



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on May 5, 2020. As a result of the Executive Order of Governor John Bel Edwards related to the COVID 19 pandemic, the meetings were broadcast live on the Town of Abita Springs You Tube Channel. Mr. Murphy read the agenda and invited the public to participate by emailing comments through the link posted on the Town's webpage.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the March 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Ms. Contois expressed her appreciation for everyone's efforts to adapt under the trying circumstances presented during the pandemic. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the January, February, March 2020 Financial Reports and summarized points related to future necessary expenditures including the rehabilitation of the Town's Sewer Plant. 2.) Town Clerk Janet Dufrene addressed the Committee. Ms. Dufrene explained that the Town received the adjusted millage rate. She added that the upcoming meeting agendas will include a discussion as to whether to adopt the adjusted rate or to roll the rate forward to the maximum allowable. Ms. Contois moved to close the committee meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the March 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Saussy encouraged the public to continue to practice social distancing, wash hands, wear masks, and maintain limited contact during the upcoming weeks. Mayor Dan Curtis provided an update on Town activities. Included was information regarding progress on the rehabilitation of the sewer, installation of a fiber optic communication system and Town administration operations. The Town Hall building is temporarily closed to the public during the Governor's Stay at Home Order. The Mayor touched on the reopening of businesses in Town (detailed further by Alderwoman Randolph during the Economic Development Committee Meeting.) Mr. Murphy read questions presented by local residents. The questions included the following topics; recycling, the Marshal's truck, the current low price of oil, the millage, and the collection of green waste. Mayor Curtis responded advising that recycling is still temporarily suspended, the Marshal's truck is a 2019 Ford F250 which was purchased for \$37,000.00 and can also be used for Public Works if necessary, the low price of oil has a positive (or negligible) effect on gas revenue, millages are reviewed by the Board, and that green waste is being collected. Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the Governmental Committee, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the March 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Mr. Patterson outlined efforts to improve the Town's communication infrastructure through the installation of a twelve-lead fiber optic cable. Mr. Patterson went on to report that he has inspected many of the Town's roadways in anticipation of the Road Overlay project. He asked for patience and reminded residents that the project cannot begin until sewer line related road work is complete. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the March 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Ms. Randolph summarized business operations under COVID 19 regulations. She asked the public to appreciate that everyone is doing their best to be respectful and comply with the orders. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to close the committee meetings, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2020.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor