

**Special Town Council Meeting  
April 22, 2010  
Hamilton Town Office**

Mayor H. Ray Whitbey called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by Roll Call.

Present: Mayor H. Ray Whitbey, Vice Mayor John Unger, Mr. Greg Wilmoth, Mr. Tom Rollins, Mr. Ken Wine.

Absent: Mr. Michael Snyder, Mr. Brent Campbell.

Also Present: Ms. Lori Jones, Treasurer and Ms. Margaret Morton, Leesburg Today

**Public Comment** – Ms. Erin-Anne Manning of 26 Hamilton Terrace Dr, Hamilton, spoke about the water situation in her home and surrounding homes. She spoke of brown water problems over the past year and is looking for the Town to remedy the situation. Ms. Manning also wants the town to consider monetary compensation to her for her extra water usage due to flushing her own pipes to get rid of the brown water.

Mrs. Dorothy Myers of 15 Hamilton Terrace also spoke of her frustrations with the discolored water. She had pictures of the water to show the Town Council.

**Minutes**

Mr. Unger began discussion on the FY2011 budget. A balanced budget was presented to the Town Council. This budget excludes a Town Manager, maintains the Mayor's salary at \$15,000 annually, sets legal expenses at \$35,000, and adds income to the water fund due to the proposed Water Bond refunding being considered at the May Town Council Meeting. A few other miscellaneous accounts were adjusted in nominal amounts to reach a balanced budget. Mr. Wilmoth questioned the Tank Painting & Control Fund being moved from CIP to Water Fund operating. Ms. Jones pointed out that in earlier Finance Committee meetings, it was determined that the tank painting should be an operating/maintenance expense. Mr. Wilmoth questioned the Sump Pump Program line item and it was determined that the Town would be spending some amount, just unsure of specifically what will be done. DEQ is looking for us to do something and we need to be financially prepared to address their concerns. Another question is on funding CIP for trucks – we put some money away each year in CDs to purchase a truck in the future. And a final question on I&I at \$50,000, which is just an estimate for FY2011 and nothing has been contracted/set as a definite expense.

Mr. Unger pointed out that we didn't cut bare-bones expenses; that we are not squeezing them down to unrealistic levels. There are also no water or sewer rate increases in this budget, but they could be changed in the future, including this fiscal year. Mr. Unger also pointed out that there is a \$0.03 tax increase proposed.

Ms. Jones noted that in order to balance the water and sewer funds, FY2010 surplus amounts are being applied to those funds. We expect our checking account balances to show a surplus at the end of FY2010 and we will use some of that surplus to balance FY2011. No CDs will be redeemed to fund this budget. Also included in the General Fund are payments to the BZA members for the meeting they attend.

Mr. Wine made a motion to authorize a public hearing for the Tax Equalization and Tax Rate Increase of \$0.28 on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 7:00pm. Mr. Wilmoth made a second on the

motion and the vote passed 5-0-2 (Aye: Unger, Rollins, Wine, Wilmoth, Whitbey. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder, Campbell).

Mr. Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council recess its open meeting a convene a closed session to discuss the following: Motion to Convene Closed Meeting pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 (A) (1) for discussion of Town employees, appointees and/or officers. Mr. Wilmoth seconded the motion and the voice vote passed 5-0-2 (Aye: Unger, Rollins, Wine, Wilmoth, Whitbey. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder, Campbell).

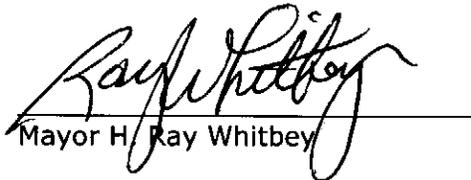
Mr. Wilmoth made a motion to accept and sign the contract with DEQ for the Devine Waterline Project. Mr. Wine made a second on the motion and the vote passed 5-0-2 (Aye: Unger, Rollins, Wine, Wilmoth, Whitbey. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder, Campbell).

Mr. Wine made a motion that that Hamilton Town Council adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. Mr. Wilmoth seconded the motion and the voice vote passed 5-0-2 (Aye: Unger, Rollins, Wine, Wilmoth, Whitbey. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder, Campbell).

Executive Session began at 7:58 PM.  
Executive Session ended at 8:20 PM.

Mr. Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council certify that while in closed session, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body. Mr. Wilmoth seconded the motion and the voice vote passed 5-0-2 (Aye: Unger, Rollins, Wine, Wilmoth, Whitbey. Nay: none. Absent: Snyder, Campbell).

Mr. Wine made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

  
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Mayor H. Ray Whitbey

  
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Ms. Lori M. Jones, Treasurer

  
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Ms. Mary Tussing, Recorder