

THE TOWN OF SWANSEA
GENERAL COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING
March 15, 2021

ATTENDANCE

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

The Swansea Town Council Teleconference meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerald Sanders. All media notifications were properly posted at Town Hall and the Police Department. Mayor Sanders then led Council in prayer.

Mayor shared, Councilwoman Simmons asked for some information regarding the town audit.

Mr. John Brown CPA is the auditor for the Town of Swansea. He responded to the requested information by Councilwoman Simmons by email to Mayor Sanders. Her request was for a break down of the governmental expenditures of \$868,515 on page 7 of the audit under Governmental Funds and page 33 of the Audit Report.

The Audit Reports are based on the (GASB) Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Councilwoman Simmons wanted the report to be broken down as indicated on page 10 of the audit, similar to H2O and Sewer...what was spent and where.

Mr. Brown stated, the audit report was prepared based on the GASB Standards. This is what is required with these procedures outline. Mr. Brown informed Councilwoman Simmons, if she needed details for every item, she needed to go back to Town Hall for those reports. He was following GASB rules and guidelines.

Councilwoman Simmons, wanted to know why it was done through H2O/Sewer and not the General Fund.

Mr. Brown told Council; the Propriety Fund is presented differently than Water from the General Fund. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Mandates the Reports require the audits be presented in this manner.

Mr. Brown thanked Mayor Sanders and Council for allowing him the opportunity to do the audit.

He stated, there were not anything in his audit that indicated there are any concerns. In addition, In the audit of 6/30/2020 there is no reason to believe anything was going on with the finances with the Town of Swansea.

The Town of Swansea had an unqualified audit best one can receive. There was nothing came to his attention that needed to be address.

Councilman Luongo requested a point of order. He wanted to know first if the town attorney was on the line. Attorney Joseph Dickey confirmed he was on the call. Secondly, he stated, Mr. Brown was not listed on the agenda.

Mayor Sanders clarified; Councilwoman Simmons had some questions of the audit. Therefore, he requested, Mr. Brown to come in to answer her questions through the audit.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

He is working on getting the vaccine into the rural areas in Swansea.
He is asking people to continue wearing their mask.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the minutes of 2/16/, 2/18,3/2, 3/9, 2021. Councilwoman Linda Butler presented the motion to approve the minutes with any necessary corrections second Councilman Davis.
Roll Call: Councils Luongo- Approve; Simmons – Approve, Butler – Approve and Davis – Approve.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Earl Williams - for the month of February there were 11 citations issue, 1 accident report and 14 reports taken.

- The State of South Carolina is offering any individual with a suspended license for the week only can get fines reduced are deleted from records and get their licenses reinstated at the DMV from February 16-20 is Amnesty week. Crime Watch issues – theft is happening in town from leaving vehicles running or keys left in them.

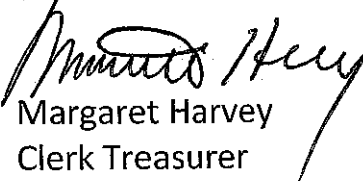
WATER AND SEWER

Kevin Houser - for the month of February the town had 17 service orders. He presented the water loss report. In addition to completing the water valve exercise list and servicing and painting the fire hydrant list.

Mayor indicated, there was no other business that need to be address, therefore as if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Simmons made the motion and second by Councilman Davis. Roll Call: Council's Luongo Approve, Butler – Approve, Simmons – Approve and Davis – Approve.

Meeting adjourns.

Respectively Submitted,


Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer