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Town Meeting

September 28, 2026

The September 28, 2026 town meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Travers. Attending this meeting was Mayor Travers, commissioner Abey, and commissioner Fluharty. Corrections or additions to agenda and agenda approval- clerk stated the next meeting date is to be changed to October 26 due to the Columbus Day holiday. Motion made by commissioner Abey to approve the agenda second by commissioner Fluharty. Meeting minutes from September 14, 2026, meeting were reviewed by mayor and commissioners, commissioner Fluharty stated he was not here. Therefore,, he does not want to make a motion, commissioner Abey made motion to approve the minutes second by mayor Travers.

Committee Reports:

clerk report was present presented by clerk Kelsie Abey:

account balances as of September 28, 2026 general operations has $4015.66. water sewer account has $833.11, music on the Nanticoke account has $5236.39. Property taxes collected since last meeting is zero. There was also a donation by Mrs. Gosnell, she donated American flags to replace the ones on the welcome to Vienna sign on 331. **Planning and Zoning:** No new updates at this time. Members of the board did not attend this meeting.

Code enforcement: The mayor and commissioners are still working with the county to get a meeting set up to have them step in and help while we don't have a code enforcer. Commissioner Fluharty stated the idea of handling code enforcement through the mayor and commissioners. His plan is to take a four-month period and log violations and then pass to the next commissioner or mayor to see if it's something they can accomplish while waiting for the county. Mayor Travers and commissioner Abey agreed to try. Commissioner Fluharty agreed to take the first four months and will pass to the next commissioner or mayor.

Public works: Mr. McFarlane did not attend this meeting. Mayor Travers stated there is a valve malfunction at the wastewater treatment plant. Somerset Well Drilling came to fix the problem there has been no updates at this time.

Water and sewer: as presented by the clerk, water and sewer collected since the September 14, 2026 meeting was $580. The 3rd quarter 2026 water bills will be sent at the end of the week.

Old business

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ENR upgrade on hold land acquisition: Land survey of the Town Hall property for the new water treatment plant has been completed, and the survey has been sent to the Town Hall. The mayor and commissioners are reviewing. The surveyor is still working on the wastewater treatment plant survey.

Lead service line: Project has been put on a temporary hold due to waiting for a response to set up a meeting with the mayor and commissioners. The clerk sent an email to get dates that would work for a meeting.

Impact fees: The Town Hall received an email from MML with impact fee information Mayor Travers stated impact fees may not be the best way to go. She feels developmental rights would be more appropriate. Commissioner Fluharty requests to set up a meeting with Pete, the town, lawyer and the planning commission board to review and come up with a plan.

WTP & WWTP Upgrades: As stated. The ENR upgrade is pending survey completion. **FY 2026 and 2027 budget:** Mayor Travers said a proposed budget was received from the accountant: a meeting date needs to be set. Commissioner Abey stated this is not a set in stone budget, but it will give us a rough idea on where we can start. Commissioner Fluharty requests to meet Saturday morning. Mayor Travers and commissioner Abey agreed time has been set for 8:30 AM. A budget meeting will be held Saturday, October 3 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall for a budget meeting. Notices will be posted at the post office, the Town Hall, and on the town website.

Clean up behind wastewater treatment plant: The clerk is going to post on the town website, at the post office, the Town Hall, the bank, and the town talk that property is to be claimed and removed for cleanup. If there are any questions, please contact the Town Hall.

No parking signs on the waterfront: Tow companies have been chosen, signs need to be ordered for Water St and Market St. Commissioner Fluharty stated he does have signs for no fishing in boat ramp from DNR that need to be put out as well.

Pie shop rental: sweets by kins will be the new tenant of 115 Ocean Gtwy. Opening date is pending due to building repairs and the health department.

Heritage Museum: A quote was received for the roof repairs. The repairs will cost around $15,000. Commissioner Fluharty stated the roof does have a tarp covering the damage at this time. Commissioner Abey stated we need to set up a meeting with the heritage society to go over the expenses and contract. Commissioner Fluharty questioned how the building was purchased. Commissioner Abey and the public stated it was given to the town. Mayor Travers stated the town cannot afford two museums. commissioner Fluharty said it would be ideal for both museums to be combined and rid the expense of one of the buildings. Commissioner Fluharty is

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going to assess the damage and see if there is a cheaper way to repair the damage in the meantime.

Christmas parade: Mr. Murphy is no longer helping plan the parade due to health Mayor Travers stated a committee will need to be formed to help orchestrate the event. Anyone who would like to help is welcome Please contact the Town Hall. This will be added to the town talk. and a poster will be posted at the post office and the Town Hall. **Audit meeting:** An audit meeting was held September 18.2026 at 10 AM at the Town Hall. The minutes are printed and put out for the public to review. Commissioner Fluharty said after reviewing the minutes it is his understanding that the water and sewer account is down $225.000. He asked is this a bill that has not been paid or is it an accumulative amount? Mayor Travers responded that it's an accumulative amount that has been built over the years. Commissioner Abey stated UHY said 2005 was when the water and sewer had its turning point. and water bills will have to be raised to offset the deficit. Commissioner Fluharty asked what the new water bill would look like. Commissioner Abey replied that UHY says we'll need a 70% increase to break even. A local town had to raise their water bill 60% to do the same. Mayor Travers said she would like to talk with the county to see if there are any costs that we can cut to avoid having to do such a large increase. Overall. UHY is pleased with the steps being taken to improve the town's financial status. The public comments- The county is going to charge for helping with water and sewer. We need to be sure it's within our budget means.

New business:

apartment rental: Mr. Irvin's, and Mr. Leven attended the meeting to address their safety concerns for recent activity. Mr. Irvin stated over the last three years he has been broken into three times. Apartment tenants stole tools and supplies from his backyard. The police were called and the tenant was arrested. Another tenant in the apartment also poses a threat to the community. He is concerned for the residence of the town. He questions if inspections have been kept up to date, but he feels it needs to be addressed. He's not sure if the town can do anything at this time. mayor Travers stated we can send a letter to the landlord and rental inspections can be completed. Commissioner Abey said the fire marshal may also be able to come in for an inspection. Commissioner Fluharty stated he would help with the rental inspections. The public comments there have been a lot of complaints from residence for both tenants. Mayor Travers reassures that we can write a letter to the landlord and do a rental inspection. get the fire marshal involved. and a lead inspection needs to be completed as well. She reminded the public if you see any safety concerns. always call the sheriff and police department.

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Sun stream solar: After meeting with Sun stream solar for the solar panels, it has been concluded that they serve the wastewater treatment plant. The bill will be paid by the water and sewer account. Commissioner Fluharty asked if the funds need to be repaid to the general fund. Mayor Travers stated at some point yes, we will have to keep it in mind with our budget's

Clerks pay: Mayor Travers stated the clerk's pay would be split between water and sewer operations accounts. It has not been done before but will start now. Commissioner Fluharty asked if there was a certain percentage that would be split. Mayor Travers stated 33% will be split from the water and sewer in the general operations.

LESMA Dinners: Galestown will be hosting in August on odd years. Vienna will host in August on even years. Mayor Travers said we did not host this year due to funding. Galestown will host next year, and Vienna will have the following year.

Verizon: Mayor Travers stated Verizon is doing away with landlines. We will have more information once it is closer to the change date. Commissioner Fluharty questioned if we get any franchising fees from Verizon, Comcast, or Bay Country. Mayor Travers stated we are supposed to, but this will be looked into further.

Southern corrosion: Water tower inspection is scheduled for October 1, 2026. The inspector will need to be let in the gate. This inspection will be for the inside of the water tank.

Ballfield vandalism: Mayor Travers stated the dugout by first base was spray-painted. New paint will need to be purchased to repaint the dugout. The ballfield will also be used the weekend of October 10 through October 12, 2026. The Huskies will be hosting an event.

Public comments: Mr. Larmore questioned what the gross annual income for 2025 through June 30, 2026, was, and do we know a percentage was tax income. Mayor Travers responded, not at this moment. Mr. Larrimore stated we don't need an auditor to tell us that we don't have the funds. We can go by bank statements to create a budget. There's no need to wait. A resident of the town also commented that there is software's to use that can give a budget. Mr. Larrimore questioned why there was ever a building moratorium placed. The auditor stated in the audit meeting that the town needs more houses to generate revenue. Was there a need to put a hold on the building? He also questioned why we need to wait for a grant to fix the museum when we can use the community building and combine both museums into one and rent the back half out. Mr. Larrimore also stated he will do whatever he has to do to keep the community building. Commissioner Abey questioned if the rent that the museums pay will cover the expenses. Mr. Larrimore responded that the tenant in the back would cover the expenses. Commissioner Abey questioned how that would fair. Mr. Larrimore responded that it doesn't matter. The building doesn't need to be torn down. Mayor Travers stated there is a budget: it was stated at the

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beginning of the meeting, and a budget meeting has been set. Mayor Travers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Town meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM. A closed session will be held after the next town meeting will be October 26, 2026.