

TOWN COUNCIL and
Public Safety
Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 17th 2021

Mrs. Gulley called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Members present included Tina Gulley, Chairperson, Deborah Ball and John Ragsdale.

Also present: Mayor, James H. Hudson, III; Robert Lawrence and Chris Vincent, Town Council Members; John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk and Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. December 17th 2020

Mr. Vincent made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

III. PPTRA Resolution

Mrs. Ball read the attached resolution in the form of a motion and stated that the tax relief percentage for 2021 is 53.85% of the first \$20,000 of market value for qualifying vehicles. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ragsdale, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

IV. Police Department Take Home Vehicle Policy

Chief Tim Sawyer presented the Committee with a revised WPPD General Orders amendment regarding the take home vehicle policy. Chief Sawyer also stated that it is a benefit that would assist in retaining good officers, also if an officer is responding when off duty, he would be able to respond straight to the location of an incident. Currently officers must go to the police department to get a vehicle before going to the location of an incident.

Mr. Vincent made a motion that Town Council supports the Police of Chief exercising his authority to change the departments General Orders regarding take home vehicles. Seconded by Mrs. Gulley, upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

V. Police Officer Recognition

1. Sgt. Meredith

Chief Sawyer presented a letter of recognition that the department has received from King William Sheriff's office for Sgt. Stewart Meredith. Sgt. Meredith performed life saving measures to a vehicle accident victim. Sgt. Meredith revived the victim after he stopped breathing and had no pulse. Chief Sawyer advised that he would be presenting Sgt. Meredith with department recognition award.

2. Auxiliary Officer Longest

Chief Sawyer advised the auxiliary officer George Longest has been a volunteer officer in West Point for approximately ten years. Officer Longest will be retiring from the department. Upon retirement under state code Officer Longest can purchase his firearm for \$1.00.

Mr. Vincent made a motion to sell Officer Longest his service firearm, a Glock 22 bearing the serial number YMT989 for the sum of one U.S Dollar, seconded by Mr. Ragsdale. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ragsdale, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

Chief Sawyer stated that he will work with town staff to prepare a retirement resolution for presentation by Town Council.

VI. DCJS Grant

Chief Sawyer advised that the Governor awarded funds due to issues facing police department this past year. The grant was payable through the Criminal Justice Department in the amount of \$6,052 for use towards bonuses for officer retention, recruitment, and police reform. Chief Sawyer asked for the funds to be disbursed to the nine officers in the amount of \$672.44 each.

Mr. Lawrence made a motion that Town Council approve the payment of a bonus in the amount of \$672.44 before taxes and withholding to nine police officers, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ragsdale, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

VII. Surplus Vehicle

Chief Sawyer advised that the department has one vehicle a 2009 dodge charger that has 125,235 miles. The suspension on the vehicle is not safe for driving and the mechanical condition of the vehicle is not worth spending any more money on repairs. Chief Sawyer suggested the Public Safety Committee declare the vehicle as surplus and authorize the sale of the vehicle.

Mrs. Gulley made a motion that Town Council declares the 2009 Dodge Charger bearing the vin number 2B3AA4CV2AH302999 a surplus vehicle and authorize the Town

Manager to sell the vehicle as salvage. Seconded by Mrs. Ball, upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ragsdale, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

VIII. General Information

1 June Town Council Meeting

Mr. Edwards advised that the Committee has acted today on all items that would normally be on the Town Council agenda because it is possible that there might not be a quorum for the Town Council meeting on June 29th, 2021. Mr. Edwards suggested that the Town Council meeting be cancelled.

Mr. Vincent made a motion to cancel the Town Council meeting scheduled for June 29th 2021 because all action items have been approved today, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Upon roll call, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Ragsdale, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye". The motion was approved.

2 King William County Excess School Funding

Mr. Edwards advised that at the next King William Board of Supervisors meeting is next week, it is possible that the Board of Supervisors will vote to pay the Town funds in response to their clerical error of funding the King William schools. The amount should be approximately \$102,000.00.

Mr. Ragsdale asked what checks and balances are in place to verify the amount.

Mr. Hudson stated that there have been several different numbers on this issue, the last number we accepted and if we request and audit or pursue the issue any further it will cost us more than we are going to receive.

Mr. Ragsdale asked if we are comfortable with the number.

Mr. Hudson stated yes, King William has been open about the issue and they are the ones that approached the Town and informed us about the over payment.

3 Events

Mr. Edwards advised that Jammin on the Point is this Friday; the Chesty Puller 10K is next week. The packet distribution will be at Food Trucks the night before. Food Trucks will be on the 25th, vendors are Carrytown Burgers and Fries, Creekside Catering Co., Sno-to-Go and Gauthier Vineyards.

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TOWN OF WEST POINT
Resolution Setting the Personal Property Tax Relief for 2021
in Accordance with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998

WHEREAS in accordance with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Virginia Code §§ 58.1-3523 *et seq.* ("PPTRA") and the requirements set forth in Virginia Code §§ 58.1-3524(C)(2) and 58.1-3912(E), any qualifying vehicle obtaining situs within the Town commencing January 1, 2021, shall receive personal property tax relief; and

WHEREAS these legislative enactments require the Town to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

WHEREAS these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the Town of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles; and

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 17-05, which was properly advertised and approved by the West Point Town Council, provides for the implementation of the PPTRA.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West Point Town Council that the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage be set at 53.85% of the first \$20,000 of market value for qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the Town and valued at over \$1,000 in accordance with Ordinance 17-05.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT all vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.


Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of West Point at its regular monthly meeting held on the 17th day June 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout.

Those Members Voting:

James H. Hudson	N/A
Deborah Ball	Aye
Tina Gulley	Aye
Robert Lawrence	Aye
Joshua Lawson	Absent
James Pruett	Absent
John Ragsdale	Aye
Chris Vincent	Aye


Deborah T. Ball
Vice Mayor, Town of West Point

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk