**MINUTES**

**TOWN OF VIENNA**

**REGULAR TOWN MEETING**

**September 8, 2025**

The regular town meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Mayor Pam Travers. Also, present was Commissioner Greg Cusick and Commissioner Frank Fluharty. Motion to add the Native American Festival – Donna Abbott to the Agenda under Old business. Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Fluharty. Seconded by Commissioner Cusick. Motion carried. Motion to approve Minutes of August 11, 2025. Motion by Commissioner Fluharty to correct the minutes under New Business D. Water Leak to read 104 Middle Street. Seconded by Commissioner Cusick. Motion carried.

**IV.COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Clerk’s Report-** as presented by Toni Alexander,

Balance in the:

General account- $12,025.62

Museum account-$8,004.32

Property tax collected by the county on the town’s behalf – S1232.84

Paid $4500.00 to Starfire (Balance of Fireworks due)

Received $40.00 (Shed Permit) 417 Old Ocean Gateway

Received $65.00 (Fence Permit) 404 Linden Lane

Received $9,752.88 – Highway Users Revenue MDOT

Received $500.00 Gazebo Rental – September 2026 wedding

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**B. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**- Builder proposed the construction of a third home behind the Vienna Food Mart. He was told that this is a nonconforming lot. Builder stated he would take it to the Dorchester County Planning & Zoning office for approval.

**C. CODE ENFORCEMENT-**

**D. PUBLIC WORKS – A leak in the line was repaired at Church and Middle Sts**

**E. WATER & SEWER-** as presented by Toni Alexander, Clerk

**Water and Sewer collected from the last meeting-$2,765.00**

**Properties sold – 508 Race Street; 4912 Ocean Gateway and 404 Linden Lane**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **ENR Upgrade-Land requisition –** Pete Golba, our Attorney, is still working on this and trying to get in contact with DPL.

Commissioner Fluharty stated he would get in contact with DPL to remove the dirt and cones from the roadway in front of 124 Market Street.

He also spoke with Southern Corrosion and invited them to attend one of our town meetings to discuss having our water tower painted inside before the cold weather arrives. Southern Corrosion are not water operators; they only paint. The Water tower needs to be emptied in order to paint; a feasible solution has not been reached. Every 100,000 gallons it flushes. Take the tower offline for 2 hours/2 days and manually flush to see how it goes to allow us to be self-flushing.

Our application for discharge was approved in order to increase the flow discharge. We want to include Chesapeake Operations or Chic Barnhart

in the conversation regarding the increase to our flow discharge.

1. **Fireworks**-9/20- We will be in touch with the Fire Marshall’s office for an inspection and issuance of the required permit. The Fire Marshall will be in contact with the Dorchester Sheriff’s office. We received a $900.00 donation for the fireworks. David Warfield will move his pottery station to the Town Hall.
2. **Lawn and Property Maintenance –** Commissioner Fluharty is still working on verbiage for the ordinance.
3. **Native American Festival (Donna Abbott) –** they will begin setting up this week for the festival which will take place on 9/13/2025.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Addendum to the Minutes of August 11, 2025** - regarding Front, Side & Rear Minimum Setbacks and Street Frontage was placed in the minutes. Motion to approve the Addendum was made by Commissioner Cusick. Seconded by Commissioner Fluharty. Motion carried.
2. **Grants Approved –** Grant awarded for Painting of three Cultural Assets – Ferry Toll House, Customs House and the Heritage Museum the amount of $11,500.00.

Vienna Entrance Park Expansion – DNR grant in the amount of $244,512.00 for the purpose of community parks and playground equipment.

Commissioner Cusick stated that funding is needed for new roads and sidewalks due to dangerous areas for pedestrians. Mayor Travers stated she will touch base with Valerie Mann regarding grants for streets and sidewalks/infrastructure.

Demolition grant for the old community building supported by Dorchester County and Senator Mautz in the amount of $275,000.00 . We will hear something in October.

$5,000.00 grant – Heart of the Chesapeake and the George Todd Fund.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jerome Harris questioned the Water/Sewer funds and if these funds were separate from the other funds received in the town’s accounts? Mayor Travers explained that all funds go into a General Fund and then are placed under the correct category with each expenditure. We are advised by our accountant and auditor to utilize QuickBooks for our accounting. We cannot utilize the water/sewer funds for anything other than water and/or sewer related. The town is audited once per year to make certain we abide by the proper accounting procedures.

**READING OF THE BILLS**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**CHECK # PAYEE AMOUNT**

16084 James McFarlane (town/grass mowing) $3,000.00

16085 Justin Wivall (DCSD) 400.00

16086 Elizabeth Stacey (DCSD) 400.00

16087 Greg Cusick (104 Middle St/water leak) 400.00

16088 James McFarlane (104 Middle St/water leak) 250.00

16089 Greg Cusick (Bushhog town 6.0 hrs) 600.00

16090 Ethel Cusick (Town Host LESMA Dinner) 4,450.00

16091 Pam Travers (August) 200.00

16092 Greg Cusick (August) 150.00

16093 Frank Fluharty (August) 150.00

16094 James McFarlane (W/W 8/25-8/29) 700.00

16095 Toni Alexander (W/W 8/25-8/29) 528.44

16096 Wendell Garrison (DCSD) 400.00

16097 Stephen Mills (DCSD) 400.00

16098 James McFarlane (W/W 9/1-9/5) 700.00

16099 Toni Alexander (W/W 9/1-9/5) 528.44

**DEBITS**

Verosa (CC fees) 35.00

Beyond (CC fees) 11.07

St. of MD fire Marshall (Fireworks permit fee) 51.23

Beyond (CC fees) 83.34

Beyond (CC fees) 13.77

Motion to pay bills-by Commissioner Fluharty.

Second, by Commissioner Cusick. Motion carried.

Adjournment 7:57 p.m. Next meeting – September 22, 2025. No Closed session after the meeting.