

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

**BMA Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 13th, 2025, @ 6pm**

The BMA session of the Surgoinsville Board of Mayor and Aldermen was held October 13th, 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, October 10th, 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
Alderman Hoss

Absent

Alderman Mierek
Alderman Sandidge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

- September 15th, 2025 - BMA Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Alderman Hoss to approve the September minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes as written.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Police Officer Gillenwater read the September 2025 Police Report. Mayor Graham read the Fire Department Report for September 2025. Brandon Depew read the Maintenance for September 2025. The September 2025 *Daily Vehicle Inspection Checklist* for each vehicle, September Work Orders, September Animal Control Log, & September Sewer Pumps Log were emailed to each Board Member for review. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss to approve the September

reports as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

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

VISITORS

- Sarah Monoson with *The Kingsport Times News*, Tim Carwile, Jeff Lilly, Mary Lilly, Neily W Bissette, Brenda Gail Bissette, Bryan Farley, Alicia Farley, Phil Hall, Lonny Baker, Mark Johnson, John Cate with *The Rogersville Review*, Steve Sederquist

OLD BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion for consent agenda was made by Alderman Collier. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hoss. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider Resolution 162-2025 which is a resolution to authorize the execution and filing of an application for a Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Transportation Planning Grant (TPG). 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 Resolution 163-2025 which is a resolution authorizing the Town to participate in the Property Conservation Matching Grant Program. 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 first reading of Ordinance 190-2025 which is an ordinance relating to building and property maintenance codes. 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 first reading of Ordinance 191-2025 which is an ordinance related to building permit fees. No action taken. This item will be a resolution at the next meeting.
- Consider approving 2026 Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by Alderman Hoss. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. The voting was unanimous in favor of approving.
- Consider authorizing Police Chief Hammonds up to \$5,000 in repairs to 2018 Chevy Tahoe at Singleton's Collision. And appropriate budget amendment to 110-42100-332. 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.
- Review and select one of three quotes to repair 2018 Dodge 3500 and authorize Brandon Depew to have these repairs made. And appropriate budget amendment to 110-43190-332. A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Jarnagin to select repairs to be made by Baker Otto Repair in the amount of \$8,700. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bishop. A roll call vote was obtained and was unanimous in favor of approving.

- Consider authorizing Bobby Hickman to purchase one 3/4hp sewer pump at \$750, 412-52200-391. 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

- Jeff Lilly of Virginia Hills expressed concerns regarding the roads and street signs in this neighborhood. More specifically, he noted the second hill into the neighborhood when you turn into Roanoke.
- Mark Johnson of Virginia Hills expressed concerns regarding building permits. He states that there was a breakdown with open permits during the transitions from Vince Pishner to Safebuilt to State of TN. Johnson suggested that the Town ensure that Integrity Inspections will assume all current building inspections. Johnson complimented Police Chief Hammonds & noted that he does an outstanding job. Johnson inquired about subdivision restrictions. Attorney Joe May advised that this is a civil matter. Town regulates zoning but not subdivisions.
- Bryan Farley of Virginia Hills asked if the Town assisted with contractors or builders completing work within the City Limits. Attorney Joe May advised that the Town has no authority to get involved with contracts and suggested contacting the TN Board for Licensing Contractors with any concerns.
- Lonny Baker of Virginia Hills stated experiencing a difficult process to get into his house. Baker stated that the Town and also County are losing revenue from property taxes with these contractor delays.
- A gentleman inquired about the Phipps Bend \$1 Billion project. Phipps Bend is not within City Limits and suggested that he contact the Phipps Bend Industrial Board.
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COUNCIL REQUESTS

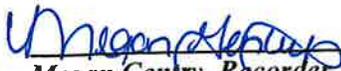
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The BMA Meeting was dismissed at 6:31 pm.


Merrell Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan Gentry, Recorder