



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on August 4, 2020.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis advised that Labor Day and Busker Festival events will be held if circumstances related to the virus permit.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the July 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Jay Hawkins presented the June 2020 Financial Report. Mr. Hawkins summarized points from a 2019-2020 year to date cash flow comparison. He noted that shared sales tax figures were down. He added that overall sales tax figures reflect a measure of stability. 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 July 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of the Historic Commission's recommendation to amend the Historic Guidelines. Planning and Zoning Associate Mark Fancey reviewed the recommendations. Those included expansion of the minimum porch depth from seven to eight feet, and the creation of a maximum fence height of four feet on the street side of corner lots and extending thirty feet into the rear yard. Mr. Saussy made a motion to move the amendments forward, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 2.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of the second Historic Commission recommendation to institute an administrative fee for the processing of Certificate of Appropriateness applications. Mr. Saussy made a motion to assess the actual administrative cost, allow the Mayor the authority to establish the fee based on the cost, and to publish the fee on the Town website. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. 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 July 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 1.) Mr. Patterson reported that an application to the Recreation Trails Program for a grant funded through the Federal Highway Administration is in the final stages of approval. When approved, the grant will provide \$87,752.00 with a town match of 20% for the construction of walking paths in the town. 2.) Mr. Patterson announced that a local company, Subterranean L.L.C., was the low bidder for the Lift Station Rehabilitation Project at \$1,192,950.00. The Town accepted Principal Engineering's recommendation to award the contract to Subterranean. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Patterson, acting on behalf of Ms. Randolph, moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. With no new business to discuss, 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 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor