TOWN OF SWANSEA
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
MAY 11, 2026
6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE
Mayor Doris Simmons
Pro Tem Michael Luongo
Councilwoman Angie Alley
Councilwoman Melissa Williams
Councilman Tom Daugherty

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doris Simmons at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall Conference Room, 300 West Third Street, Swansea, SC 29160.

The notifications were sent to the appropriate outlets. The town had a quorum for the Special Call meeting.

Council and Mayor Comments

- Park Signage
  Council discussed the need for proper verbiage for the signage resolution. Council agreed the verbiage must be drafted and placed on the May 26 agenda for readings.

  No motion was made because this was a Special–Called meeting and the resolution was not prepared.

- Cluster Box Proposal

The Postmaster contacted the Town regarding a local business's request for home delivery.

- USPS cannot deliver to businesses at home addresses.
- Postmaster offered to install cluster mailboxes (approx. 16 units + parcel lockers).

- Businesses would need to determine interest and share installation costs (estimated around $100 for placement).
- Council will wait for the business group's meeting to determine interest.
- No motion was made

Fire Marshal Request – Burn Ordinance Enforcement.

Fire Marshal Nick Davis requested that Swansea update its Ordinance to allow the Fire Department to:

- Enforce burn violations
- Issue citations
- Respond with authority when police are unavailable

Discussion highlights:

- Current Ordinance prohibits burning entirely.
- The Fire Department can extinguish fires but cannot issue citations under current law.
- Council expressed interest in reviewing and possibly updating the Ordinance.
- No motion was made.

Police Department Vehicles – Disposition/ Auction
Council reviewed the status of 10+ unused police vehicles, many of which were non-operational.

- Several vehicles are unsafe to drive.
- Some have salvage titles, complicating resale.
- Insurance costs are approximately $1600/year for the fleet.
- Council discussed sending vehicles to Duke's Auction, as done previously.
- A list of Vehicles must be compiled before proceeding.
- No formal motion was made.
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Fountain Update

- The Mayor shared that she has received two proposals for repairs to the

Water Fountain. One of the amounts was at $2000.00, and the second was $3000.00.

Budget Review - Enterprise Fund, H-Tax, Sanitation, Water/Sewer

The Mayor presented the preliminary budget worksheets. Highlights

- Sewer service costs for 7 months totaled $99,000.
- Sanitation billing discrepancies were discovered (customers canceled service but were not removed from billing lists).
- The water system lease to the school district will reduce revenue for several years.
- Election costs have increased significantly (approx. $8,265 for two elections).
- IRS correspondence regarding payroll tax issues is still pending; the IRS requested 16 more days to review.
- No motions were made.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was presented by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Mayor and Council entered Executive Session under SC Code 30-4-70 (a) (1) and (2) for

- Personnel matters
- Legal matters involving licenses and documents

The Mayor requested a motion to return from Executive Session. The motion was made by Councilman Dougherty and seconded by Councilman Luongo. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Luongo moved to hire a temporary maintenance person for the Town of Swansea. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Councilwoman Alley made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission effective June 1, 2026: Suzanne Hackett, Permelia Longo,

Thomas Dease, Lorena Granados and Ray Mack. In addition to the Zoning Commission, effective June 1, 2026: Inez Miranda Williams, Cheyenne Shumpert, and Alexandra Swearinger. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Councilman Dougherty made a motion to have Councilman Luongo research the 8 to 9 cars and have them auctioned off at Dukes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Motion Passed Unanimously.

There was no other business to discuss; therefore, the Mayor asked if there was a motion to adjourn. The motion was presented by Councilman Luongo and seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Harvey
Clerk Treasurer
Town of Swansea