

Town of Millington
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Presents: Mayor Kevin Hemstock
Council Michelle Holland
Council Zita Seals
Council Wayne Starkey

Town Administrator: Jo Manning

Public & Others: Sheriff Hickman of Kent County Sheriff's Department, Sandi Dehn, Vanessa Hollaway Truxon, Michael and Susan McClain.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Kevin Hemstock called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting: A motion to approve the minutes for March 11, 2025, meeting was entered by Council Starkey; a second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered. Council Holland arrived late for the meeting.

Susquehanna Operational Services Report: Reviewed.

Kent County Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Hickman reviewed the annual report for March. Holland asked if the Sheriff Department would except her real ID on her phone if she gets pulled over. Sheriff Hickman assured her, law enforcement will except image of the real ID from your phone as issued by DMV of Maryland

Town Administrator Report: Admin Manning shared with Council that the cost for water and sewer testing will be rising due to new EPA and MDE requirements. Admin Manning has been working with Livingston Septic to quote a price to jet and inspect approximately 12 current dead ends in the wastewater collection system. She is also working with Livingston Septic to replace the broken valve at the sewer plant. Admin Manning shared with Council an update on Millington Senior Village, she attends several meetings a week and responds to many emails daily regarding this project. She is still working on the PAR for the school. Manning is also working through the spreadsheets and data for the new budget; she asked if Council reviewed the previously submitted worksheets and if there were any questions or concerns.

Code Enforcement Report: Reviewed.

Rental Property Report: Reviewed

Old Business:

- Mayor Hemstock read into record Resolution 2025-08 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
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Public Hearing: A motion was made to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the public hearing was entered by Council Starkey and second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Mayor Hemstock read into record Resolution 2025-07 – Declaration of Deed Restrictions for 172 Sassafras Street and 302 Carville Drive properties – the restrictions allow only senior housing units to be constructed on these sites. There was no comment from the public.

A motion to close the public hearing was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the regular meeting was entered by Council Starkey and second by Council Seals; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2025-07 – Declaration of Deed Restrictions for 172 Sassafras Street and 302 Carville Drive properties was made by Council Starkey, a second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

New Business:

- Admin Manning asked Council for questions or comments regarding the draft lease to Talkie Communications previously sent. Mayor Hemstock asked Manning to explain what was previously offered to RiverNet, she explained the proposal was \$20 per customer or up to \$500 per month. Council Starkey recommended that we charge \$20 a customer, up to \$500 a month, with the possibility of increasing 3% a year. All members of the Council agreed to the pricing and asked the contract to be edited accordingly.
- Admin Manning shared with Council issues regarding Lions Club ballfield, work performed without a permit that effects the MSV project as it pertains to stormwater management plans and approvals. Mayor Hemstock drafted a letter addressing the rumors about the baseball field to be posted on Town's website and Facebook page. Manning as sent a letter to the Lions Club regarding the code violation for work without a permit and has requested additional documentation to clarify the stormwater runoff concern.

Public Comments: Vanessa Holloway Truxon introduced herself explaining her position at Minary's Dream Alliance. She explained with all the proposed growth around Millington; this organization would like to hold a community outreach program to include a variety of groups to share available programs to area citizens.

Council Comments: No Comments

Correspondence: A letter from Kent County Commissioners regarding Property Tax Setoffs was shared with Council.

A motion to close the regular meeting to discuss personnel matters was entered by Council Starkey and a second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the closed session was entered by Council Starkey and a second by Council Seals; a vote of 4-0 entered.

Closed Session - "to discuss the appointment, employment assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that effects on or more specific individuals."

A motion to close the closed session was entered by Council Starkey and a second by Council Seals; a vote of 4-0 was entered. A motion to open the regular meeting was entered by Council Starkey and seconded by Council Seals; a vote of 4-0 was entered.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM was entered by Council Starkey, second by Council Seals, a vote of 4-0 was entered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Starkey, Town Clerk