



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on December 3, 2019.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Mayor reviewed the 2020 meeting schedule with the Board of Aldermen. The Board decided that the regularly scheduled November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Public Committee Meeting, which falls on Election Day, be rescheduled to Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the November 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the October Financial report. 2.) Mayor Curtis explained that certain fees are currently insufficient to cover services for which the fees are established. He noted that an ordinance will be drafted and presented for introduction at the Town Council meeting. The ordinance would provide for the authority of the Mayor to draft and publish a fee schedule; fees will be calculated to cover associated costs. 3.) Mr. Hawkins reviewed budget items and suggested that the Town may need to consider revising water and sewer rates in the upcoming years. Ms. Contois moved to close the Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the November 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Resolution to support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and to get a complete and accurate count of all persons within the Town. Board members expressed general support of the resolution. Mr. Saussy moved to amend the agenda to include consideration of two resolutions. The resolutions expressed the Board's support of grant applications to the Community Water Enrichment Fund for the installation of shut-off valves in the water distribution system and to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program for improvements to the Town's Records Retention and Storage Area. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion to add the items to the agenda. The vote to amend was unanimous. Mr. Saussy made a motion to open the meeting to the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The vote supported the motion unanimously. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY SHUT OFF VALVES, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: Yeas: 4 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1 Alderwoman Randolph. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING FOR NEEDED TOWN HALL RECORDS STORAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas: 4 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1 Alderwoman Randolph. Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All present were in favor. 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 November 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. With no new business to discuss, Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Patterson acting on behalf of Ms. Randolph, who was absent, moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the November 2019 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Mr. Patterson 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 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor