

REGULAR MEETING STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL
STANLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
APRIL 15, 2026, 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael Knight. called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the following Council Members attending: Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger, Councilwoman Robyn Good, Councilman Joseph Mauck, and Councilman Douglas Purdham, and Councilman Jeremiah Knight. Others present at this meeting: Town Manager Terry Pettit, Police Chief Rebecca Jenkins, Parks Director Teri Beers, Treasurer Leon Stout, Foreman Ryan Gaunt, and Randy Arrington with Page Valley News. Presenting at the meeting are Charles Butler with John Graves, Cain Harbison, and Gloria Hamilton.

Mayor Knight gave the Invocation and Vice- Mayor Stoneberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

Mayor Knight asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda as presented. With there being none, a motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Vice-Mayor Stoneberger. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS:

Charles Butler and Rod Graves with the VA250 committee presented a replication of a plaque they would display on a stone at Ed Good Memorial Park. Everything would be paid for by the committee or through donations except the concrete slab they would like it placed on due to the ground settling. With the council's approval they project it to be installed and finished in May. The council agreed to approve the plaque and decided July 2nd to have dedication ceremony before Homecoming instead of July 1st due to the pageant. At the next budget meeting held on April 29th the council will meet Charles Butler and Rod Graves at the park to pick a spot to place the monument at 6:30 PM.

Cain Harbison Warden with Page County Forestry, recommended clearing trees and brushes off the site, spraying and having youth labor plant white pine trees to help with odor and privacy at the waste treatment plant. He stated with 5 years of spot spraying you would have little too low maintenance. Council thanked Mr. Harbison and stated they will discuss this later in the meeting to vote.

Gloria Hamilton addressed her concern with the condition of the apartments on West Main Street. She provided pictures of trash piled up behind the apartments. Town Manager Pettit stated it's hard to make someone clean up trash that they may hold value to. He stated he can write a letter in hopes it will help.

PASSED MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mayor Knight stated a there was a misprint in the spelling on the second page. A motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Councilman Knight. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Knight asked the council if they had any questions or comments on the budget meeting minutes. With there being none, a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Stoneberger, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER REPORT:

Mayor Knight questioned why we had to pay J Rex Burner \$3,182.42 for a sewer tap line? Town Manager Pettit stated they had to bore into the road and our town crew couldn't tap into the main line. Vice-Mayor Stoneberger questioned why repairing the door on utility truck #103 was paid twice. Treasurer Stout stated one of the checks was voided. With no other questions a motion was made by Councilman Mauck to approve the amended amount on the Treasurer's Report, Pay Warrant, in the amount of \$239,094.31 to \$238,990.16 and the Loan Portfolio, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager Pettit, Treasurer Stout, and Clerk Atkins attended a FOIA class in Front Royal last month. Town Manager Pettit was able to recertify his training and Treasurer Stout and Clerk Atkins are now certified.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will be holding a public hearing Thursday April 17th at 7 PM on a variance request on Church Avenue for an eight-foot fence instead of a six-foot fence.

The deadline for Councilman Purdham, Councilwoman Good, and Vice-Mayor Stoneberger to register for another term is June 16th.

Spring Cleanup dates are set for April 27th- May 1st.

Town Manager Pettit, Treasurer Stout, and public works employee Brandon will be attending the Virginia Rural Water Conference April 20th- April 22nd.

There was an offer for the police hummer for \$3,500. The Council turned down the offer.

Councilman Purdham made a motion to approve planting trees as a windscreen on W. Main Street in front of the sewer plant, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Mauck made a motion to adopt the decrease real estate rate as advertised from .26 cents per \$100.00 to .21 cents per \$100.00, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger made a motion to approve the amendment to the town code reference to correct the value to 5% and remove the editor's footnote as advertised, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Purdham made a motion to donate five pool day passes to PCH after prom committee, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

The rock on the Ed Good park sign is being installed which is covered by TOT funding.

The \$37,000 grant for the Chapel Village and Pond Avenue has been approved and will be advertising for local bids soon. This project will be a two-week project projected to finish mid-summer.

The SVEC cost and installation for the new streetlights paperwork has been completed.

The windows in the office have been ordered and scheduled to be installed in roughly three weeks.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Jenkins stated so far, they have received two applications that are not currently certified and one individual that's certified is interested in a part time position.

Beings Abigail Blosser is the president of the little league she is considered a property manager and can issue a no trespassing paper to anyone she feels necessary. There was an issue that needs to be made aware that if that said person comes before council to be welcomed back then we kindly send them back to Mrs. Blosser.

The SRO funding from the county has been approved for another year.

The "Cruise In" that will be held on April 25th doesn't bring any concern as far as coverage. We encourage but can't force them to use the Homecoming route backwards to make all right turns and it won't impede the line of traffic.

Chief Jenkins recommends going over the entire policy and update some of the town ordinances such as the nuisance code and larceny charges.

In our policy any Chief retired from the town may purchase their firearm for \$1. Prior Chief Dean is interested in purchasing his firearm. Councilman Mauck made a motion to sell the firearm to Ryan “Beaver” Dean for \$1, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT:

So far, we have three applications for the lifeguard position and plan on holding interviews in the first week of May. The certification class is set for May 18th.

The glow dance held at the Hawksbill Hall for 6th-8th grade was a great turnout with a total of 86 kids.

A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to have a sign made for the parks stating closed from 11pm-5am, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

The sewer plant lab roof has been installed and completed.

There is another company coming out to give a quote on painting the digester. Both companies so far that have looked at it are concerned of lead paint which will raise the cost.

So far, we have received six applications for the sewer plant position with none of them being certified. Personal Committee and the Mayor would like to be apart of the interviews for that position.

Foreman Gaunt stated he received a quote of \$6,000 to place paper down, pour gravel, and level the bleachers in front of the performance center at Ed Good Park. Councilwoman Good made a motion raise and level the bleachers out of the homecoming account, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION:

At 9:00 PM Councilman Knight made a motion to move that the Town Council Convene in a Closed Meeting for the discussion of Personnel Matters, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 Subsection A 1, seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger
Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight

Voting Nay

Councilwoman Robyn Good

Councilman Knight makes a motion the Council leaves the closed meeting and return to open meeting seconded by Councilman Mauck.

Mayor Knight calls for a Roll Call vote:

Voting Yay

Vice-Mayor Bruce Stoneberger
Councilman Douglas Purdham
Councilman Joseph Mauck
Councilman Jeremiah Knight
Councilwoman Robyn Good

Voting Nay

Mayor Knight states we are now in open meeting.

Councilman Mauck made a motion to raise Nick Alger (Sewer Plant Operator) salary to \$53,000 with an agreement of him signing a 3-year contract, seconded by Councilman Purdham. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Mayor Stoneberger made a motion to allow James McCoy to rent the Creekside Cottage again under the following conditions. He must pay the lawyers' fees and clean up the cottage by May 1st. He must sign a new lease with the understanding that if anyone moves in, they are added to the lease and it's approved by council with random inspections, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Jenkins expressed to the council that the tasers would not be covered under a grant at this time. They would cost \$7,000 for the next five years before they are fully purchased. She suggested that \$7,000 be added to the budget even beyond the five-year mark to cover other equipment. A motion was made by Councilman Purdham to purchase the tasers and add to the budget, seconded by Councilman Mauck. Passed Unanimously.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Knight asked to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM, a motion was made by Councilman Mauck seconded by Councilman Purdham.

Michael Knight, Mayor

Julienne Atkins, Clerk