both the mechanical and the plumbing work. And they've done everything on the list, with the exception of the outdoor drinking fountains. So we've been using them for several months now.

Bridge Littleton: Did they give you a date as to when they can get to it?

Rhonda North: I had three emails back and forth with them and have yet to be able to set a date or to get a date from them.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

Rhonda North: So that's why I'm starting to look at alternatives.

Bridge Littleton: All right. Thanks.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Rhonda?

Cindy Pearson: In that looking for the repair work on it. Is replacement an option for the air conditioning part?

Rhonda North: I think our preference is going to be repair to replacement. Just because of the amount of time it took to manufacture the first one. Yeah.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Any other questions for Rhonda? Okay. Next up is Ali.

Ali MacIntyre: All right. Good evening everybody. Sorry to pull this up. You have my report, but just a few notes. Just to echo what a few other folks said the Independence Day was a success. We lucked out with really great weather. The parade was wonderful. Whitehall did a good job. MBPA, we had Tom Sweitzer singing the Star-Spangled banner, which was beautiful. We also had an amazing band, but we had happy Family Ranch and moved through, which did much, much better than they had anticipated. Initially told them there'd be about a thousand people there. We actually may also expand to get the Kona Ice or some kind of shaved ice, and then another food truck next year. The American Legion did very well, too. And then Face Painter, we've been getting a lot of feedback, but the face painter did well, so well, we're probably going to have to bring in another person next in their time. I didn't hear how they did it in Community Center, but I'd love to get me back on that. Additionally, we're just kind of jumping right into planning for the rest of the year. We have review for our at our Middleburg Arts Council/Cultural and Community Events Committee at the end of the month for our vendors for Oktoberfest. But other than that, all of the acts have been booked and that event is on September 20th from 11 to 6. So I'll send a reminder to everyone. And then we have a grants workshop coming up on July 24th from 10 to 11:30. And I included it in today's e-newsletter, but I'll be sending out a blast to all the businesses as well. Any questions?

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Ali? One second here. No. I'm good. I'm sorry.

Ali MacIntyre: Okay, thanks.

Bridge Littleton: All right. Thanks, Ali. All right. Next is Angela.

Angela Fletcher: Thank you, Mayor and Council. Just a reminder that our June figures are all preliminary as we're closing up the fiscal year and will be finalized by the audit. Wanted to point out Meals Tax Revenues were coming in stronger than we expected, and we're happy with those figures. Put in an extra little chart in there in the report so you can see month by month versus cumulative comparison. And then the other thing I just wanted to point out was that our cash distributions were elevated due to the payoff of those two debt service payments. Happy to answer any questions.

Bridge Littleton: So real quickly on your graph, I just want to make sure I'm reading this correctly. The blue is month by month, but not weighted.

Angela Fletcher: What's that?

Bridge Littleton: I said the blue line is the month by month?

Angela Fletcher: Yes.

Bridge Littleton: But it's not weighted. And your orange line is weighted, right?

Angela Fletcher: Yes, that's a cumulative.

Bridge Littleton: So it's cumulative. So if like I look in February and it says -9% meals tax may have been \$10,000 the year before. And then it was \$9,000. And then if I look at Meals tax because May's a heavier month it could have been \$50,000 and we're up 10%. So it's actually \$5,000 not one. But as a percentage it looks different. But the pie is different each month.

Angela Fletcher: Correct.

Bridge Littleton: Okay.

Danny Davis: That is correct. But on the chart two pages down you will see that we don't assume the same revenue every month either.

Bridge Littleton: No, no, I get that. I'm just saying I'm just trying to make it clear for the public. Right. Because if you look at this right, the blue looks like we're underwater significantly more months or by month.

Chris Bernard: It's such a large percentage, but dollar amounts.

Bridge Littleton: But by dollar value, it's not that big a deal because February is a low month. So February could be down 50%, but you're rolling at your cumulative average is not going to move that much because February is such a small it's such a lighter month. Comparative to I'm just pointing out so some of the public goes, wait a minute, how can the orange be so steady and the blue is a sawtooth?

Angela Fletcher: Sure.

Bridge Littleton: So, okay. Any other questions for. Yeah. Chris.

Chris Bernard: So and I just want to make sure I got this correct. So we're expecting to finish the year about what, 1.4 down in expenditures. Is that right? I'm sorry I got that backwards 1.4 down in revenue. Million is that right? No.

Danny Davis: No. Our revenues should come in at budget or if meals and occupancy stay where they are, we'll probably come in above budget on our revenues.

Chris Bernard: Sorry, I meant \$400,000. So I'm looking at the 4.6 number.

Danny Davis: Yeah. So we still have we still have one more month of collection.

Chris Bernard: That was my question.

Danny Davis: To add to that.

Chris Bernard: Are we expecting that to catch up?

Danny Davis: That's correct. Yeah. So we will have the sales from June that are not remitted until July 20th.

Chris Bernard: And then on the expenditure side, we are expecting. Are we expecting anything else to catch up for that 3.6 number.

Danny Davis: So that's some of what we went over at the last meeting, where there are some reconciliations that that have to occur from Miss Fletcher's payments that just have not been reflected in the budget actuals yet. We won't make up the full one point.

Chris Bernard: I was going to say, would you have any just ballpark where it's going to hit?

Angela Fletcher: No, I couldn't say.

Chris Bernard: Okay. Just curious. Imagine we'll find out next time. [off mic]

Danny Davis: Yeah, we'll. [off mic] So we won't have a meeting the first meeting in August. At your next meeting in July, we'll have received our revenues in July, our primary revenues. We can do a little analysis to try to give you an idea on the expenditure side where we've where things shake out for the rest of the year.

Bridge Littleton: Any other questions for Angela?

Angela Fletcher: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Angela thanks. Excuse me. Next. Chief.

Shaun Jones: Good evening everyone. You have the report before? You just had a couple quick things. National Night Out is coming up. First Tuesday in August. August the 5th 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our usual spot at the Middleburg Community Center Ball Field. Just want to give kudos to Officer Melvin. Juneteenth he assisted the Pink Box with their Juneteenth event. A lot of positive comments in reference to that. Also, I would like to give a shout out to Officer Melvin and Officer Frank. They did a wonderful job with the Stuff the Cruiser event at for Seven Loaves. Other than that, we're getting ready for future events, and it's that time of year to start getting ready and request out for Christmas in Middleburg. We have made an offer, and she has accepted. So we have a new police administrative specialist that will be starting on the 17th next week. And that's all I have.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Chief? Bud.

Bud Jacobs: How are we doing on cars?

Shaun Jones: The cars are doing great. We're watching the mileage. I don't have the actual spreadsheet with the mileage, but we're watching that. And also making sure that the guys are staying up on repairs as well. So we haven't had a lot of repairs. Actually, we haven't had any just basic oil change.

Bud Jacobs: I ask because I've forgotten what the milestone is for you to come back and report.

Shaun Jones: Okay, I'll do it. [off mic]

Danny Davis: I think it's about October. We didn't deploy the full program until actually March, I believe, or April. So we're going to come back after six months. [off mic]

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Chief remind me what time the National Night Out. Is it 6:00?

Shaun Jones: Six to eight?

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Six till eight.

Bridge Littleton: Any other questions? All right.

Shaun Jones: Thank you sir.

Bridge Littleton: Chief, thanks.

Shaun Jones: Thank you.

Bridge Littleton: All right, Mr. Moore.

Will Moore: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. You have my report. Just a couple small things to highlight. If you weren't paying attention to the HDRC agenda this month, it was a very heavy one. It was a very heavy agenda for them this month. They are dealing with kind of a trend of requests for painting buildings black in town. And they've been resisting that trend. But fortunately, the business owners who have been applying for that have seemed to react well to it. So we've got a couple of potential new businesses coming that will be coming back to the HDRC after receiving the information from them. But there were some very good comments from the public. At the front loaded public comment portion of the HDRC agenda this month. Just thanking the HDRC for the job they do and for resisting these kinds of trends in the district. And that was very appreciated for that committee, I think, to hear. So they're doing a very good job for you. A lot of zoning permits showing up on this month's report, but I did not file a written report last month, so that's two months' worth. So it's not a indication of a super heavy truck there, necessarily. Nothing else to highlight, but happy to answer any questions you might have.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Will? Bud.

Bud Jacobs: I'm sure you heard that Chief is hiring another administrative assistant.

Will Moore: Yes.

Bud Jacobs: In case you missed it. And in case you have another vacancy in your office, I thought I'd flag it to your attention.

Will Moore: I'm full at the moment, but I'll keep that in mind. Thank you.

Shaun Jones: We still have charges pending.

Bridge Littleton: Actually. Actually, Bud. Is there any business in town that's looking for administrative help? If you post on Facebook, let folks know. That'd be great. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Okay. Will. Thank you. Yeah. I'm sorry. Go ahead, Chris.

Chris Bernard: I remember if it was our last meeting or it's a agenda review, but we had with the new permits over in Salamander. Do we ever kind of clean up the thing on the lit number signs?

Will Moore: We have not yet.

Chris Bernard: Okay. Would be curious to know where that stands.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Any other items for Will? Okay. Thank you. Who's next? Mr. Crim.

Martin Crim: Thank you, Mayor. I have nothing to add to my report, but I'm ready to answer any questions the Council may have.

Bridge Littleton: And Martin, I just want to mention, when you were on vacation, you're back up. She was fantastic.

Martin Crim: I'm glad to hear you.

Bridge Littleton: Concise, very learned, thoughtful, considerate. A real testament to your firm.

Martin Crim: Well, thank you, sir. I appreciate that. I'll let her know.

Bridge Littleton: And you do fine, too. Goodness. All right. Asbury Church. Miss North.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So we have received a revised proposal from our number one ranked architect engineer. And that is currently under review. As far as the oral histories project is concerned, Candor is continuing to work on drafting, research and drafting the voiceover script for the compilation video, and they are working to edit the individual interview films. They'll be sending those to the project committee three at a time for review and comment so that work continues.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Miss North? Rhonda, were you able to speak to Frances?

Rhonda North: So I didn't know who had the who had the video.

Bridge Littleton: It's her. It's one of her relatives. I think it's her niece, Frances Dodson. When Smitty got up and basically told the story. Frances, she had auburn hair. Yes. If you could ask Portia, that'd be great. She was ten feet away

and videoed the whole thing, and I walked up to her and gave her my card and said, please contact me or email me. Oh, I'll input. You know, things like that go. It'd be great to get it. Okay. Any other questions for Rhonda on Asbury? Okay. Thank you, Rhonda. What we got next. Any committee reports? He's not looking. [laughter] Now he's looking. All right. Yeah.

Chris Bernard: We have a whole committee thing, but just a reminder to everyone here and in the public, our farmers market is still going. We had a great kickoff to the season. It's still going pretty strong. So but it does require everyone to keep showing up mid-summer so that the vendors are making money. So I would encourage everyone to show up and tell all your neighbors.

Bridge Littleton: Thank you. Would anyone like anything withdrawn from the consent agenda? All right. Is there a motion on the consent agenda?

Peter Leonard-Morgan: I move that we accept the consent agenda as presented.

Bud Jacobs: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye.

All of Council: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Opposed? Abstentions? Okay. Next up is action items. First item is Council approval of amendments to the Water Conservation Ordinance.

Danny Davis: Thank you, Mr. Mayor as discussed a number of times with the Council and with the public the Town Council is looking at potential amendments to town code related to water conservation measures. At the June 12th meeting, there were a number of questions asked about the potential impact of this on commercial customers. We had spent some time previously talking about residential. And so this memo addresses some of those comments just very briefly, for the public for low use commercial customers. They would be treated essentially like residential customers. So they would not be required to reduce their usage by 10% or 5% or whatever percentage cap the Council may impose if they use under 150 gallons per day. Because that can be burdensome if it's a very low use commercial customer. We also then went through our data and history for the last three years and were able to pull out specifically consumption between the months of March and August, which would be kind of primary spring and summer months, where you see the highest use. And that was out of the concern that we didn't want to be using the low consumption months of the winter time when calculating averages. So we were able to do that. And essentially we found that there are about 40 commercial customers that that use more than 9000 gallons in a billing cycle. And so then you see the data and the analysis here that if water rationing had to be imposed, there is the potential of saving, you know, somewhere around 9000 gallons per day through those measures. If the town were to impose a 10% reduction requirement. Now, again, this is all a worst case scenario. We hope that, you know, if we were to get into a drought or other situation, that imposing the normal water conservation measures, which is no outdoor watering, no topping off pools, no irrigation systems, things like that would capture the majority of that reduction and we'd be fine there. But on the chance that we ever had to go a step further, the water rationing measures would be that next step. So the other question I think was. Is there value in imposing water rationing. Right. Are we going through all this process just, you know, to see a very minimal impact. And again, it depends on the circumstance of that time, the current customers as of that time. But if we were to combine the potential savings from residential and commercial customers it is about a 10% overall reduction in our daily production requirements, and 10% is a fairly decent amount. And as noted here, that's somewhere in the amount of 4 to 5 hours that our wells would be able to sit inactive. Now that's a combined 4 to 5 hours. Not each, well, 4 to 5, but still, that's a significant a time to allow them to recharge or allow us to cycle out which ones are running. So we do think there is value in that if we were to get to a very dire situation, all of this together. I believe we've tried to answer most of the questions that Council has had. As a reminder, on the residential side, we in the proposed amendments, we have not imposed a hard cap. It is a flexible one. So the town could impose a higher cap if necessary in water rationing. And if we continue to see challenges in our water supply make that more stringent as the days go along that accommodates the concerns that were raised from some about

larger size families or having a bit more flexibility in the code. But with that I'm happy to answer any questions. If Council's amenable to it, it is prepared and ready for adoption. But we can answer any questions if necessary.

Bridge Littleton: Any questions for Danny? Chris? Sorry, Bud.

Chris Bernard: And this goes back to the large family thing, because I just want to make sure we have that cleaned up. So is there something in there that accounts for a large family moving into town that residents last year maybe had a family of two there. And their average is lower. And now a new families. Can they? Is there something, a mechanism where they can come to you and say, hey, look, you know, we need some kind of variance based on last year.

Danny Davis: Yeah. So residential is not based on averages. It's just based on a global average, if you will. So generally you hear the term 300 gallons per household per day is a national average. So if we were to go into that step, that might be where the town starts and then see if that results in some savings in our consumption patterns, and then if necessary, that could be tightened up even further. So not sure if that answers your question, but there in in the ordinance there is currently not accommodation specifically for large families. And I think what we were trying to express in prior meetings is that that's a much more difficult item to track, verify, apply equitably. And so taking residential as a category is one multifamily essentially as a category of residential, which is by unit and then commercial. Those are the three distinct categories.

Bud Jacobs: I appreciate the work you guys have done on this, and I'm embarrassed to tell you that I have actually not read the new section 113-81. And if you'll give me forbearance, I'd like to read it before I vote. If that doesn't throw any sticks in the wheels.

Danny Davis: I'll leave that up to the Mayor and rest of Council. We don't see at this point and need to go into any water conservation measures immediately. But I'll leave it up to Council about timing.

Bridge Littleton: You know, I really shouldn't, but I just can't help myself. Someone didn't do their homework.

Bud Jacobs: Someone's been on vacation.

Bridge Littleton: I mean, hey, Bud. I've got absolutely zero objection you know, letting it push for two weeks. Everybody else good with that?

Chris Bernard: You're lucky it's been raining so much.

Cindy Pearson: Can I make a comment on that?

Bridge Littleton: Sure. Absolutely.

Cindy Pearson: I'm fine with whatever we decide. But what I'd like to make a comment on is. I'm glad Mother Nature has given us some a lot of rain, so we don't have to be in this now. I mean, it could come at a later date, but hopefully it was just a reminder last year to draw back in a little bit and we go forth with no problems for a few years. It would be really nice.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Does anybody, I mean, so we'll vote on it in the next meeting, but does anybody have any questions for Danny at the moment on this? Okay. I will say the only concern I've had from residents of recent and it really is just one resident, but someone who has done a lot of thoughtful analysis spent a lot of time, whatever is the question of large families versus small families? And it doesn't mean that we can't always change this in the future. I still do have a lingering. You know. Look, this is. This is the 1% likelihood kind of case, right? But guess what? Every now and then, the 1% does happen, right? Lightning does strike. Even though it might not strike our house. It strikes somebody. So I'm all good moving forward with it, but I still want to think hard about is there a way to make accommodation for that? And I get the, the point that it might make it a little harder to. But I mean, let's be fair. It ain't that hard, right? Who's registered to vote at that address? You know, it could be, you know, the two primary whatever on

the mortgage and anybody under 18. I mean, it's not going to be perfect, right? I just worry about our families that are most at risk. You know who can't? You know, I'm thinking. I'm really thinking, Windy Hill. Large families, you know that. They can't afford that extra fee. And, you know, we do have higher than average water rates, and we get a lot of benefit from that. We get to control our borders. We can control growth. That's one of the positive sides for it. But I get that we don't have the answer now, but I would still like to think more about it. But I do think we should put this in place. We can always amend it down the road as we think of other ways to do it. So I just some food for thought. But no, but we'll put this back on the agenda in two weeks. Okay. Any last thoughts on the water?

Cindy Pearson: Yeah. So with those families, like at Windy Hill, that it will be more difficult to raise. So they have to maybe just be reminded that there are ways in Middleburg to ask for funds. And then those ways usually come to the nonprofit that we have the, you know, has the money to give them more, maybe to help during that time.

Bridge Littleton: But you can't always guarantee.

Cindy Pearson: That, no, you can't, but it is an option to help.

Bridge Littleton: No, no, I mean, it's a possibility.

Cindy Pearson: Correct.

Bridge Littleton: But it's not definite. You know, and again, my concern is, you know, it's a family of five. It's a family of six. And you know, they get hit with a water bill that's 50% more whatever our fines are or however, we work it out. Right? And, you know, they're trying to keep it as low as they can, but there's just certain basic subsistence.

Cindy Pearson: And maybe that statement on it, you know, if there's a problem, come speak to us at the town office, however that's worded.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah. Yeah. Anyway. All right. If there's nothing else on that one. Anybody? Okay. We will go to the next item, which is, oh, the franchise for the right of way with Segra. Okay, Danny.

Danny Davis: Thank you, Mr. Mayor and Council. This item we held a public hearing on a month ago or just six weeks ago. And this is to approve a new franchise for Segra, who provides fiber services in town to county properties, as well as to a limited number of commercial customers. Franchise for them to use our rights of way. And so this has been reviewed by the town attorney in concert with the attorneys. And this is ready for approval. So happy to answer any questions council might have. Just as noted in in the item that sets the expectation of us working with Segra and a third party residential ISP internet service provider, to try to find ways that a ISP could use the Segra fiber as a backhaul to provide residential high speed internet, essentially to provide another option for customers in town for high speed internet. It doesn't guarantee that's going to happen, but we've already had one conversation. We have another one lined up for next week, so hopefully we're able to make some progress in that. Happy to answer any questions on the proposed franchise, but it is ready for action tonight.

Bridge Littleton: Anyone any questions for Danny on this one? Going once, going twice. Okay. If someone would like to make a motion. Yeah.

J. Kevin Daly: I move that the Town Council approve an uncodified ordinance to grant a telecommunication conduit facility's construction franchise to permit use of public rights of way within the corporate limits of the Town of Middleburg, Virginia, for conduit construction and occupancy.

Chris Bernard: Second.

Bridge Littleton: Any discussion? Rhonda, is this a roll call vote? Okay. Go ahead.

Rhonda North: Vice Mayor Bernard.

Chris Bernard: Aye.

Rhonda North: Council Member Curran.

Pam Curran: Aye.

Rhonda North: Council Member Daly.

J. Kevin Daly: Aye.

Rhonda North: Council Member Jacobs.

Bud Jacobs: Aye.

Rhonda North: Council Member Leonard-Morgan.

Peter Leonard-Morgan: Aye.

Rhonda North: Council Member Pearson.

Cindy Pearson: Aye.

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Last item we have is Miss North, party planner extraordinaire.

Rhonda North: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. So it's. It's that time of year again to be thinking about the annual volunteer appreciation reception. I just wanted to check with the Council, see if you are interested in hosting a reception again this year. If so, I would suggest Wednesday, October the 29th. That's the fifth Wednesday of the month. We try to go for fifth because folks don't normally have meetings scheduled for the those nights. And that assumes the caterer is available. We are recommending this year's theme be "Thank you for being so sensational", with a Caribbean type of theme. So if you are okay with that, then we will proceed with the plan.

Bridge Littleton: Anyone have any questions or concerns for Miss North's grand plan? Bud.

Bud Jacobs: Can I be invited to parties at your house? [multiple speakers]

Rhonda North: I'm so busy planning parties here that I usually don't get to plan parties at my house anymore. [laughter]
Retirement. [laughter]

Bridge Littleton: Okay. No, I think that sounds great, Kevin.

J. Kevin Daly: There will be a limbo competition. Correct.

Rhonda North: As I said, no worker's comp for limbo competitions. [off mic]

Bridge Littleton: Okay. Anybody have concerns on the date or the theme?

Cindy Pearson: The only one thought. And then I kind of scratched it was, you know, the it's mostly it's just volunteers here. When we have this, we don't have the public to see how we recognize our volunteers. And then I thought, well, maybe that may celebration would be a good time to do this, but then we wouldn't get Rhonda's really great special evening. So it was just trying to find a way. And I don't know how to get more public to see what we're doing, how we recognize the volunteers, because without them, we could we wouldn't be here. Go for it.

Chris Bernard: So we did talk about this recognizing the volunteers at Middleburg day, which does make sense. And we are looking at ways to try to incorporate at least some format of that without getting rid of this, because the party is so fun.

Cindy Pearson: So what I thought was that was maybe just have a list of the volunteers at that and they could just stand. You didn't have to call them all up. And you know, you could say, look at the wonderful volunteers we have.

Bridge Littleton: With Punkin alone. We'd be there 20 minutes.

Cindy Pearson: We would. Yeah. So just saying she.

Bridge Littleton: Yeah, sure, sure, sure.

Rhonda North: So we do have the poster that we put out during the reception that we could also set that out during Middleburg day so folks could at their leisure, you know, look at the lists and who's on what and how long they've been on, on each committee.

Bridge Littleton: No, I think the reception is nice and it's yeah, it's one of those things to, you know, you know, volunteer and. Yeah, exactly. You get you get invited to Rhonda's party. Yeah, exactly. Okay. Any other on any other feedback on Rhonda's plans? Okay, good. And the last thing here is any information items from anybody. Oh, this isn't good.

Danny Davis: Mr. Mayor. I just want to remind the Council. I believe we spoke about this, briefly a few months ago, but the town has received an unsolicited bid for the large flagstones on South Madison Street, on the sidewalk of South Madison, in front of Middleburg Books and candies. So we have put a notice in the paper of the town's receipt of that unsolicited bid and that we that is open for other bids if people would like to place a bid for that. So that information was published in the paper today and will be brought to you at your next Council meeting. So no action would be required at that meeting, but we did I did want to make sure the public was aware that that was on the table and at least under conversation.

Bridge Littleton: Awesome. Thanks. Pam.

Pam Curran: I just had one thing with the tragedy in Texas, right? You know You know, even though we're a small town and we, we wouldn't experience that type of tragedy or weather event. We do have these all, you know, strong storms and winds and power outages and I, you know, I would just say that I know we have been doing training, but I think the small steps towards us being more prepared for some type of an emergency in a small town will keep us from having, you know, the type of disaster that you end up having when you don't do anything. So and we do we're, you know, making those steps. But, you know, we won't have what Texas has. But, you know, weather is what weather is now. So I just wanted to lift that up.

Bridge Littleton: Well, I mean, when we had the hailstorm in 2016, I mean, that was unbelievable. Shredded the town, absolutely shredded the town. So no, it's a good point. Yeah.

Danny Davis: Yeah it is. And just, you know, I will say we work really closely with Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management and the preparation for those kinds of emergencies. Identification and preparation, as well as then in the midst of those situations. Response to those items. So chief has a great relationship with, of course, the sheriff's office, with the county government. And then we keep those lines open so we can continue to enhance and improve upon those plans. But we do work very closely to make sure that as much as those potential threats that we can identify, that we've identified and then know who the partners are when those may occur.

Pam Curran: Well, I think you said it's enhancing what we already do, and there is a lot more out there that allows us to do those kinds of things. So, you know, I appreciate that, too.

Bridge Littleton: Any other information items? Going once, going twice. All right. Meeting adjourned.