

Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 4, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Drakes Branch was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located at 4801 Drakes Main Street, Drakes Branch, Virginia.

Mayor Phillip D. Jackson called the meeting to order and Kimberly Brinkley, Clerk recorded the minutes. Members present were as follows: Vice-Mayor Peery Wells, Sr., Eugene Wells, Thomas Pettus, Charles Errickson, Deborah Kennedy entered at 7:05 p.m. and James K. Gregory was absent. Peery Wells Sr. delivered the invocation and Mayor Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On a motion by Charles Errickson, seconded by Eugene Wells, to approve the minutes to the last Regular Meeting was passed on a voice vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 absent.

Account Balances with The Bank of Charlotte County were as follows:

General Fund:	\$25,372.22
Water/Sewer	\$86,577.53
Account Balance with State LGIP Program:	\$485,262.92
TOTAL:	\$597,212.67

After all bills and balances were reviewed, a motion by Charles Errickson, second by Peery Wells Sr. was made to pay all listed town bills, and motion was passed on a roll call vote with 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance- No report

Water/Sewer- Mayor Jackson informed Council about the damaged meter at a resident's house on White Street.

Streets- Deborah Kennedy stated that a street light is out at intersection of West Point Stevens Rd and Main Street.

Museum- No Report

Buildings & Grounds-No report

Personnel- Perry Wells stated no report, but will discuss personnel issue during Closed Session.

Grant-

OLD BUSINESS:

FEMA Project-the bids came in for abatement. The Town of Drakes is sending out bid proposal for the demolishing of the buildings. The cost of the abatement of buildings is \$75,000.00. Price includes 6 buildings.

Saxkey Pump Station has been repaired.

The pile of brush at the monument on has been removed.

Mayor Jackson emailed VDOT about the bank that is caving in at the corner of Isabella and Drakes Main Street, Scott Frederick, Resident Engineer, emailed back stating that VDOT has looked at the ditch previously and stated they do not believe that it is a threat to the highway in the event of a storm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of having Town of Drakes Christmas house. Date decided Sunday, December 1, 2024.

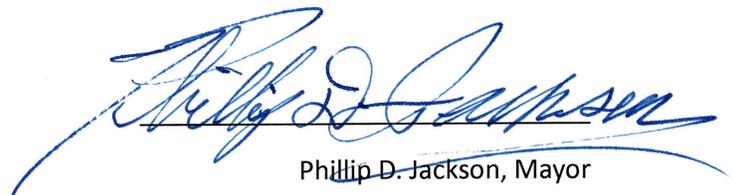
CLOSED SESSION

Request by the mayor, a motion to go into closed session to discuss the hiring of new Sewer/Maintenance worker 2.2-3711 (A)(1.0.0) to discuss personnel concerning hiring and wages. On a motion by Deborah Kennedy, seconded by Peery Wells, Sr. that the Drakes Branch Town Council, passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

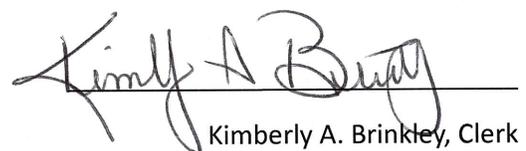
RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:

On a motion by Deborah Kennedy., seconded by Peery Wells, Sr to return to Open Session, was passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

On a motion by Charles Errickson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deborah Kennedy, and passed on a voice vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Phillip D. Jackson, Mayor



Kimberly A. Brinkley, Clerk