

**TOWN of SURGOINSVILLE
BOARD of MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**BMA Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 11th, 2025, @ 6pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held August 11th, 2025, at 6:00p.m. in the Surgoinsville City Hall after public notice was published on *Town of Surgoinsville – City Hall* Facebook Page and posted at City Hall, Surgoinsville Utility District, Post Office, & Surgoinsville Public Library on Friday, August 8th, 2025.

INVOCATION

Mayor Graham did the invocation and asked Alderman Hoss to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Graham requested a roll call for the record of attendance as follows:

Present

Mayor Graham
Vice-Mayor Jarnagin

Alderman Sandidge
Alderman Bishop
Alderman Hoss

Absent

Alderman Collier
Alderman Mierek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

- July 14th & 29th, 2025 - BMA Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to approve the July minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief Hammonds read the July 2025 Police Report. Fire Chief Shane Suthers read the Fire Department Report for July 2025. Donnie, Maintenance Manager, read the Maintenance for July 2025. The July 2025 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, July Work Orders, July Animal Control Log, & July Sewer Pumps Log were emailed to each Board Member for review.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to approve the July reports as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- Megan Gentry, City Recorder, provided *Summary Financial Statement* for all funds in July 2025.

VISITORS

- Tim Carwile, Cheryl Battaglia, Tom Williams, Steve Sederquist, Rick Wagner with *Kingsport Times News*, Kathy Fultz

OLD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Bid Opening for 1994 Ford 350 XL, NO TITLE, Parts Truck ONLY. One BID received. Mayor Graham opened the BID from Jan Ward in the amount of \$600. Jan Ward awarded winning BID.
- Consider second & final reading of Ordinance No. 188-2025 which is an ordinance to amend Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 3-202 to establish reasonable court costs. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider second reading of Ordinance No. 189-2025 which is an ordinance to rezone certain property. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Megan Gentry, Recorder, & Teresa Greer to apply for the Community Support grant which has a maximum amount of \$25,000. This grant would be used to implement an America 250 celebration within our Dr Lyons & Riverfront Festival in 2026. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Acknowledged receiving revised letter from Comptroller's Office on 07/15/2025 which approves FY2026 Budget with the oversight of TBOUR for the Sewer System
- Consider authorizing Fire Chief Suthers & Assistant Fire Chief Steele to apply for the FY2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Fire Chief Suthers to purchase a firefighting nozzle in the amount of \$1050, 110-42200-332. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider declaring 1997 Ford F150 in FD as surplus & authorize Police Chief Hammonds to list on GovDeals. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Mayor Graham to purchase fireworks for Riverfront Festival in the amount of \$5,000. 110-4400-325. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

- Consider authorizing Megan Gentry, Recorder, to attend TGFOA Fall Conference and to purchase the registration \$225 110-41500-148 and hotel reservations 110-41500-280. A motion as made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Acknowledged approval from State of TN Department of Environment and Conservation Division of Water Resources for *Town of Surgoinsville Sewer Forcemain Extension Project*
- Acknowledged receiving BID for Sewer Force Main Extension Project. Bids accepted through August 18th at 2pm
- Consider Mayor Graham to authorize Megan Gentry, Recorder, to execute the *Purdue Direct Settlement* documents. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider requesting exempt status to be independent from the State through the Fire Marshall. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Resident inquiry about the energy/battery storage facility coming to Phipps Bend. Advised resident to speak to the Industrial Board and/or Hawkins County as this is outside of the Town's limits.
- Resident, Tim, expressed concerns regarding overgrown properties and noted that this was an eye sore. Tim stated that the Town needed to enforce Ordinance about overgrown properties. Police Chief Hammonds states that the property owner at the address being referenced had been notified and that the Town's Maintenance Department can proceed with mowing this location.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

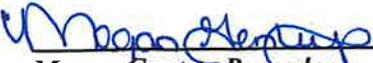
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:27 pm.


Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan Gentry, Recorder