

**Town of Urbanna
Town Council
Council Chambers-45 Cross St
July 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Hartley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present

Mayor Barbara Hartley
Council Members
 Marjorie Austin
 Larry Chowning
 Bill Goldsmith
 Merri Hanson
 Steve Hollberg
 Bill Smith
Garth Wheeler-Town Administrator
Roy Kime-Zoning Administrator
Martha Rodenburg-Town Clerk
Andrea Erard-Town Attorney
Members of the public

All present said the Pledge of Allegiance

OLD BUSINESS

Town Attorney

Councilmember Hanson offered the following resolution

Whereas a selection process was followed, searching for a town attorney and whereas candidates were interviewed by members of the town council. And whereas, by unanimous vote of council members for the mayor to proceed with hiring the selected candidate upon a positive result of reference check, and whereas the chosen candidate accepted the terms of the contract, therefore it be resolved that town council, ratifies their decision to hire Ms. Andrea Erard as our town attorney.

Councilmember Austin seconded

Austin, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hanson, Hollberg, Smith, and Mayor Hartley voted yes

Resolution approved 7-0

Mayor Hartley introduced Andrea Erard as the new Town Attorney

Mayor's authority to vote

Garth Wheeler read the opinion of the Attorney General of Virginia that the Mayor of the Town of Urbanna is considered a voting member of the Urbanna Town Council

PUBLIC COMMENT & PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSE

The following members of the public spoke to Council

- Anne Woodard-spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave. and presented a petition of residents in opposition of project
- Danny Viers-spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave.
- Helen Chandler- spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave and Atlantic Broadband

Mayor Hartley read statement regarding Town Council and Town Staff's knowledge of proposed pumping station

- Jimmy Ward- spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave.
- William Mayo-spoke regarding boat ramp at Town Marina, safety of Virginia St. & Cross St., and Town pool
 - Garth Wheeler updated that ramp repairs would begin in Fall
- Tammie Putney- spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave.
- Kristi Anzinino-spoke regarding need for economic development, pier at Town property on Virginia St
- Alana Courtney- spoke regarding proposed HRSD pumping station at 215 Linden Ave.

Councilmember Hanson commented that information regarding Ms. Anzinino's comment regarding a pier at Town property on Virginia St. would be forthcoming.

Mayor Hartley read a statement to all present regarding the proposed HRSD pumping station. Further discussion took place between Council and attending members of the public on the subject.

MINUTES

Councilmember Austin made a motion to approve the July 8, 2021 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Goldsmith seconded

Austin, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hanson, Smith, and Hartley voted yes.

Hollberg was unavailable to vote.

Motion passed 6-0

REPORTS

Town Administrator

Garth Wheeler presented his report to include the following topics

- Town Attorney
- Trash contract
- Founder's Day
- Buyboat reunion
- Cross Street light project
- May Daze in July
- Old Payne crabhouse project
- DEQ litter grant

Treasurers Report

Garth Wheeler presented the Treasurer's report

- Due to technical difficulties with the Edmund's accounting software, only a partial report was available

Finance Committee

There was no report given.

Water Committee

Councilmember Smith presented the report to include the following topics

- Attendance to American Water Works and USDA webinars
- Staff Cartegraph training

Planning Commission

Councilmember Hanson presented the report to include the following topics

- Urbanna Planning Commission (UPC) priority actions
- "Kayak Dock Project"
- Possible acquisition of land between ABC and Post Office
- Code enforcement

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Austin made a motion to approve the Town to move forward, in conjunction with students at Christchurch School, to seek a Litter Grant from the DEQ.

Discussion took place to clarify there would be no financial commitment on the part of the Town.

Councilmember Goldsmith seconded

Austin, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hanson, Smith, and Hartley voted yes.

Motion passed 7-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Chowning read short anecdote, written by Jessie DuBusk, about Dr. Taber and the origin of the Taber Trust. The transcription is attached.

Councilmember Austin commended the work of the "Waterman's Park volunteers" and updated on their current and future projects.

Councilmember Austin announced the "Yard of the Month" was awarded to the Wiley family on Cross Street.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Austin made a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Smith seconded

Austin, Chowning, Goldsmith, Hanson, Smith, and Hartley voted yes.

Motion passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Submitted by:



**Martha J. Rodenburg
Town Clerk**

Approved by Town Council August 12, 2021

Taber Trust

Submitted by Councilmember Larry Chowning

July 22, 2021

He was a small man, soft spoken. Retired veterinarian, (I think) from Richmond. He loved Urbanna.

His was the 2nd trust opened when Bank of Middlesex Trust Dept. was organized. Account was opened mostly with securities! A pool & tennis court were to be built from funds for Town citizens only. A guest was 50 cents each and an annual donation to Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad. Income only.

Urbanna Chamber of Commerce placed stone plaque and picnic tables.