

SWANSEA TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2018

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman David Martin
Councilman Michael Luongo

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Woodrow Davis

GENERAL MEETING

Mayor Sanders, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, confirming the media had been notified, and the agenda had been posted at town hall and the police department. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Councilman David Martin lead council in prayer.

Mayor Sanders called for the approval of the minutes of May 14, 2018 General Meeting. Councilman Martin made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted second by Councilman Luongo and it passed unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor attended the ground breaking of our high school. There will be new additions resurrected in the town. This will prove to be an asset to Swansea. It was a great meeting with leaders from around the area. We will work along with the school to make it happen.

We sent letters out and got a great response from town business and owners about coming together and having a dialogue within our town. Mayor invited Council to attend all meeting with the business owners.

Councilwoman Butler attended a Crime Watch meeting in Gaston last month which was very interesting along with Viola McDaniel. Councilwoman is looking forward to the meeting in Swansea regarding Crime Watch.

Water and Sewer Department Report

Rick Bryan updated council on the monthly activities of the Water Department. No Violations stipulated in June, Statistics review, 70 work-orders and 48 locates. Construction to chemical storage building at 692 tanks is completed and back on -line. Performed annual cleaning of 692 and is back on line. Traffic Control Equipment picked up signs and cones should be ready this week.

Street Maintenance

Carlton Moore informed the council of his maintenance of the town. In the month of June made 8 trips with 8.12 tons of street trash. In addition to cutting the grass and having direct communication with Charlene of any other needs she gets via telephone. Carlton changed his hours to 6:00 am to 3:00 pm to beat the heat.

Police Department

Chief Cliff Hayes shared in the month of may issued 133 citations, served 4 warrants. Chief justice changed how we do business, removed 254 warrants from NCIC; will not be able to collect that type of money off those warrants. There were 37 reports with 17 arrests. Councilman Luongo questioned, what impact would it have on the police budget with the removal of 254 warrants. Mayor shared Chief Hayes look good in that area.

Mayor introduce a Proclamation stipulating pastor Lucius Smith Day in the town of Swansea June 24, 2018.. A Motion was made by Councilman David Martin and

Second by Councilman Michael Luongo to honor Pastor Smith and the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Mayor and Council presented Margaret Riley Harvey as the new Clerk Treasurer of the town of Swansea.

Mayor spoke on the adoption of the mutual aid agreement with our police department with other jurisdiction working in the area. A motion was made by Councilman Martin and second by Councilman Luongo, it was unanimous.

Open Forum

Robert White Invited Swansea to the community Crime Watch of Gaston.

Will Smith wanted to know about proper signage for school zone.

Mayor asked, for a motion for Executive Session first by councilman Michael Luongo and second by councilman David Martin. A motion for consideration to cancel contract for MPA. A motion made by councilman Martin, second by councilman Luongo. Consideration for adjournment a motion made by Councilman Luongo second by Councilman Martin

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret R. Harvey
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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