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Town of Vienna, MD

Meeting Minutes August 10,2026

Attending this meeting was Mayor Travers, Commissioner Abey, and Commissioner Fluharty.

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Mayor Travers.

Additions to agenda and approval: Motion made by Commissioner Fluharty to approve agenda for August 10,2026. Second, by Commissioner Abey.

Corrections and approval for minutes of July 27, 2026, meeting: Meeting minutes have been reviewed, correction was made to add "Side yard" in the open hearing under section E. A motion was made by Commissioner Fluharty to approve July 27, 2026, minutes, second by Commissioner Abey.

Committee reports:

A. Clerks Report: as presented by Kelsie Abey, Clerk-
General Operations Account Balance: \$ 1,190.55
Water & Sewer Account Balance: \$ 17,248.86,
Music on the Nanticoke Account Balance: \$ 5,915.32
Operating Bills paid since 7/27/26 meeting- \$1,219.00.
Water/ Sewer Bills paid since 7/27/26 meeting- \$25,556.39.
Operating Deposits since 7/27/26- \$1,834.87.
W/S Deposits since 7/27/26- \$35,587.66.
Music on the Nanticoke Deposits since 7/27/26- \$150.00
See the attached reading of the bills at the end of the report.

B. Planning and Zoning: No new business.

C. Code Enforcement: N/A

D. Public Works: Jamie did not attend the meeting, no update. Greg, Jamie, and Mayor Travers have taken exams for water/wastewater licenses. Pending extension of contract with Chesapeake Operations. Southern Corrosion started cleaning the outside of the water tower on 8/10/26. They will be completed by 8/12/26. This has no cost to the town as it's included in monthly premiums.

E. Water & Sewer: W/S collected since 7/27/26 meeting \$35,587.66. Mayor Travers stated the town of Vienna has around \$22,000 in delinquent water and sewer bills. Door hangers for delinquent town residents will be hung week of 8/10/26. Commissioner Fluharty and Mayor

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request residents to have until 8/17/26 to pay or water will be shut off. A \$50 reconnection fee will be applied to turn water back on.

V: Old Business

A. ENR Upgrade- Mayor Travers has spoken with town attorney Pete Golba. The surveyor is out of town until 8/18/26. Once he returns, the surveying will start for the Water and Wastewater plant properties.

B. Lead Service Lines- A virtual focus group meeting held by SERCAP will be held 8/13/26 @ 3:00 PM. Commissioner Fluharty plans to attend.

C. Grants-

1. Community Legacy-Applied for \$249,000 for renovations on the John Smith Center to eventually combine both museums into one space. Valerie is working on this grant.

2. Community Center - on hold pending a report to the M&C on the economic value and costs associated with renovating the building. Also need a meeting with the county to allow a renovation vs. demolition so that the town does not have to repay the original grant we received to purchase the building.

3. Community Parks and Playgrounds- move forward to apply for a grant for a kayak launch on the waterfront.

4. Waterway Improvement- apply for another \$150,000 to finish the waterfront project and repair the public space in front of the house that the town owns. Frank will get measurements, photos, and information regarding work to be done in phase 2 to Valerie this week. Round 2 deadline is 9/18/26. Kyak Launch can be included - \$10,000 - \$25,000 for estimated costs. Public Comment: is corrosion covered by DNR? Can DNR help with the scope of work to help fix the corrosion damages that we have? Answer: We can't move forward until the documentation is received from DNR for the first round. We are just planning for phase 2.

5. BJAG - grant application submitted for four new cameras and additional surveillance.

6. The painting of the three historic homes- Cindy working on dropping # of building to 2. Leaving \$2,000 left to spend on the old museum. Grant is \$11,500.00

7. The entrance park committee is working on the design of the park. Bids are being requested on each part of the park. The Committee presented current plans to Mayor and Commissioners. Commissioner Fluharty asked how they came up with the \$7000.00 cap for the memorial area, answering it was stated within the grant. Brian is going to come up with a budget for the other sections. Public comment: Will the demolition of the current fountain structure be open for bids?

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Per Brain, he plans to include demolition in his quote for all the work. There was a bid offered by shore life property management however, it was suggested to allow for other bids for portions/ whole project. The committee preferred to have one person that was able to do all the work. DNR is allowing the town to use the funding and not have to pay forward first; it will take around 40-60 days to receive funds. Waiting to see if vendors are willing to work with that. The proposal is attached at the end of this report.

8. Town has applied for funding on a pollinator garden for \$10,000.

9. Waiting to hear on well grant funding from the federal congressional committee.

D. GMB- Water Treatment Plant- Carrie with USDA had a call with the clerk, SERCAP & GMB for catch up/ background on Water treatment plant project The following needs to be completed still by the town. Funding for \$973,000 needs to be secured by the bank before USDA moves forward. Separate account with \$23,000 reserved for funding for equipment repairs required, W/S rates are being assessed by SERCAP to see where we stand as far as repayment for new system. Juel with SERCAP will have a report by the end of the year. USDA is willing to attend any town hall meetings for questions and guidance. Still pending land survey for new WTP and ROW

E. FY 2026/2027 Budget- New meeting date needs to be set. Once the budget for 2027 is final, the town will have a different way of reading the bills and income for the town during meetings. Complete listing of all bills paid and deposits and debits to accounts will still be attached to meeting minutes.

F. Community Building- Commissioner Fluharty stated there is still electric on at the community building. He has contacted Delmarva Power however he can't get any information because there is no account number associated with the address. Commissioner Fluharty attended a firehouse meeting and requested an electric bill for reference. The firehouse isn't sure if they still have one on file. They will investigate this. Candace stated that the deadline for the grant is passed; we will have to wait until the next round to apply again. Commissioner Fluharty still suggests a group come together for ideas for the building. Commissioner Fluharty and Commissioner Abey agreed the electric needs to be shut off as it is a safety hazard. The old wells are still connected to electricity as well, and there are open electric wires. Public comment: we should leave the electricity on and try and see if we can get any other funding from Delmarva Power for any grants that may be available. Commissioner Fluharty stated having power to the old wells is dangerous, and the electric has been turned off just past the meter. Mayor Travers stated the power needed to be shut off its will be too much of a risk leaving it on. Both commissioners agreed.

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G. 206 Market St- T Short Right of Way Removal- Mayor Travers spoke with Pete, town attorney. Mr. Short needs to have a plat showing the right of way removed, two posts in the paper, the public hearing sign posted in the yard, and then the public hearing can be held. Commissioners and Mayor agreed on the cost of posting, and an admin fee are Mr. Shorts' responsibility. Clerk is going to get costs of listing and admin fee for Mr. Short.

H. Impact Fees- Still waiting to hear back on what we can and cannot charge.

I. Clean up behind WWTP- Clean-up is in progress.

J. Boat slips/ Boat Ramp Storm Damage- Commissioner Fluharty has repaired damages. The total cost was around \$75.00. Non- Slip grips on floating dock need to be replaced; they are no longer non-slip. Commissioner Fluharty also stated that the new float was shipped, and its cost was \$500.00. It will be installed on the week of 8/17/26.

VI: New Business:

- A. **Vienna Historical Society-** Kevin Hill did an overview of the building- based on his findings the shipwreck pieces were placed in the back where the floor is sturdier. The 4 shipwreck pieces are now here in town. The historical society will have a meeting 8/13/26 @ 6:30PM for history and a building upgrades update. The alarm has been set again since the shipwreck is there and does hold value. The code remains the same.
- B. **No Parking Signs at Waterfront-** There has been a rising issue of people parking in no parking areas at the waterfront. Including close to the water on the boardwalk and also boat trailers in the no parking area are by the boat ramp. The mayor and commissioners agreed new signs need to be purchased and placed stating "No Parking, Will be towed at owners' expense, by X tow company." Commissioner Fluharty stated with as narrow as Water St is parking should only be curbside. A tow company is to be determined. Commissioner Fluharty is going to ask the local tow companies if they are interested, Bunky's Tow Service and J&S Recovery. Public comment: Can we not tow the vehicles if it's not posted on the no parking signs? Correct, it must be posted on the signs, what company will be towing and who to call. Why is the sheriff's department not writing tickets when they are called? We are unsure; the mayor is going to contact the sheriff's department and see if there is further action that can be taken if they are called. Where would we have everyone park if the kayak launch is installed at the waterfront? That was one of the reasons the community building was purchased for demolish- to have additional parking and restrooms for guests and parking. The kayak launch will be too far for the kayaks to park there.

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- C. LGIT Letter Response- Intent to sue town of Vienna- West Vienna W/S Rates-** The town had received a letter from a non-resident of Vienna claiming they were going to sue the town due to water and sewer bills being unfair and trash pickup was not provided to the residents outside of Vienna. The letter was turned over to LGIT Insurance, and the insurance companies' lawyers are now handling the issue. The mayor and commissioners cannot contact or respond to the person intending to sue at this time. Public Comment: Who is trying to sue the town and why? We are unable to speak names; the individual stated that West Vienna is being charged more for water and sewer than in town residents and that the residents in West Vienna do not have trash pickup. The community stated that the trash pickup is included in our town's taxes; we still pay for the service it just doesn't come from the water bill. Mayor Travers stated all water bills are the same for West Vienna and within town limits. Everyone is charged with the same flat rate of \$230.00 per quarter.
- D. LGIT Radar Sign Claim-** The speed radar sign located at the town hall was damaged in a storm in July 2026. A claim has been made to LGIT insurance company to replace the radar sign. A quote was received from Elancity Radar company, and the sign now costs \$4,000.00, which includes all the parts required. Claim is pending review with LGIT.
- E. 4612 Harris Ave Water/Sewer Hookup-** Two bids have been submitted for the water sewer hookup. This project has had to be fast acting due to Dorchester County not informing the town of the house going up, the contracting company calling and paying and waiting for communication from water/ sewer contractors. Greg Cusick submitted a bid of \$3300.00, and the town covers the cost of materials. Wyatt Barnes submitted a bid for \$8300.00 which includes cost of materials and repaving the road after work is complete. Commissioner Fluharty is reviewing cost of materials to compare final bids; he also requests a little more of a breakdown on Wyatt Barnes' quotes as far as separating water and sewer. Mayor Travers asked if there was an ad for the bid to inform other interested bidders? Commissioner Fluharty stated No there hasn't been time. Public comment: can we post bid opportunities on the website to keep it fair? Mr. Cusick asked if the town was going to be taking bids from here on out on all jobs? Commissioner Fluharty stated that any job over a certain amount needs to be placed on bids. Mr. Cusick said the town tried to do bids before, but it never worked out, so the jobs were just kept within the town, and costs were based on what other towns were paying. Mayor and Commissioners agreed if bids are going to be placed; they need to be fair for everyone.

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Public Comments:

Candace stated she did hear back from MML and emailed the mayor and commissioners and clerk what they had said about implementing penalties for late/ no permits. Mr. Harris questioned why other town employees were getting paid out of the water and sewer account and also asked why west Vienna was the only delinquent he seen getting put in the minutes. The mayor stated that the delinquents from West Vienna that is in the meeting minutes from July 27, 2026 were a deposit that the county had paid to the town for the delinquent water and sewer bills submitted to the county for west Vienna. The county does not pay the town for the town residents that are delinquent. Commissioner Fluharty stated the only employee paid out of the water and sewer account is Jamie for water and wastewater duties. Mr. Harris said that the town never includes and in town residents for delinquent bills; mayor Travers stated the Delinquent amount for in town residents' water and sewer bills was mentioned at the beginning of the meeting; he was not here for. Mr. Harris then said they didn't have a choice but to be added to the towns' water and sewer, and they just pay their bills, but he doesn't understand where the money is going. Mayor Travers responded and said the town of Vienna did not have a choice but to add West Vienna on the water and sewer it was State and County mandated. A town resident stated he feels West Vienna should be annexed into town limits. Mr. Harris said West Vienna needs representation for these types of issues with the water and sewer account. Commissioner Fluharty would like to Thank Chris K for repairing the bell and shingles on the gazebo at the waterfront. Commissioner Fluharty is going to provide Mr. Rideout with MOU from the county for the water and sewer.

Commissioner Fluharty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Abey second in this motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting will be held August 24, 2026 @ 7:00PM.

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READING OF THE BILLS

VIENNA OPERATING CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance: \$ 574.68

CHECKS:

DATE	CHECK #	VENDOR	AMOUNT	MEMO
7/30/2026	16415	Kelsie Abey	\$609.50	Clerk Pay- W/O 7/27/26 - 7/30/26
8/6/2026	16416	Kelsie Abey	\$609.50	Clerk Pay- W/O 8/3/26 - 8/7/26

DEBITS:

N/A

DEPOSITS:

7/29/26	Gazebo Rental CC transfer from W/S	\$241.55
7/31/26	National Opioid Settlement	\$70.80
7/31/26	Local Taxes Paid- vendor payment- July 2026	\$179.75
8/4/26	210 Race St Permit- Lean Too	\$25.00
8/4/26	National Opioid Settlement	\$17.77
8/4/26	116 Water St Rent- August 2026	\$1300.00

Ending Balance: \$ 1,190.55

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VIENNA WATER SEWER CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance: \$7,273.86

CHECKS:

DATE	CHECK #	VENDOR	AMOUNT	MEMO
7/30/26	1075	James McFarlane	\$700.00	W/WW Pay W/O 7/26/26 - 8/1/26
7/30/26	1076	USA BlueBook	\$299.16	Invoice# INV01115004 W/WW Chemicals/ Supplies
7/30/26	1077	Easton Utilities	\$1,000.00	Invoice# 960011- April 2026- 10,000 Gal. Sludge Removal
7/30/26	1078	Hawkins, Inc.	\$2,922.92	Invoice# 7481277 & 7479639- W/WW - W/WW Chemicals
7/30/26	1079	Southern Corrosion	\$2300.15	Invoice 22460- Water Tower Premium
7/30/26	1080	George Miles & Buhr	\$4,000.00	Invoice# 88306- Preliminary Design Phase WTP
7/30/26	1081	Chesapeake Operations Inc.	\$3100.00	Invoice # 2933- W/WW supervision- MDE Operator in training Fee- Fluharty
8/5/26	1082	Hawkins, Inc.	\$539.99	Invoice# 7519761, 7519764 – W/WW chemicals

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8/5/26	1083	Hawkins, Inc.	\$1,362.61	Invoice# 7519758- WTP chemicals
8/5/26	1084	USA BlueBook	\$89.00	Invoice# INV01055853 – WTP Supplies
8/5/26	1085	Chesapeake Operations	\$3,000.00	Invoice#2922 W/WW Supervision
8/5/26	1086	Southern Corrosion	\$4,414.88	Invoice 21909, 21760- Jan 2026 & March 2026 Water Tower Premiums- Past Due
8/6/26	1087	James McFarlane	\$700.00	W/WW W/O 8/2/26 - 8/8/26
8/6/26	1088	Board of Waterworks & Waste Systems Operations	\$150.00	Jamie, Pam & Greg Exam #2 Fee

DEBITS:

7/29/26	CC Gazebo rental - Transfer to Oper. Acct	\$241.55
7/30/26	Transfer to W/WW LOC- 3185	\$780.00
8/3/26	Merchant Fee for CC machine	\$14.95
8/6/26	Delmarva Power- Water Tower	\$32.77
8/6/26	Delmarva Power- WWTP Lift Pump	\$42.71
8/6/26	Delmarva Power- WWTP	\$107.25

DEPOSITS:

7/27/26	CC W/S Collections	\$222.22
7/29/26	CC W/S Collections	\$222.22
7/29/26	W/S Checks/ Cash	\$2,392.50
7/29/26	W/S Checks/ Cash	\$12,000.00
7/30/26	CC W/S Collections	\$222.22
7/30/26	CC W/S Collections	\$463.77
7/30/26	W/S Checks/ Cash	\$1,732.50

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8/3/26	CC W/S Collections	\$222.22
8/4/26	CC W/S Collections	\$792.27
8/4/26	W/S Checks	\$240.00
8/4/26	W/S Checks/ Cash	\$14,364.42
8/5/26	W/S Checks/ Cash	\$1,380.00
8/6/26	CC W/S Collections	\$444.44
8/10/26	CC W/S Collections	\$222.22
Ending Balance: \$17,248.86		

Music on the Nanticoke ACCT:

Beginning Balance: \$5,765.32

Deposit:

7/29/26	Donation	\$150.00
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