

**Town of Dublin  
Council Meeting  
April 21, 2022**

The Town of Dublin held its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., in council chambers. Present: Mayor Benny Skeens. Council members present: Dallas Cox, Debbie Hager, Edith Hampton, Debbie Lyons and Wayne Seagle. Others present: Clerk of Council and Town Manager Tyler Kirkner, Chief of Police Dennis Lambert, Superintendent of Utilities Darrin Cullip and Employee Chris Vaughn. Absent: Vice-Mayor Steve Crigger and Town Attorney Samuel Campbell.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Skeens welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dallas Cox led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

Mayor Skeens asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the March 17, 2022 minutes. Edith Hampton made a motion to approve the minutes. Debbie Lyons seconded.

Roll call:

Debbie Lyons Yes

Steve Crigger Absent

Dallas Cox Yes

Debbie Hager Yes

Edith Hampton Yes

Wayne Seagle Yes

Vote: 5-Yes; 1-Absent

**Reports of Officials**

Chief Lambert stated the annual Drug-Take-Back will be held Saturday, April 23, 2022 at CVS in Dublin from 10 am to 2 pm. Chief Lambert thanked the Town of Pulaski Police Department, Sheriff's Office and State Police for their assistance in the recent murder in the Town. Chief Lambert stated Investigator Wayne David would be retiring June 1<sup>st</sup> with 25 years of service to the Town.

Mr. Cullip stated water usage is holding steady after the recent major leak repair. Mr. Cullip stated he received a call late this afternoon that a company will start testing on the sewer lines from Eddie Browns business toward Peppers Ferry. The new utility facility is being prepared for dry-wall installation.

### **Committee Reports**

Dallas Cox stated the Airport has approved the new hanger and will have to get water lines re-routed. They are working with the government to get an old plane for display on site.

Mr. Kirkner stated Pepper's Ferry is looking at the second phase of the Sulfate Study and completing research. The second PCB meeting is scheduled for next week.

Mrs. Lyons stated Virginia's First meets every three months. In the last two weeks Drew Fox was interviewed for the general managers position and has accepted the offer. The next meeting will be held in June.

Mr. Kirkner stated that James Hardy is now utilizing the NRRA after an extended absence the county has worked hard to get them back and their efforts are having a positive impact on the Authority. Pulaski County is now the largest user of the NRRA.

Mr. Kirkner stated the Cigarette Tax is having a positive impact on the General Fund Revenues.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

#### **State Farm proclamation**

Mayor Skeens read the proclamation (attached).

#### **Update on sell and survey for Bagging Plant Rd (lot line adjustments).**

Mr. Kirkner stated he spoke with a representative at the county and it does not have to go into a subdivision, it can be done by a lot line revision. Mr. Kirkner stated he has met with James at NRV Surveyors and they have done most of the surveying.

### **Budget Preparation**

Mr. Kirkner stated the Finance Committee consisting of Steve Crigger and Wayne Seagle met and reviewed the numbers for utility rates and the overall budget. Some areas highlighted were the increase of 8% for employee insurance, the effects of inflation and the anticipated \$340,000 in expected costs for the new budget year.

#### ARPA Grant update (1<sup>st</sup> submission by April 20, 2022)

Mr. Kirkner stated the submission has been made, overall some things have been simplified. Mr. Kirkner stated he is in the process of trying to spend this year's money and if it's not spent it will go into a reserve fund until spent. July 1, 2022 is the estimated date for the new tranche of \$1.34 million in ARPA funding.

#### Asbestos Abatement in Park

Mr. Kirkner stated the asbestos project started in Building #207 (new Utility Building) is now complete. The Town is in the process of completing \$70,000 of abatement in the area of the loading docks.

#### Budget Report

See attached.

#### Things "Well done" by staff and departments

Mr. Kirkner stated Office Isom is to be commended for his support of a County officer during a recent incident. Mr. Kirkner read an email from Captain Lucas Nester of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office thanking Officer Isom for his recent help with a shooting incident. Officer Isom was awarded the Well Done for the month on a job well done.

Mayor Skeens reminded everyone of the July 4<sup>th</sup> events and stated he would like to have a cook out for the employees and their families.

Debbie Lyons stated she, Deanna and Sherri had meet regarding the parade and have had a good response so far. There will be flyers posted closer to event.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Cullip asked for permission to clean up the flowerbed in front of Bucko's. The effort will be performed by the 4-H Kids as one of their projects. Council stated that would be a good project for the kids.

Mr. Kirkner asked everyone to pray for Benny as he is coping with the illness of his sister.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Skeens adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler F. Kirkner  
Clerk of Council

**WHEREAS**, State Farm® is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Dublin recognizes the positive impact the company and its agents have on our community as they have been taking care of customers in Virginia since 1871; and

**WHEREAS**, State Farm was founded in the United States on the seventh of June in the year 1922 by G.J. Mecherle, a farmer from Merna, IL.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Benny P. Skeens, Mayor of Dublin do hereby proclaim June 7, 2022, as

State Farm Day

in the Town of Dublin, Virginia I call upon the residents of this Town to observe this day by demonstrating what being a good neighbor is all about through acts of kindness and making people feel welcome.

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Signed and sealed this 7th day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two

  
Benny P. Skeens, Mayor

Contracts in Progress (CIP)								
	Month Reporting		General Fund		Enterprise Fund		Total Ent Revenue	
	31-Mar-22		Revenue	Expenditures	Revenue	Expenditures	3,121,491	tot rev
	February	budget	1,916,215	1,916,215	3,121,491	3,121,491	1,340,471	4,461,962
			1,489,777	1,363,557	3,971,141	2,853,974		
			78%	71%	127%	91.43%		
			75%	75%	75%	75%		
			-3%	4%	-52%	-16%		
			Above Rev	Below Exp.	Above Rev.	Above Exp.		

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			1,489,777	1,363,557	2,630,670	2,341,118	Revenue to date	
		Actual	78%	71%	84%	75%	3,971,141	Tot
			75%	75%	75%	75%	1,340,471	ARPA
			-3%	4%	-9%	0%	2,630,670	ADJ rev
			Above Rev..	Below Exp..	Above Rev.	Above Exp.		