

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL - GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Jerald Sanders
Mayor Pro Tem Woodrow Davis
Councilwoman Linda Butler
Councilman Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Doris Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerald Sanders at 5:00 PM. All media notifications were properly posted at Town Hall and the Police Department. Those in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Council was then led in prayer by Councilman Michael Luongo.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Luongo had a point of order for an amendment to the agenda to add Open Forum. The mayor and council with no objections agreed.

Mayor attended District 4 dealing with student their achievements and programs participated in was doing a good job.

Councilwoman Simmons was glad to see the fountain was being worked on an asked, if we knew the cost.

Mayor indicated the town had several bids with different diagnosis for the fountain.

Mayor asked Council if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of April 19th. Councilman Luongo presented a motion on the floor to approve and second via Councilwoman Simmons.

Councilwoman Simmons, after reviewing the minutes was concerned about the use of water by Grassley, tapping into the town water from the fire hydrants.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Williams shared for the month of April the police department issued 25 citations, completed 2 accidents reports, 22 written reports.

- He will reimplement Crime Watch Meeting.
- Will start in August every 6 months
- Invite the community and team there.
- It will coincide with National Night Out.

Chief Williams wanted friends and family to KNOW

- Residence Vacation - Property check
- When on vacation or out of town the
- Police Department will check homes daily

- May 31- Memorial Day – He is a 20-year Veteran
- Shared a quote via Frederick Douglas to council and
- Asked that we take a minute to Reflect to help build this
- Town as to where we and the town is at.

Chief Williams – shared the Police Department has a Vulnerable Adult List with 25 names. Council and town if there were any other names to be added to the list, let him know. For the PD will check on them from time to time to make sure they are alright with water, heat or air.

WATER AND SEWER

Kevin Houser shared the Water Department had 19 service orders for the month of April. He is currently working on the FOG letters list (Fat, Oil and Grease), grease traps be pumped out annually which is a requirement by DHEC for each business that serve food.

Councilwoman Simmons wanted to know if the churches fell under that requirement.

Kevin shared they did not cook enough to fall within that category.

Councilman Luongo inquired about trash pickup. He wanted to know, what has changed.

The Mayor told Council, the Town trailer was broken and not repairable. The current vendor does not pick up street trash, garbage only. Therefore, he will be entertaining changing contracts to meet the needs of the community. In addition, the contract is about to expired.

OPEN FORUM (3 MINUTES)

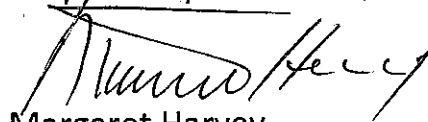
Vivian Ritter Swansea Treasurer Shoppe 270 West 2nd Street, Swansea. She is part of a group who wanted to see things improve in Swansea. Her shop is a retail antique mall with vendors inside. They were coming up with ideas to get more people to come in to help or support the efforts for the town.

The mayor shared with Ms. Ritter to call and schedule an appointment to see him with Ms Amekoa. He would be happy to speak with her as, he has an initiative similar to what she is speaking on he started some time ago already in place.

Ms.H Black – has a business, have worked with Mayor Sanders in Lexington. She is a proven worker. They are food producers. She is willing to work to get Community enthusiasm and has so much to offer.

Since there was no other Town business to discuss, the Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Simmons, presented the motion to adjourn and second by Councilman Luongo.

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer