

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

**BMA Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15th, 2025, @ 6pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held September 15th, 2025, at 6:01p.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, September 12th, 2025.

INVOCATION

Mayor Graham did the invocation and asked Vice Mayor Jarnagin 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 Collier

Alderman Bishop

Absent

Alderman Mierek
Alderman Sandidge

Alderman Hoss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

- August 11th & 26th, 2025 - BMA Meeting Minutes & August 11th, 2025 – Public Hearing Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve the August minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Chief Hammonds read the August 2025 Police Report. Mayor Graham read the Fire Department Report for August 2025 and the Maintenance for August 2025. The August 2025 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, August Work Orders, August Animal Control Log, & August Sewer Pumps Log were emailed to each Board Member for review. A

motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve the August reports as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Collier with an edit to the August 2025 Maintenance Report Fuel Expenses Total being edited to \$1,478.02. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

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

VISITORS

- Teresa Greer, John Cate with *The Rogersville Review*, Kay Walker-Cate, Sarah Monoson with *The Kingsport Times News*

OLD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider Resolution 161-2025 which is a resolution authorizing the Town of Surgoinsville to participate in the “Safety Partners” matching grant through PEP. 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 the purchase of 2 basketball goals at Riverfront Park which totals \$897.98, 110-44400-937. A motion was made by Alderman Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider approving Surgoinsville Police Department *General Orders and Standard Operating Procedures*. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Bobby Hickman to purchase six sewer pumps for \$5,100 from Liberty Lumber, 412-52200-391. 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 Police Chief Hammonds & Police Officer Gillenwater to enroll in an educational course totaling \$750, 619-42129-148. 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.
- A motion was made by Alderman Bishop to approve Police Chief Hammonds to purchase 2 laptops with all necessary parts and installation for both Tahoe police vehicles in the amount of \$6,897.92, 110-42200-949. Police Chief Hammonds elaborated that this purchase is through the THSO Grant. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Teresa Greer, resident, presented TDOT Transportation Planning Grant Application. Greer states that the Hawkins County Health Council meets in Surgoinsville every 3 months to discuss resources available to our area and the needs & drug problems in the community with the ultimate goal of making Hawkins County Healthier. This grant revolves around transportation and would be beneficial for residents walking, bicycling, or wheelchair bound. Greer continued with the benefits of outdoor activity. Greer states that the maximum award amount is \$250,000 with a local match of 10% but the local match will be 0% for distressed and at-risk counties and communities within them. Mrs. Greer suggested created a committee to be involved with the progress of this grant if the Board approves to proceed.
- Teresa Greer, resident, voiced concerns with the riverbanks at Riverfront Park. Greer states that the flooding has resulted in the loss of land due to erosion and suggested looking into options to restore the riverbanks. Greer states that she personally owns riverfront land in Surgoinsville and contacted the Department of Agriculture to install rock.

COUNCIL REQUESTS

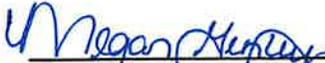
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:27 pm.


Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan Gentry, Recorder