

## **SHARON TOWN COUNCIL Meeting Minutes - February 10th, 2025, at 7:00 pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION:**

Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding, Herschel Browne Jr (Mayor Pro-Tem) Council Members Present: Jay Gorley (on the phone), Brooke Glenn, Margarette Parrish, Also, in attendance Oliver Dowdle (Fire Chief) George Ward (Asst Fire Chief), Matthew Glenn, Al Bell

1. **Mayor:** Nicole Perkins presiding.
2. **Moment of** silence/prayer by Oliver Dowdle

### **PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Sheriff Tony Breeden & MASC Charlie Barrineau.**

Charlie Barrineau: Hello, I'm Charlie with the Municipal Association of SC. I just wanted to introduce myself. I speak with the Mayor and Tina from time to time. I can work with any of you. I am one of the associations three field service managers. If you do not know about the Municipal Association, we are a non-profit that was formed over 100 years ago. We are here to help the 231 towns in our state. I'm a former City Manager of Greenwood; I worked with them for almost 20 years. But really all I do is travel the state sharing best policies, ideas, the laws and best ways to get things done common sense. I have been in this role for 6 years. Glad to be here, this is my first council meeting in Sharon, when the mayor asked me, I told her I would love to be here. Good to see you all. We provide a lot of programming for you; we collect some of your taxes and remit those to you. We are just happy to be a partner with all our cities.

Nicole: Sheriff Breeden, do you want to introduce yourself? You do not need to stay the whole time. I just wanted you to come in and let everyone get to meet you.

Sheriff Breeden: I just wanted to stop in say hello to everyone and give you my business card with my cell phone number on it if ya'll ever need anything. One of the things we have heard forever is that this part of the county has been neglected. I don't want to see that happen. I would like to start with an email with what kind of problems you are having and what we can do for you. One of the things we kind of want to do is similar to what we did during the campaign is meet and greet. I want to do that and let people come and talk with us directly. I will work with you Nicole to get a meet and greet set up within the next month. Invite the people from the community so we can be responsive to what you need. One of the things I have told everybody is we want to be more involved in the community than the people are accustomed to seeing from the Sheriffs Office. That is a big goal of ours, not just responding to crime and helping with community fund raisers something like that we can participate with.

Nicole: Ok, awesome.

Sheriff Breeden: So anything yall need please let me know.

Nicole: We have two town events, one at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and one at Christmas. Previously, we would request an officer to come out for events and stuff like that. We can start doing that again. It's just good to have a visual. Also, as I said we have had a lot of craziness going on with these kids pulling out in front of people at the stores, speeding. The more that the officers are traveling these roads and these kids see them every now and then it could curtail a lot of that.

Sheriff Breeden: For us if ya'll could let us know some timeframes when things happen. It's one of those things you want to get the most bang for your buck. So, if you know that it is every day between 3 and 4 then we can have people really trying to concentrate on it.

Nicole: I will get you the times. The ladies at the store usually call and tell me when issues are going on.

Sheriff Breeden: Then, you let us know. Get us some car descriptions, it gives us that heads up in case we see it pull in or out. If there is anything we can do let us know.

Nicole: Thank you, sir. If you don't want to stay, you do not have to.

Sheriff Breeden: We just had the Citizens Academy going on, if that is all you needed, I'm going to go.

Nicole: Does anyone have any questions for the Sheriff?

Browne: Thanked the Sheriff for coming out and spending a few minutes with us and saying call me if you need me.

Sheriff Breeden: We are going to be here, and not just tonight.

Everyone thanked Sheriff Breeden for his time.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of January 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting recorded, ready to sign for approval.

Nicole: Those were emailed to everyone, I have already signed, I am going to pass these around.

Dawn is not here tonight but we are recording everything. She has shingles so she is unable to be here. I just wanted to give you a heads up. Tina was here earlier, but her daughter is getting married so she was flying out to New York State.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal and Grant Opportunities**

##### **A. ARPA - funding. Funds must be spent by EOY 2026**

Nicole: Everyone should have the financials; those are not done with everything going on with the sickness. January has not finished being keyed in yet. So, when we get to March, you will have all of January and February. Operations and Maintenance and General Fund. Is everyone good?

#### **2.State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades -2022 meeting with Dennis Moss state grant. Applied Grants 02/15/2023.**

Nicole: We are still going through those, I just left this on here. We have already talked about it.

#### **Grants applied and approved-Open items still to be complete**

##### **a) Park Equipment-**

##### **1. Harmon Park –New Park Equipment**

A. Park Equipment Delivered. Partial payment to vendor.

Nicole: The park equipment is here. I have a quote from Dre's Tree Service for work that needs to be done to get the park ready for the new equipment. There is going to be a tree removed, there is a huge tree with roots coming out. Dre can grind those down so they are not a trip hazard and then he can put mulch down. Moving the plastic equipment, he will take out that one piece of equipment, the flag pole, take out the wood for the baby swings and also where we had those metal glider things with the bouncy things on them there are big pieces of concrete under there so he is going to dig those out and then mulch around the trees and the fence line and take out any debris. His quote is \$1300 for that. We have used Dre before. It is also going to be moving everything over if front of the gate so there are not going to be any trip hazards inside the park. He is going to move the safety sign too. The memorial and the park rules will be moved to the front gate either on one side or the other for people to see it. We have the high school working on a new reading box for the park. That work is being donated to us. It is part of a project from school.

Does anyone have any questions on this?

I have not reached out to other people on this, I know Dre has done other tree service work for us before and I feel like that is a good price to go ahead and get that done. The park equipment people are wanting to come put our equipment together in March. We only have 2 weeks to get this done.

Margarette: I feel like this is a fair price. I'm actually surprised it is so low to be honest for tree removal and remove everything.

Browne: He is good to put them back professionally?

Nicole: Yes, the monument and the sign. It is a one and done, he will do everything.

Browne: I move that we accept Dre's estimate.

Margarette: Second

Brooke: Third

Nicole: All in favor, say aye.

Browne, Brooke, Margarette and Jay approved.

B. Quotes received. Safety- move memorial and playground rules to park entrance. Wood baby swing removal. Move baby swings to existing metal pole swings.

Nicole: We got another quote from Dre for the park because we are putting new lights in. Some of the trees have gotten so tall, we need to top the trees and get everything cleaned away from the fence line. The new poles are a lot taller and sturdier. If you drive by there, they are on the truck the poles are gigantic. There is tree work that has to be done to get all the limbs and stuff cut away. We do not need to do this right now we are just proposing it to you guys. It would just be good to have everything done at once while he is out here. That quote is \$1800, for climbing up the trees, topping the trees. Scott what else was he doing?

Scott: There is one tree behind the shed where the concession stand is, there is a big limb that is rotten at the top. He was going to cut that back or take down the whole tree if he had to.

Nicole: The one on the corner of Bobbys land.

Scott: Yes, he is going to get everything cut back so people can walk around. Two of the poles are 60 feet high, one of them will be in the pine trees, he is going to take the whole top of it out. He is doing a lot.

Browne: Al is going to climb those poles and hook up the electricity?

Margarette: Is all of that still grant money?

Nicole: Yes, that is part of the park stuff. Because we had extra money with the park stuff.

Margarette: I do not have a problem with him doing that as well. I make a motion for him to do the work for the \$1800 worth of tree removal.

Browne: Second

Brooke: Third

Nicole: All in favor say aye.

Browne, Brooke, Margarette and Jay approved.

Nicole: I'm just going to continue on with the invoices, Jamie Sandifer did a lot of little small jobs throughout town. He put it all on one bill. It did not go over \$1500.00. There was a leak at the ball field that he repaired, he did a rental house on Shannon St, another install and another little items. The total was \$1500, normally we would just pay this as it was done. He held this and just invoiced all at one time. Just wanted you all to know about the \$1500. Are you all ok with that?

Browne, Brooke, Margarette and Jay approved.

- b) New Well - \$66K** location search in process.
- c) Community Center Annex-HVAC/electrical-\$42k** complete
- d) Burri Building HVAC & upgrades-\$71k**-Review quotes/Visit
- e) Lawson Building HVAC & Upgrades-26k** -HVAC and New Wiring complete. Tenant paid deposit. Plan to start move-in after Valentines.
- f) Sharon VFD \$60K** – Overflow Outside Restrooms in process.
- g) Sharon VFD HVAC- \$30k** HVAC complete
- h) Bank of York Loan community Center Roof -\$111k** paid off loan. Complete.

**3.Lawn Care proposals being accepted 2025**-Listing posted on Town Webpage. Contact Town Hall for bid sheet.

Nicole: The lawn care proposals have been posted on the town webpage and I think we posted it in the newsletter. I am not 100% sure. I have Tully Gibson, Brad and a fellow that cuts grass for Ms. Doris. So far we have 4 people that want to go around and give us quotes on everything. We can vote on this next month.

Brown: We are going to ask that any person that does work for the town be licensed, insured and bonded and provide us with certificates?

Nicole: Yes, everyone that we have talked to about this are all companies. All 3 of these are licensed and bonded.

Browne: And can provide us with a certificate of insurance?

Nicole: Yes, I just spoke with Tully today and need to show him around. I think that is the last one that needs to be shown around. Does anyone have any questions?

**4. Maintenance Employee-** Listing posted on Town Webpage. **Applications being accepted**

- A.** Collect Town Trash-Trash to dumpster or setup account with local trash company
- B.** Building Maintenance-as needed. Building checks/repairs.
- C.** Check Park equipment-monthly
- D.** Maintain Town Equipment-tractors
- E.** Misc. items as needed. Town & Community Center event setups/tear downs

Nicole: Just reiterating from last month, we have put out for a maintenance employee. We are taking applications for this. It has been in newsletter but not on town webpage.

Margarette: Did we ever determine how much money we were paying?

Nicole: Same that we pay for everything, it is \$15 an hour.

Margarette: And we know we have money in the budget for that?

Nicole: Yes, because that is something that was already being done. Ricky was doing most of this, like collecting trash. That is the same thing Wayne was doing. Check park equipment, pick up town trash, they never did any kind of building maintenance unless it was a one off kind of thing. Usually, we would get a contractor. Just simple

maintenance like checking oil on the tractor before someone uses them. Not really repairing anything. Misc items. Previously before Tina became our town administrator, we had a cleaning lady that would clean town hall, clean the baseball field bathrooms, scout hut, and clean the community center. For events, we would still have to go set everything up at the community center. We got let go of the cleaning company and all that stuff was being done in house. We clean our own community center before we have an event, we set up the community center with tables and chairs when we have an event. Then, we break it all down after the event. Same thing at Town Hall, we clean this space. So those 3 jobs have been eliminated.

Browne: They did not clean the ballfields?

Nicole: The ballfield bathrooms. But we do clean up trash over at the ballfield, in the playground, and in the parking lot there at the ballfield.

Jay: Are we going to limit this position to so many hours a week?

Nicole: It is a part time job for items as needed. They would not go around and do whatever they want to do.

Jay: So, it's not open that they can work as many hours as they want a week?

Nicole: As needed, as we request them to do things. There are scheduled days to get the trash. Trash is a weekly base rate. Everything else would be scheduled and tasks assigned as needed.

Jay: Do you think the Sheriffs Office would do a background check on these applicants for us?

Nicole: I am sure they can.

Jay: What do you think about that? Do you think it is a good idea?

Nicole: I do think it is a good idea, especially if they are not local. If they are here we are familiar with them that is one thing.

Browne: I think we should have it done even if they are from here.

Brooke: Especially if they are going to be at the ballpark and park and around kids at times.

Nicole: Ok, we can check with them. I think there is a website you can use too and do that yourself.

Margarette: You would have to pay.

Nicole: I don't think it is that much, but it could be. We used to do them for work.

Margarette: We did too.

Small talk amongst everyone....

Margarette: So, once we get applications, who does the hiring?

Nicole: Once we get background check back, they would fill out an application, then present them to you guys. Anyone else have anything?

## **5. Town Tractors and Town Storage building cleanup.**

**A.** Old Blue Ford-repair \$2k at Comer's in process.

Nicole: This is just an update, Comers called me and said they are ordering the parts. It is still going to be 3 or 4 weeks before we get it back.

**B.** Backhoe County -pending County Council approval. Will be approximately 6 months

Nicole: We did get message from Kevin and the County; they did approve us to get a backhoe from them. It will still be approximately 6 months. It is an older backhoe, but it is in good condition. They will have to present it to the County Council. Matthew, what else did they say?

Matthew: They will have to get their new backhoe in and once that happens, we can get the old one. I have seen the backhoe, its older but its better that what we have.

Jay: Matthew, I appreciate you working on that. I really do.

Matthew: That isn't a problem.

**C.** Massey tractor with 4 in 1 bucket-Routine maint done. Quote Hydraulic Maint.

Nicole: All the maintenance has been done but there is still some hydraulic work that needs to be done. I haven't talked to Comer about it but that is our next project.

**D.** Golf Cart-Seat repair in process. Gas operated golf cart. Yrly Srvc. Jun 2024.



Nicole: The material has been ordered to repair the seat on the golf cart. It is gas powered. The yearly service was done on it in 2024 and they gave us the maintenance sheet on it. Is that right Scott?

Scott: We will try to keep it serviced every year.

Browne: Is that gasoline?

Scott: Yes, and I put one of them signs on the back of it so if anyone is driving it here in town. I got the bottom of the seat done today, the top of the seat the board was rotten, so I need to make one. It is ready if anyone wants to use it. I offered my fence to keep it in there so when Tina or anyone else needed to use it. There is a key that will be here in the office for my gate to get in, the keys will be in the golf cart and the tractor. I have put new cameras up all around the shop that face the intersection, the back lot, the shop. I don't think anyone is going to try to get anything back there.

Matthew: Probably best to hang it back in storage area. Hang a nail up back there.

Scott: I can get keys for everyone.

Nicole: We will just make a spot in the back so that everyone has access to it. We are trying to figure out a better place so that we can make it more centralized.

Scott: I thought it would be good to put it at the shed at the ballfield. It would be inside the fence.

Nicole: We still need to look at the community center.

Scott: You are still welcome to use my place.

Matt: I would be scared to put that big backhoe down there hate for someone to hit it with a ball and break the glass on the enclosed cab.

Nicole: We would like to have it centralized. At the ballfield that is a long way blocking traffic. That is just information, so everyone knows what is going on with those things.

- 6. Town Maint- Pump Station Maintenance-** Yearly Maint Vendor. Need new pump-Matt requesting quote. **Water Tank Maint Southern Corrosion. Washout not** scheduled. Contact Mark.

Nicole: I talked to Matt today; we do have an invoice for yearly maintenance we have not done that with them, but we still need a pump. The pump needs some work on it. That's why the alarm keeps going off, there is not a backup pump. There are two pumps. We need to order one, and we will need to find a maintenance company because we have not done it since 2023. Their quote was \$5000 for maintenance.

Browne: What does the maintenance consist of?

Nicole: I sent Matthew a copy of it.

Matthew: The pump that is actually running is leaking, the big kicker about this is that they are wanting to replace the guard rails where you pull the pump in and out is stainless steel. Which is not a bad idea, stainless steel is going to be more expensive than anything. To do that they are going to have to get a pump truck down here, pump it out, clean it out real good. They are not going to go down there until it is clean. Then they will have to replace that whole guide rail system, that is where that money is coming from. I can see that. Is \$4200 still a lot, absolutely it is. But I can see where their cost is starting to come in. That is a job in itself replacing that guide rail system, I do know that. Replacing just a pump and maybe a union is not that much money.

Nicole: Do you think we should look to other people for that maintenance or do you think that is the company we should use for maintenance?

Matt: I think we should get some more quotes, someone else might come in cheaper. Like I told you talking to you today, Carolina Lift Systems is probably the most expensive person you can use around here.

Nicole: I know we have had some plumbers that have said they will do it. We will get some quotes from them. Do you want them to quote for the pump as well or do you want to see about getting the pump?

Matthew: I can get the pump that is no big but I don't think the cost is because of the pump. Get them to quote you for the guide rail, pump and replacing the piping.

Nicole: So, everything that is listed on that quote?

Matthew: Yes, everything that is listed right here.

Nicole: So, everything but the pump?

Matt: You can ask them for price for pump but there are not going to get it cheaper than I can. But maybe they can.

Nicole: I will tell them to quote us for everything and see what we get.

Matt: You know if I get it, I am not going to upcharge for it.

Nicole: Then we just need to get Grady or another plumber to come and put everything in. Okay. I will start working on the quotes with them.

Nicole: The other thing is the water tank, the washout with Southern Corrosion. They came by and we couldn't get scheduled with them so, do we need to call them and get them to come out? I think it is already paid for.

Matt: I don't know what you paid for, but I thought they said there was not enough sediment in there to worry about it. To wash out a tank we gotta take it down. We have to put pressure relief valves at all the corners of the system, and then we turn our pumps on manual, and they run constantly. So, when this gets done it got to be done lickety split. I think if you wait until next year there will be more of a reason to wash it out.

Nicole: Do they charge us the fee each year whether they wash it out or not?

Matt: They shouldn't, it should just be a maintenance fee. If they have, they already charged us for it then we need to do it then.

Nicole: Yes, they have already charged us for it.

Matt: Not sure why they charged us for it, they should have done the work first.

Nicole: I will verify if the check has been mailed. As far as I know it has been paid. They had us on a schedule when they were going to do this area. They sent out the bills that point in time, then we weren't able to get on the list for when they were here.

Matt: That's when they said, "the tank is really not that bad".

Nicole: Why didn't they skip us and not charge the \$10,000.00, they have invoiced us for it and it got paid.

Matt: I don't want to wait until May or June when everyone is using water all the time.

Nicole: Ok, I'll found out about the check then, but I think it has been paid.

Matt: Maybe put on the little sign out here that you might have lower water pressure.

Nicole: We will just figure out a time when it is not going to be that bad.

## **7. New UB Hub Water System goes LIVE in February 2025-started new setups**

Nicole: Just Fyi the new system is going up in February, that is just our UBMax water system is being upgraded and going live. We have started that process with them.

Matt and Brooke: If the tablet needs to be updated we need to get it up there.

Nicole: I will find out what all the updates are.

Browne: Probably does. I would think.

Nicole: I will find out about the tablet and see what is going on with that. Anything else about the water?

Matthew: Its good.

## **8. Schedule Work Session-Date**

a. **Procedures Hiring & Termination of Town Employees**

b. **Town Purchasing Procedure/Town Ordinance.**

Nicole: I will be reaching out to all of you to get a work session scheduled before the next meeting in March.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Town Administrator Status**

Nicole: Tina is giving her notice; she is working with us until we get everything up and running with the new water vendor upgrades. Dawn has been learning everything and I have been getting a refresher on it. My plan is to continue with what we have, which is Dawn and Tammy. It's not like we really need someone here all the time, 40 hours a week because we don't. The biggest time is when we do the water bills. They can come in every day; they just don't need to be here all day.

Margarette: So, are we not going to have a town administrator?

Nicole: We will have a town administrator; but it's just going to be part time. Dawn wants that position. That is just a heads up. I would prefer to stay with who we have.

Margarette: I do not have a problem with Dawn, it just needs to be announced, and she will have to go through the right channels.

Jay: Currently are we paying Tina her full salary?

Nicole: We do not have any employees on salary. Everyone is paid hourly. Tina is not a salaried employee. She is only paid for the hours she works.

Jay: Ok. I really didn't know that. But currently we are paying Tina for the hours she works while she trains Dawn?

Nicole: Right.

Browne: When did Tina decide to make this change.

Nicole: She has been thinking about it since Christmas, she finally made her decision that if Dawn can handle it, she would step back. Tina is working at PATH, she is retired. She is concentrating on one thing and has less stress. Her daughter is getting married, she wants to be with her and do other things she wants to do. I was hoping she would change her mind but she is not. Any questions?

Margarette: So, when she actually does leave, does the job get posted? Where? On the town website the actual job? The town administrator job?

Nicole: It doesn't have to be posted.

Margarette: The town administrator job?

Nicole: I believe it is up to how we want to handle it. It can be posted. It is not a law that must be posted.

Brooke: I think it would be fair as a town to post it. Give people an opportunity to see it. People want see what is going on.

Browne: True. I agree. No one may apply.

Nicole: I hear what you are saying but if we bring someone new in here, we are not going to have anyone to train them. We will be in the same situation we were in with Brice.

Margarette: I understand that.

Browne: I don't think we would be in the same situation we were in with Brice.

Nicole: It may not be as bad. Browne you know that was me and you are up here trying to get everything up and running.

Jay: If we post it, that does not mean we can't accept who we want.

Nicole: I agree with posting it but I'm just letting everyone know with a brand-new person it will be 6 months process especially with us switching water vendors. Last time I had Hickory Grove over here train me and Tammy on it. We can post it and let people know what is going on.

Oliver: For the time being do you know what the hours are going to be?

Nicole: Dawn has been here everyday until she has been out with her illness. She has been working with Tammy and Tina too. Tina comes in one day a week answers questions, and helps Dawn with items she may have questions on. Dawn has been here for about 6 months. Dawn she pretty much knows everything that goes on, but she has not done everything. She has not run the bills; she is learning that part. The day to day activities she is good with that.

Oliver: With the fiasco we had last week for workers comp issue, I did not know if there was a change in hours.

Nicole: No, she is usually here every day, but Dawn was sick last week. I got the Workers Comp vendor contact from Tina and they took care of everything.

Oliver: I just didn't know if something was changing. Or just bad timing?

## **2. New UB Hub Water System goes LIVE in February 2025**

Nicole: This is already in process.

## **3. Events: Save the Date**

**A. Sharon Farmers Market**-Will start back Spring 2025

**B. Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** -Fri-Feb 21st 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment. Cary Vassey will be musical entertainment.

**C. Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby-Fire Department March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**D. Fire Department Fish Fry March 15th**

**E. Community Center-March 29<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion Rental**

Nicole: This guy, Michael has requested it twice and is supposed to meet me to pay. It seems like he always has a work scheduling reason he cannot come. So, it is tentative.

Browne: Who is this guy?

Nicole: Someone who is having a family reunion. Not very responsive. He is not local, his family is local. His name is wrote down in our call book.

**F. Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB!)** -Suggestions -Planning committee-resident involvement.

#### **4. Rental Units-Lease Agreements-discussion**

Nicole: Browne you wanted to talk about lease agreements and rental units.

Browne: Yes, I would like for us to review all our current lease agreements for everyone that is leasing. I would like for us to talk about what our goals are for the community center and the rooms there. I was asking you the other night if Al has completed all the work there for separating the electricity for each room.

Al: Waiting on Leviton to set up the engineering gate.

Browne: They have to come in and do it?

Al: They will do it over the phone and set up the who is going to be the administrator and set them up in the cloud account and go have a training session with that person on how the software is ran.

Nicole: So, we are waiting on Leviton.

Al: I will reach back out to them.

Nicole: Currently what we have been doing at the community center is renting by space, it is \$300 a room for rental. Mr. Kenny is paying \$300. Al once he is done doing all the town stuff his rent will be \$300. He wanted to start with us in January, but I decided to wait. He is still wrapping up some stuff. He is not working for anyone else right now. Nikki's space is clean. But then I need to talk to you about the power bills.

Browne: The power bills are a definite issue.

Nicole: They are down. The power bills since she has not been there for November and December have been like \$400. Those power bills were normally \$800.00 or \$900.00.

Browne: There isn't anyone over there.

Al: The ac units are all set on 60 degrees because of the cold temperatures, all those units are maintaining the rooms at 60 degrees.

Nicole: Nikki shortchanged us because she did not think she should be paying the full amount. We will talk about it. When we let Nikki in there, we agreed to a certain amount of power to be used, and she would pay anything above that.

Browne: But we didn't have an idea about what anyone was using.

Margarette: Did we have that in writing?

Nicole: We did a standard amount for what the power bill was all the time, and she would pay the difference. Every month she was say "no, I'm not going to pay this" and pay what she wanted to pay. Even with Mr. Kenny she would say "he needs to pay this amount." Browne is right, we did have a lot going on over there.

Browne: Lots of construction going on.

Nicole: Nikki had 24-hour access, people were in that building all the time on weekends and stuff.

Browne: I think we are making a mistake not giving her money back.

Nicole: I'm not saying we are not giving her deposit money back. The town always gets stuck with everything. We have this daily, people don't pay their water bill, or their bank account gets hacked. Then we get charged fees, so we must charge them a fee. As a town, we must pass those extra cost/fees to them (residents/tenants). We are constantly trying to help people out but, it is also costing us money for situations like that. It is not all Nikki, just to give everyone a heads up. Any questions or thoughts?

**REPORTS/COMMITTEES: 2025 Think of area below you would be best to serve.** Council to discuss any issues concerning the following: Which area? List of responsibilities.



1. **Community Center and Annex:**
2. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)-update.**
3. **Rental Buildings:** (Herschel Brown? )-
4. **Parks:** (Jay Gourley?).
5. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand** (see Parks):
6. **Streets** (Margaret Parrish?):
7. **Sidewalks** (Brooke Glenn?): **Keep Sharon Beautiful KSB //KYCB**
9. **Town Hall: Safety Ideas.** Update-paint inside walls, storm door.
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system.

Nicole: Has everyone thought about the areas they want to continue to do? Sidewalks, Scout Hut, Parks? We do not need to talk about now, just think about it. Let me know.

Brooke: I am fine with sidewalks, because we walk them while we are checking meters. I am fine with keeping the sidewalks.

Matthew: Yeah, we see those sidewalks more than anybody while reading meters.

Jay: I am good with parks.

Nicole: So, are you good at going to the parks? Open buildings that kind of thing?

Jay: I can't do it tomorrow.

Nicole: In the summertime we have issues where the coaches forget their keys. The concession stand needs to be opened; the bathroom needs to be opened. So there is a lot of running around the parks.

Brooke: So, do the keys stay here? How can we back him up?

Nicole: Whoever is responsible for the park, they would have a key.

Matt: If someone calls and says Matt, can you unlock this, is it ok to come get your key and then bring it back to you?

Nicole: Right now, we do not want everyone with keys. I have all keys and the administrator does. There are 2 sets of keys to everything in town.

Brownie: We are not going to have a town administrator.

Nicole: Someone is going to be doing this job.

Jay: I believe I can implement a different system and hopefully it will work.

Browne: I will continue to be in the rental buildings and the community center and annex sort of goes with it because I have been letting people in.

Nicole: So basically, we are going to leave the responsibilities the way it is?

Oliver: I don't really have anything; except we are dealing with a workers comp issue. Long story short, we had a motor vehicle accident on Shannon St down in the creek. Overturned, upside down. Had to get the patient out of the creek. It was down a big embankment. We were getting the patient in the stokes basket going up the hill trying to help them get up. One of the firefighters stepped on another firefighter's foot and broke his toe. The fifth metatarsal is what they call that. He made us aware that he hurt his foot. He didn't know it was to that extent, got checked out at Gold Hill. He had surgery on it Friday, and broke it has a Johnson fracture. He is out of work. We filed workers comp. We reached out to Nicole she got the information and got the ball rolling. First time I can remember having to file a claim. Dealing with a case manager, the county as far as the supplemental income insurance, it has been a back and forth with people. I do not know how long he will be out of work from his normal job. Sounds like it could be 3 months or maybe longer.

Nicole: Anything else?

Oliver: No, that is enough.

Nicole: It was enough trying to figure out the workers comp. vendor. That is one good thing about Tina, she remembers everything. She knows names and who to call.

Nicole: Town Hall, we are just trying this little set up out. This way we can see everyone, and they can see us. Everyone has their little signs. I like it!

Brooke: I feel like I can't move. I feel claustrophobic.

Nicole: Al, is everything good?

Al: Everything is going at the ballfield; Williams is set to return when the weather clears up. With 46 lights, I should be able to meet the little league requirements and softball

requirement for the foot candles. We will have to make a night arrangement for aligning the lights with a meter at all the different spots are lit up properly. The old lights were 1500 watts, these are 400-watt, 600 watt led lights. The configuration isn't what little league would recommend for pole placement, but we should be able to reach the necessary foot candle needed and not have to purchase any more lights. The lights on the poles at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base have 4 lights each on them so that is a total of 8 there. With these new lights it only takes 4 to achieve the 50-foot candle. So, we have lights that can go over to the other field. I believe going over it repeatedly I do not believe we will need to order any more lights. If we had to order more, they are on back order until March for delivery.

Nicole: So, we would not be ready for Spring?

Al: We are going to need to acquire a 3 by 3 quarter inch galvanized steel frame to go on the two new poles. I don't know if the town has someone, they work with to get metal.

Browne: Jerry Branham has already moved to Illinois.

Al: We will try to accomplish it with what we have. When this job was originally put together it was just to be a light replacement. The count was done three different times between myself, City Electric and Duke the count was off by 2 lights. We did get those lights in. But, then there was a 47<sup>th</sup> light that was not noticed by anyone. I can probably make this work.

Al: It was brought to my attention that my work has been questioned being up to code. I would like to know what that is based on and what examples.

Brooke: Where is your license, I have not seen them.

Al: Not required in the State of SC to do commercial work up to \$5000.00. I do not charge this town anything for material, I even use my military discount for Lowes. I barely break even on these jobs with paying people. So, the license part has nothing to do with code. I have wired A&W Restaurant, Walmart in Newport, I have wired new construction homes at Iron Gate, Sanders Landing, down through Chester. I have never failed an inspection. I am so pissed about this, I do so much work for town and don't charge a lot. I came here as a favor. I wired Scoops here in town, in York and Clover. Don't ever question me unless you have facts.

Matthew: The biggest issue we have is that the work was not bid out.

Al: That has nothing to do with me not being up to code. That statement right there is defamatory and slanderous. I am teetering right now on whether I want to continue to work here or not.

Nicole: I understand Al, I appreciate everything you have done really.

Al: It really is bull\*\*\*\*. I was questioned about the park; being told I was going to do things against code.

Matthew: What were you told about the park?

Al: I was told that running NM or UF through the conduit was against code.

Matthew: Are you talking about direct barrier basically?

Al: Depends on which one. The statement that was given to me was running the UF.

Matthew: Direct barrier?

Al: The thing with conduit is you are working outside. The conduit you can run any type of case wires as long as those wires are individually marked.

Matthew: I questioned the park was why you use galvanized and not pvc.

Al: The reason I used galvanized was because that the lawn care people were running into it breaking it. It could be the people playing there.

Matthew: Originally it wasn't threaded to where it is sealed.

Al: Yes, everything is threaded on there.

Matthew: Ok, the first thing I saw was the couplings with 2 screws on each side. That's what I saw.

Al: I never used couplings with 2 screws.

Matthew: Ok

Al: My intention was not to run UF, it was always going to be 10THWN.

Matthew: I do not know all these numbers. What about at the community center? Why does it bother me, but it doesn't worry you that some 12-year-old is going to snatch on to something?

Al: That's why it is secured every 3 foot.

Matthew: Well, I talked to a York County inspector, and they cannot be put in churches or schools. I don't know where these rental properties fall in place. Does it fall like residential?

Al: No, it is commercial use. That's why it was ran in the wall at the Lawson building, because it is a class 3 division 3 building. That is the fire rating on it. The requirement on MC, is where it is put and not damaged. That comes in to point like forklifts running around. You have to have a shield. A barrier.

Matthew: I guess this may just be me, but it would have been neater if it was solid conduit. Now, how much would that have cost, I do not know, if it would have been that much more or not. I am not an electrician. I am not claiming to be one.

Al: Ok, but this council has said that my work is not up to code. I take offense to that.

Matthew: The council did not say your work was not up to code, there was another electrical contractor, and I am not going to name no names, but he said there were violations.

Al: The town can call for an inspection, and I am fine with that.

Matthew: Ok

Nicole: Thank you Al, I appreciate it.

Nicole: You have anything about the parks, ballfield?

Scott: We are good. Just waiting on better weather.

Nicole: Matt?

Matthew: I went to check the pressure on the tank today and the gate was standing wide open. So now there is a lock on it as of this afternoon like we took off the wells. I had a lock that was on Old Depot.

Nicole: Thank you. Anything else? Concerns?

Oliver: Just thinking about the fence at community center, we have a hydrant, so we need to be able to get to it.

Nicole: We have keys/combinations to all the locks.

Browne: I have a key also.

Nicole: The combination locks did not work well, because they were getting dropped all the time. Anything else? No? Margarette?

Margarette: I make a motion to adjourn.

Nicole: All in favor?

Group: Aye

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns/FYI:** Anyone from the Mayor, Council, Staff or Public can bring an issue to the Council that was not on the agenda. Please limit your comment to 5 minutes or less.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarette Parrish      Second: Brooke Glenn      Time: 8:13 pm