

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA
COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE
GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2021
4:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

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

The Swansea Town Council Teleconference General Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerald Sanders at 320 West Third Street, Swansea SC 29160. All the media notifications were notified and appropriate posting at Town Hall, Police Department and the Website. We were then led in prayer by Mayor Jerald Sanders.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

During the Christmas Holidays the Town of Swansea and the Police Department was able to assist various families and the school district. They presented Christmas Gifts and Baskets to 25 seniors.

COVID 19 is rising within the area. The Mayor is asking everyone to be safe. He is still waiting to find out, how the vaccine will be distributed in the area and the state by the governor. DHEC is still offering testing.

Councilman Luongo requested a point of order. He indicated, there were some things that were not added to the agenda regarding

Holidays from the previous meeting. As a result, he wanted to see if it could be added to the agenda or open up the floor for discussion. Mayor stated, he had asked other entities and wanted to discuss it with Council in an Executive Session with other matters.

Councilman Luongo made reference to the Town of Swansea 2005 Personnel Manual which had a list of Holidays. He wanted to know if it had been revised since that time.

Secondly, In November 2020, they had received something in their package about insurance with MASC, and wanted someone to tell Him what it was For. The Declaration Page to the insurance policy Had an expiration date of 1-1-2020 to 1-1-2021, because it was not on the agenda.

Mayor shared it was information from SCMIRF to let Council know where we were with our insurance.

Clerk Treasurer, informed Council this was a personal requested by Councilman Luongo. It was insurance information, he asked for at the previous General Meeting as to the exposure or coverage in insurance for the town in an event of a possible loss. The Declaration page with the coverage at that time in the November package was not expired and was in fact in effect for the Town of Swansea. The scheduled of coverage's were for Public Employee Dishonesty, Forgery or Alteration, Theft, Disappearance and Destruction, Inside and Outside the Premises and Computer Fraud all Limits at \$200,000. This form provided Councilman Luongo with the requested information which was clear, concise and self explanatory. A renewal of the premium was automatic as of January 1, 2021 ending January 1 2022, two months after the original request given in October 2020. Clerk Treasurer stated a copy would be provided to all of Council at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Simmons wanted to make sure old business was address regarding the Animal Control Ordinance and questions regarding previous P&L statements.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 General Teleconference Meeting. A motion was presented via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Davis.

ROLL CALL: Council's Simmons, (Yes), Butler (Yes), Davis (Yes) and Luongo (Yes). **The measure passed.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Williams reported for the month of December 2020 the following:
The Police Department issued 12 citations.

The Swansea Police Department and Town Hall adopted a Family for the Christmas Holidays. It was a single family, the mother was working from home and the father was laid off due to COVID restrictions. The Town and the Police department provided Christmas Gifts to the family. Who was very appreciative of the gifts and thanked us.

There were 2 motor vehicles thefts on East Oak and East Lawrence Street. Both of the vehicles were unsecured at the time of the incident. He would like to encourage people to lock their vehicles.

The Police Department offer Vacation Checks for those going out of town. They will go by your home every day to check your property, windows and doors until you return.

The Chief recommend citizens are proactive in getting the serial numbers on big ticket items. Law enforcement are not able to put this in the NCIC Data Base without Make and Model.

News in COVID – 70 and above can schedule for appointments, if they need help they can come by the Police Department and they will assist,

for we need to be looking out for those vulnerable adults who do not have access to computers. Swansea Police Department has it on the Social Media page and CDC Website.

There is a Scam with Individuals calling, claiming to be CDC officials to get personal information for appointments. They are asking for cash for a processing fee to schedule anyone for a Covid 19 shot.

Be aware because the CDC are not calling to schedule an appointment and asking for money or personal information.

The Chief is leading by example for he has already received his first shot for the Covid 19. His second shot will be administered next Friday.

He will host Coffee with Cops at Hardees's on June 22nd from 8:00 to 10:00. This will give the citizens an opportunity to meet the new Chief of Police for the Town of Swansea. If they have any questions, comment or concerns he will be there for them.

Mayor, shared it was a very fine report. The Chief hit the ground running as he is doing a great job. He has heard from a number of businesses regarding the business and property checks. He and Council thanked him for it and want him to keep up the good work.

Councilwoman Simmons wanted to thank the Chief as well for checking their building.

WATER AND SEWER

Kevin Houser shared with Council for the month of December he had 23 Service Orders. A water Main Break at 205 Raven Wood - 235 West Third Street. A Man hold Back Up on South Springs Street on the back end of the Fire Department. Included in the 23 Work Orders were re-

reads of meters. The update on the Fire Hydrants both are back in service and ready to use.

STREET MAINTENANCE

For the month of December Zachary Smith made 4 trips to the Lexington County land fill dumping debris. He has removed all the Christmas ornaments and trees. He is still maintaining and cutting grass around town.

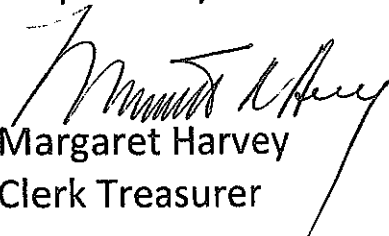
Councilman Luongo had a question concerning the outcome of the Stabler's and the meters. He understood the meter was faulty. Kevin informed Councilman they did a profile on his meter and there was nothing wrong with it. He would get with Amekoa to find out what was going on again and be better informed, so they can move forward.

Councilman Luongo wanted to know the frequency of the faulty reading of meters? Kevin could not give him a definite answer, but stated it was not often.

Councilman Luongo inquired about a Water Usage report for Council. Kevin shared; he would make it available to Council The Water Accountable Form on the next meeting.

The Mayor asked, if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Davis made the motion and was second by Councilman Luongo. ROLL CALL: Council's – Simmons – Yes; Butler – Yes; Davis – Yes; Luongo – Yes. The measure pass meeting adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,


Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer