

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BROADWAY TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, June 4, 2024
7:00 p.m.

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2 The Broadway Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers of
3 the Broadway Town Hall. The following members were present: Mayor David L. Jordan and Council
4 Members Chad L. Comer, Travis M. Driver, Leslie E. Fulk, Richard E. Fulk, Douglas W. Harpine, and
5 Beverly L. London.

6 The following staff members were present: Deputy Town Manager Cari Orebaugh, Town Attorney
7 Matthew Light, and Police Chief Doug Miller.

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9 Mayor Jordan welcomed all citizens to the Town Council meeting. He then called the meeting to order at
10 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

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12 **Approval of Minutes and Bills:**

13 **Ms. Beverly L. London moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, workshop of the Town**
14 **Council, the May 7, 2024, Town Council Meeting, the May 15, 2024, Special Called Meeting of Town**
15 **Council, the May 28, 2024 Special Called Meeting of Town Council, and to authorize payment of bills**
16 **in the amount of \$145,508.10. Mr. Chad L. Comer seconded the motion which was approved with the**
17 **following recorded roll call vote:**

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19	Leslie E. Fulk	Aye	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
20	Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
21	Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
22	Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		
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24 **Consideration of Adoption of Real Estate Tax Increase**

25 Mayor Jordan stated that the next item on the agenda was the consideration of the Real Estate Tax Increase. Ms.
26 Orebaugh stated that the public hearing for the real estate tax increase was held at the previous meeting, so this
27 item is now up for Council’s consideration on whether they would like to take action to adopt the ordinance to
28 increase the real estate tax rate by \$.03.

29 Mr. Travis Driver stated, “Being the shortest-tenured member on this council, this is something that has weighed
30 very heavily on me. And I think it has weighed very heavily on all of us. Please know that this is not something
31 I take very lightly, and I don’t think that any of this council takes very lightly. Going over this comprehensive
32 plan on Planning Commission, I see lots of big infrastructure projects coming up for our Town. We are going to
33 need finances for those. As everyone knows, things aren’t getting cheaper. We sat in here on Thursday night
34 and we heard our Public Works Director tell us that he needs things. The month before that, we had our Water
35 Department tell us the things that they need. We’ve heard Doug tell us the things that he needs. You know, extra
36 officers, new patrol cars, things like that. You know guys, this isn’t going for just certain items. It’s going for
37 everything. It’s going for pay increases for our Town employees. It’s not something that we’re all taking very
38 lightly, and I hope that you all understand that and especially for me, this is a very big thing to come in to try to
39 say ‘hey, I need to ask this of all the residents of Broadway’ and I’ve been here for six months. So, just know
40 that this is something that all of us do take seriously and that we have spent many hours and lots of time thinking
41 about, planning on, and things like that.”

42 Mr. Chad Comer stated, “My vote is based strictly on - we hired Bob Holton to come in, check through our
43 finances, give us recommendations on what to do for this Town for the future. And, Mr. Holton said that we
44 were behind other municipalities in all of our rates and that we needed to increase them. And that’s what my
45 vote will be based off of, is his recommendation. I do have a letter from him I can share with any resident that
46 wants to see that. I have a letter where he made those recommendations to us in March and that’s what mine is
47 going to be based off of. It’s someone who had 40 years’ experience prior to them retiring at the job they done.”
48 Mr. Leslie Fulk remarked, “Well I think I’ll chime in then. And Chad’s exactly right. That is exactly what Bob
49 Holton said in March. But that ain’t what he said a month or two later, when our funds was restored. And Dave
50 Jordan will back me up on it. Dave Jordan asked him, he said ‘do we need to raise taxes or any other rates and
51 are we going to be able to put more money aside in the savings?’ And he said, ‘absolutely you will’. In March
52 we were in bad financial shape and we were panicking. Two months later, things was a lot different. Bob Holton

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- 53 said, give it til July. Kyle O'Brien said give it a few months. Your funds will be restored. You have nothing to
54 worry about. But, I didn't talk to Kyle about raising the taxes. But Dave Jordan did. He said 'Bob, do we need
55 to raise these taxes?' He said, 'You ain't got to raise taxes or any other rates. He said you'll see things are going
56 to be just fine.' We've done a lot in this town with this tax rate where it's at. Look at all the money that we've
57 spent. And it does get more expensive to run this town. But I think that, my vote here in a minute, as you're
58 going to see is because for years I've said let's just go a half percent. Seven cents on a hundred's nothing. It
59 needs to be ten, maybe even twelve. But my feelings was, I wanted to go a half a percent a year for six years
60 maybe. And that was six years ago. We'd already be there. Nobody would have felt it in their pocket. But a
61 45% hike tonight in real estate. You're going to feel it. And some of you is going to feel it a little more than
62 others. Now that's where I stand on it."
- 63 Mr. Chad Comer stated, "I would just like to add something to that. I can say that Mr. Holton never shared those
64 sentiments with me. And he may have shared them with you but I've never heard them."
- 65 Mr. Leslie Fulk asked, "Dave Jordan, did he share them with you?"
- 66 Mr. Jordan responded in the affirmative.
- 67 Mr. Comer stated, "Well, he never shared them with me."
- 68 Mr. Leslie Fulk stated, "Well, I can't help that. I don't know. I asked the tough questions. I got the tough
69 answers."
- 70 Mr. Comer asked, "Mr. Harpine, was that shared with you?"
- 71 Mr. Harpine responded, "Nope. Never heard that before."
- 72 Mr. Comer stated, "I have a letter that says different".
- 73 Mr. Fulk responded, "Look at Dave. Don't look at me. Look at Dave. He's the Mayor."
- 74 Mr. Comer responded, "I heard Dave say that. I heard both of you."
- 75 Mr. Leslie Fulk answered, "I heard it from Dave."
- 76 Someone from the audience asked, "May I ask where the 45% increase is coming from?"
- 77 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, "That's approximately what the seven, how much you have to raise seven percent to
78 get to ten percent. If you raise seven percent fifty percent, that would be three and a half so I guess it's about
79 45%, give or take."
- 80 Someone stated, "It's 42.8."
- 81 Mr. Leslie Fulk remarked, "42.8. I'm sorry."
- 82 Mr. Dave Jordan stated, "For my taxes. Let me just read this. I met with Mr. Holton the last day he was with the
83 Town. Cari was there. It was the three of us. And at one point I asked him, 'Where are we at on taxes?' And he
84 said, 'Dave, we have come a long ways in two months. My feelings is, right now, you probably don't need to
85 raise real estate taxes.' That's exactly what he told me. Ten minutes later, we shook hands, and he walked out
86 the door. Now, like Travis, I sat here last Thursday listening to the comments that our public works director
87 talked about. The needs. We have a bridge on Turner Avenue we are going to have to spend \$140,000 on. It's
88 just one bridge. We own five bridges. If we wait to work on that bridge, that \$140,000 won't touch the
89 sidewalks on that bridge. The infrastructure in this town has to stay intact. My taxes will raise if this passes, just
90 like yours. My house, here in Broadway, my taxes are going to go up roughly \$2.02 a week. That's what it's
91 going to cost me a week. Over a year's time it's \$105."
- 92 Bev stated, "That's all it is. It sounds like a big number, but that's all it is. That's what it amounts to."
- 93 Someone asked Ms. London to provide some numbers.
- 94 Ms. London responded, "Yes. I can give you some numbers. Just look at a \$175,000 house. \$1.01 cent per
95 week. A \$291,000 house. \$1.68. A net of \$87.30 per year to throw into the pot to keep our Town the way we
96 have it right now. I mean, it's not a huge amount of money. Our real estate tax is not our big money maker. But
97 we still need to keep these expenses covered and we need to share in that. That bridge isn't going to fix itself."
- 98 Mr. Douglas Harpine asked Mr. Gene Nesselrodt in the audience, "When's the last time real estate went up?
99 Were you involved the last time real estate went up?"
- 100 Mr. Nesselrodt stated that he was not involved.
- 101 Mr. Harpine remarked, "I mean, it's been twenty something years since we had an increase."
- 102 Ms. Bonnie Caplinger stated, "Wrong. Rockingham County evaluated everybody."
- 103 Mr. Harpine responded, "That wasn't us."
- 104 Ms. Caplinger answered, "You got the extra income from that."
- 105 Mr. Harpine stated, "Doesn't mean we voted for a tax increase. We didn't."

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106 Ms. Caplinger stated, "But you still got the extra revenue".

107 **With no further discussion, Mr. Douglas Harpine made a motion to adopt the ordinance entitled**
108 **"Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Broadway, Virginia increasing the rate of the Town's real**
109 **estate taxes". Ms. Beverly L. London seconded the motion which was approved with the following**
110 **recorded roll call vote:**

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112 Leslie E. Fulk	Nay	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
113 Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
114 Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
115 Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		

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117 **Consideration of Adoption of Cigarette Tax Increase**

118 Mayor Jordan proceeded to the next item on the agenda which was the consideration of the Adoption of
119 a Cigarette Tax Increase. Ms. Orebaugh explained the public hearing was held at the May 7th Town
120 Council Meeting on this item. Council may now consider whether they wish to adopt the ordinance
121 increasing the cigarette tax rate from \$.20 per pack of 20 cigarettes to \$.25 per pack of 20 cigarettes.

122 **When there was no discussion, Mr. Leslie E. Fulk made a motion to adopt the ordinance of the**
123 **Town Council of the Town of Broadway, Virginia increasing the rate of the Town's excise tax on**
124 **cigarettes, making conforming amendments to the Town Code, and amending Section 57.13 of the**
125 **Town Code of the Town of Broadway, Virginia (2023). Mr. Travis M. Driver seconded the**
126 **motion which was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:**

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128 Leslie E. Fulk	Aye	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
129 Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
130 Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
131 Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		

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133 **Consideration of Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget**

134 The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. Ms
135 Orebaugh advised that after proper notification, a public hearing was held at the May 7, 2024 Town
136 Council meeting to consider a budget in the amount of \$8,226,031 for our upcoming Fiscal Year 2024-
137 2025. At this time Council may consider approving that operating budget and then confirming the real
138 estate tax rate and making the annual appropriations for town expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.

139 **Mr. Richard E. Fulk made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Ms. Beverly L. London**
140 **seconded the motion which was approved with the following roll call vote:**

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142 Leslie E. Fulk	Aye	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
143 Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
144 Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
145 Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		

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147 **Public Hearing – Budget Amendment, FY 2024:**

148 The next item on the agenda was a public hearing on the FY 2024 budget amendment. Ms. Orebaugh stated that
149 she had mentioned this at the May 7th Council meeting. Each year localities typically have to do a budget
150 amendment. It is necessary if expenditures are over 1%. And so, each year the Town of Broadway does a budget
151 amendment, and this year is no different. It allows the Town to amend the budget to reflect items such as grants.

152 The Police Department received a grant this year, which is great, but it is hard to budget for a grant, so you have
153 to do an amendment for that extra income and that extra expense. It is something that must be done if you under-
154 budget an item. For instance, chemicals went up a lot this year for wastewater. While this is something you try
155 to project as costs but sometimes you under-project, so this is what the budget amendment is for.

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At 7:18 p.m., Mayor Jordan opened the public hearing for public comment on the FY2023-2024 budget amendment. Mr. Leslie Fulk stated, “In layman’s terms, we have to estimate how much we have to pay for chemicals and salt on the streets and things like that. We estimate it. And then if you spent more, or you spent less, if you’re either way more than one percent, we have to do the adjustment and it’s a public hearing involved to do it so that you all can talk about it if you want. It’s something we have to do every year. Just a formality.” Ms. Bonnie Caplinger stated, “I won’t be bashful. The reason I’m coming up and this has got to do with the complete budget and everything with it. The Council does have good points. I will give them that. And I understand where things are going up in price and stuff. This is not a new thing. Prices have been going up quite high for the last three or four years. When you knew these things was going up, why did you all not hunker down then instead of wait until you had to do this? I’m sorry I interrupted you Doug, but you all got a twenty-five percent increase when the County raised all of our assessments, so I think that’s also one thing that also gets people upset.”

She went on to ask, “Why did you not figure out where to cut and where not so that you wouldn’t have these issues?”

With no further comments on the Fiscal year 2023-2024 budget amendment, Mayor Jordan closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Douglas W. Harpine then made a motion to adopt an uncodified ordinance approving the budget of the Town of Broadway, Virginia for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, as previously presented to the Town Council. Ms. Beverly L. London seconded the motion which was approved with the following recorded roll call vote:

Leslie E. Fulk	Aye	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		

Old Business:

None

Departmental Reports:

- a. **Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Douglas W. Harpine reported that the community pool opened for the season and had a very successful opening. Mr. Harpine thanked Mr. Chad Dellinger, Public Works Director and his entire department for some very quick repairs made, allowing the pool to open on time. Mr. Chad Comer thanked the entire staff at the pool for the great job they do.
- b. **Finance:** Mr. Richard E. Fulk stated there was nothing to report other than the items that had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c. **Personnel/Police:** Mr. Leslie Fulk stated there was nothing to report regarding the Police Department. He did note that when the Council meeting falls this early in the month, the Chief of Police is unable to get final statistics for the previous month in order to complete his report. Chief Miller reported that the department has hired a new officer Carson Frey, from the Sheriff’s office who is scheduled to start June 24, 2024. Chief Miller intends for him to be at the July Council meeting so he can be introduced to everyone. Mr. Frey has approximately four years’ experience and has worked as a part-time officer for the Town of Broadway. Chief Miller advised they also have another applicant who is going through the process now and he is hopeful that he can make an offer to that person and get that person hired as well.
- d. **Utilities:** Ms. Beverly L. London reported that the Town is currently working with Columbia Gas to get the road repairs completed on Holly Hill Street. A copy of the

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- 207 monthly Water Department report is included with the minutes as Attachment A.
208 e. **Streets & Properties:** Mr. Chad L. Comer reported that he and Mr. Doug Harpine are
209 scheduled to meet with Mr. Chad Dellinger and Ms. Cari Orebaugh on Wednesday, June
210 5, 2024, to discuss paving projects for the Fall of this year. Mr. Comer believed that
211 Walnut Ridge was already priced and on schedule to be paved this fall. Mr. Comer stated
212 that the planters on Main Street were removed today. Mr. Comer advised that when the
213 new town manager starts, the plan is to work with VDOT the removal of most of the
214 bump outs with the exception of the handicapped ones because they are needed where
215 the handicapped spots are located. Removal of the bump outs will allow for some
216 additional parking and better traffic flow on Main Street. Mr. Comer also advised that
217 the Town will be working with some civic clubs in the spring to have some concrete
218 planters installed, like the ones that were put at the pool. The planters will go where the
219 handicapped bump out spaces are.
- 220 f. **Events & BHP:** Mr. Comer reported that movie night is scheduled for next Friday, June
221 14th. Beards and Broads is the sponsor of that event. Mr. Comer advised that he has a
222 volunteer sign-up sheet circulating at this evening's meeting for individuals interested in
223 helping out at events. Mr. Comer then reminded everyone that fireworks in Broadway
224 are scheduled for June 22, 2024, at 9:30 p.m. He also reported that the Broadway
225 Community Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. There are
226 produce vendors, flower vendors and local artisans. Ms. Orebaugh mentioned that this
227 Thursday, June 6, 2024, a "school's out" evening celebration is being held at the
228 Farmer's Market. Mr. Comer fielded a few questions regarding the fireworks. He also
229 mentioned that the new Town Manager would be reviewing and renegotiating any future
230 contracts with fireworks companies. It is undecided if the Town will decide to have a
231 fireworks show next year.
- 232 g. **Planning Commission:** Mr. Travis M. Driver reported that the Planning Commission's
233 review of the Comprehensive Plan is going well. They will meet again next Monday,
234 June 10, 2024, to hopefully finalize a draft of the plan. The Planning Commission
235 hopes to schedule a public input session at their July meeting and then have a joint
236 public hearing with the Town Council at the August council meeting. A representative
237 from the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission as well as from VDOT will
238 be at the public input session in July. Mr. Driver invited the public to come to the
239 public input session. He stated that one of the main items that could be discussed is
240 sidewalks in locations such as East Springbrook Road and Sunset Drive. There was a
241 brief discussion regarding costs for sidewalks and possible available grants for sidewalk
242 projects.

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244 **New Business**

245 The first item under new business was the consideration of the appointment of a Temporary Zoning
246 Administrator. Mr. Matt Light explained that there is a brief period of time between the departure of
247 the current zoning administrator, Ms. Cari Orebaugh, and the arrival of the new Town Manager/Zoning
248 Administrator, Stefanie McAlister. A zoning administrator needs to be appointed in the interim, which
249 is from Thursday, June 6, 2024, and July 1, 2024. There may be permits that need to be signed by the
250 zoning administrator to enable construction within the Town to continue. Mr. Light advised that the
251 Town does not wish to delay the citizens' projects unnecessarily just because there is no one to sign the
252 permits. Mr. Light suggested to the Mayor that a temporary zoning administrator should be appointed
253 for the purpose of signing permits during the interim. Mr. Light advised that the Mayor could be a good
254 choice to do that with the help of the Town's attorneys, although it could be someone else that could be
255 appointed. The agenda item is for the appointment of a temporary zoning administrator to serve

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256 between Thursday, June 6, 2024, and July 1, 2024. Ms. Beverly L. London made a motion to
257 **appoint Mayor David L. Jordan as the temporary zoning administrator between Thursday, June**
258 **6, 2024, and the time the new Town Manager takes her position. Mr. Leslie L. Fulk seconded the**
259 **motion which was approved on the following recorded roll call vote:**

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261 **Leslie E. Fulk Aye Richard E. Fulk Aye**
262 **Travis M. Driver Aye Chad L. Comer Aye**
263 **Beverly L. London Aye David L. Jordan Aye**
264 **Douglas W. Harpine Aye**

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266 The next item on the agenda was the consideration of Department Head Authority and Emergency
267 Overtime. Ms. Orebaugh advised that this item came up at the council workshop this past Thursday.
268 The Department Heads would like to have the authority to, after hours, for emergencies, bring in any
269 staff or employees that they need to address the issue or emergency at hand. They would like to have
270 the authority to do that without seeking the approval of their supervisor. Most of the time, a supervisor
271 can be reached, but this is regarding after-hours emergencies, such as in the middle of the night or on
272 the weekends. They are requesting to be able to bring in whoever they need to address the issue or
273 emergency without having to wait around for approval from a supervisor which may cause delays with
274 the issue at hand. Mr. Matt Light stated that the motion would be to authorize department heads, in
275 their judgement, to authorize overtime for employees within their departments to deal with emergency
276 situations. Chief Miller asked why this needs to be put into an ordinance when this could be done in the
277 past without having to have an ordinance in place. Ms. Beverly L. London advised that Public Safety is
278 a little bit different than Public Works. Chief Miller asked why this needs to be put into an ordinance
279 now. Mr. Matt Light advised that this is not as formal as an ordinance, and he thinks that the reason for
280 this now is because some department heads have questioned whether they have the ability to do that and
281 we want to assure them that they do. Mr. Light also stated, "When Mr. Bob Holton came in, he
282 tightened up some of the overtime in an attempt to control costs and save taxpayer money but there are
283 times when you need it and my sense is that the council wanted to make sure that department heads
284 knew that it was ok if they needed to do that so that there wasn't any doubt. And you may not have been
285 doubting but it sounds like somebody else was doubting. Ms. Orebaugh remarked, "It is so that if that
286 department head needs to make that call in the middle of the night, they are not worried about I might
287 get reprimanded because I brought in five members of my team to play them overtime instead of
288 focusing on dealing with the issue at hand."

289 Mr. Douglas Harpine remarked, "I think all of this started to come about when we started to tighten up
290 our belts. Like most people do, you go from here to here, and you go up here before you start to come
291 back down, and we are starting to come back down. Because you all did a great job of tightening belts.
292 I commend all of you."

293 **With no further discussion, Mr. Travis Driver made a motion to authorize department heads to**
294 **authorize overtime for employees within their departments in an emergency situation to deal with**
295 **the emergency. Mr. Leslie Fulk seconded the motion. The motion was approved on the following**
296 **recorded roll call vote:**

297 **Leslie E. Fulk Aye Richard E. Fulk Aye**
298 **Travis M. Driver Aye Chad L. Comer Aye**
299 **Beverly L. London Aye David L. Jordan Aye**
300 **Douglas W. Harpine Aye**

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302 **Public Comment:**

303 Mayor Jordan stated that the next item on the agenda is the public comment period. He advised citizens
304 that they speak for three minutes and asked them to introduce themselves and state where they live.

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305 The first citizen to speak was Mr. Bucky Berry.

306 Mr. Bucky Berry, from the City of Harrisonburg, stated, “I’ve known Chief Miller for about twenty-five
307 years. What really bothers me more than anything is Chief Miller is a true blue. I know a lot of officers
308 in Harrisonburg, and I know every police chief in every city. When remarks are made that Chief Miller
309 wrecked his unmarked police truck driving drunk. That’s not true! Whoever is doing that, that’s the
310 scum out of the gutter. Whoever is doing that, I want the Town to nip it in the bud and find out who is
311 doing that. That’s no good. That gives the Town a bad name, the department a bad name. This man
312 here gave \$175,000 back to the Brent Berry Family Food Drive. He raised \$21,000 last year collecting
313 food for the citizens. The year before \$8,000. He’s helped 9,600, almost 10,000 families working for
314 the Brent Berry Food Drive, Chief Miller would give the shirt off his back to anybody. Somebody run
315 the Chief down in this little small town – that’s about as low as you can get. I want the Town to put a
316 stop to it and find out who is doing it, bottom line.”

317 The next citizen to speak was Mr. Joe Adolph, Sunset Drive. He stated, “I’d like to talk about last
318 month’s meeting. It started with the Mayor saying that he wanted to dispel recent rumors. And that no
319 money was missing and that we could pay all our bills. Before last month’s meeting, one or more
320 council members was heard publicly saying that Mr. O’Brien had committed malfeasance and had lied
321 to the Council. Such public disparagement is completely unacceptable and undermines the reputation
322 and effectiveness of the entire council and I hope it’s been dealt with internally. This started when an
323 employee that had been with the town less than a year made unsubstantiated claims that ultimately led
324 to accusations that an employee that had been with the town twenty-four years had taken money. One
325 would think the first instinct would be to defend your friend and colleague and at the very least make an
326 attempt to verify these suspicions. But instead, you fire him. Since moving to Broadway, I’ve attended
327 nearly every town meeting where I’ve watched the Council give unanimous consent and approved
328 financing on every project that Mr. O’Brien undertook and then sang his praises when it was complete.
329 And point of fact, Mr. O’Brien can’t spend money without Council approval. Now that all of this is
330 over, the newly hired employee is still here. All of the council members are still here. Our trusted
331 Town Manager who tripled the size of this town and put it on the map, under his tenure is gone. The
332 interim manager that we hired, quit after only a month citing he was unable to work with the Council
333 and our Deputy Manager who has done so much for this Town and who has shown great promise for
334 the future is leaving and we will be lucky if we don’t have to defend ourselves in a defamation suit.
335 Then you gave Mr. O’Brien a consulting position to help do the job that he’d just been fired from. To
336 compound matters even further, you announced across the board tax increases to pay for a financial
337 crises that no longer existed and ignored the concerns voiced by a record crowd in attendance that night
338 instead of curtailing spending which we could build up our reserves which was suggested to you. Now
339 it appears that paying Mr. O’Brien’s salary for the rest of the year at a \$150 an hour consulting fee is the
340 price that we the taxpayers will have to bear. I have tried to actively participate in Town matters from
341 time to time when someone makes a disparaging remark about a decision that Council has made I have
342 always defended the council, reminding that person that had they attended the monthly meetings, they
343 would know the facts and probably therefore draw different conclusions. But this time I can’t defend
344 the council because I’ve found their actions indefensible. Perhaps if the council in its entirety had met
345 with Mr. O’Brien instead of only a minority contingent, their shared experience in history would have
346 ensured concern for view and proper context and possibly settled things in a less extreme and damaging
347 matter. It pains me to say this but going forward, if it’s the council’s intent not to give its full attention
348 to serious matters and to continue to ignore the voice of the people, I see no need for further citizen
349 participation. Perhaps our efforts would be better spent cultivating replacement candidates. I think this
350 Town has a lot of promise but that starts with good leadership. And good leadership is stronger when it
351 works hand in hand with its citizens for the common good. One of the hallmarks of good leadership is
352 possessing the wisdom to admit when a mistake has been made and the courage to walk it back.”

353 Mr. Woody Brown, 331 Essex Street, was the next citizen to speak. He stated, “Mr. Mayor, I respect

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354 the decision at the council workshop not to let us speak. That is your decision, and your right as the
355 Mayor. But if you're going to do that then you need to make sure that the council doesn't make
356 wisecracks that we can't defend ourselves about. Quite a few were made. Just like the facial
357 expression that Ms. London just made while Mr. Adolf was speaking. That's got to stop. We're
358 respecting you all. You all respect us. You can bully me. You can bully anybody. I'm speaking, Mr.
359 Mayor. I'm speaking right now. I did not interrupt her. You can bully anybody you want to but you're
360 not bullying me. Don't open your mouth while I'm speaking. I don't when you speak. Mr. Mayor, in
361 a quite caustic comment made by Councilman Comer at last week's workshop, he stated that the
362 attorney bill was higher than usual because a resident had sent in several FOIA requests. I'm sure he
363 was speaking about me because he looked right at me when he was speaking. So let's clarify that
364 statement. Though the town has the right to charge for fulfilling a FOIA, I never asked the information
365 be free and every FOIA I sent in has a statement at the bottom that says if there is a charge for receiving
366 this information to send an estimate to me prior to fulfilling it. So the decision not to charge me is the
367 decision made by the town. Do not accuse me of running up the attorney bill. That's on you all the
368 town, not me. You're not going to bust my character. So that's on you all. Also, Mr. Mayor, just to
369 confirm, I want you to confirm on May 1st, on a phone conversation we had, you advised me that
370 council was made aware on February 29th, that you had \$500,000 worth of bills and \$300,000 worth of
371 money. You then advised me that all bills were up to date because the \$200,000 showed back up. I
372 asked you where it was and you said you didn't know at that time. So for money to show back up, then
373 obviously it was missing. I spoke with Councilman Leslie Fulk about the rumor the town was broke,
374 prior to speaking with the Mayor. He advised me that \$814,000 was missing. Correct?"

375 Mr. Leslie Fulk answered in the affirmative.

376 Mr. Woody Brown continued, "So reading a news article the town has never had any missing funds, I'm
377 not sure I can believe that when two town officials told me differently. Certain council members were
378 making wise remarks about not believing everything you read on social media. I'm not sure if they
379 were speaking about my posts, but I'm sure they were. So let's take a look at my posts. May 6th, post I
380 made. \$80,000 missing money spent on pickleball courts. That information came straight from the
381 information provided to me by you Mr. Mayor. The next post I made about the pool expenses
382 \$145,211, revenue of \$79,723 so for a loss of \$65,488 for the summer of 2023. Once again, that came
383 from information provided to me by the Mayor. May 12th post, where I posted about the council voting
384 to remove the donation from the budget for the fire department and the rescue squad. March 18th. That
385 came from the March 18th Council minutes. May 24th post - emails I posted about Mr. Holton's
386 resignation. I got them through FOIA's. So if anything I posted on Facebook was a rumor, then it
387 came from town officials or information I received through FOIA's. So in closing, I'm going to ask
388 three questions which are core statements by council members, all we have to do is ask and you'll
389 answer. So, Mr. Mayor is the statement I read earlier where you told me on the phone the town was
390 short \$200,000 showed back. Is that true?"

391 Mr. Jordan stated, "On February 29th, we were informed by Ms. Orebaugh that we had \$500,000 in bills
392 and \$300,000 to pay them."

393 Mr. Brown asked, "And where was the shortage from?"

394 Mr. Jordan answered, "We were informed that night that there was a shortage."

395 Mr. Brown responded, "Right. And you also informed me that the money was back. On that phone
396 conversation."

397 Mr. Jordan answered, "I also informed you that municipalities are like everything else you have."

398 Mr. Brown stated, "I understand that. You told me the money showed back up. So for the money to
399 show back up, it had to have been missing."

400 Ms. London stated, "No. We collected water and sewer fees."

401 Mr. Brown answered, "Right. Ok, so let's do the next one. Mr. Fulk, is it true you told me the Town
402 was missing \$814,000?"

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4 0 3 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, "Yes."

4 0 4 Mr. Brown then asked, "Have you been told any different? That it came back. Wait, back up. And
4 0 5 where did you hear that from?"

4 0 6 Mr. Fulk responded, "Well, Dave and I, were taken in, before, Cari Orebaugh and Susan, the Finance
4 0 7 Director. Dave and I were together. But then we were all in pairs of twos so I don't know where we
4 0 8 were at in the line. But anyway, she informed that we had past bills and present bills and yes, about, I
4 0 9 didn't think it was \$500,000. \$450,000. I didn't write it down. And we had like \$250,000 in the bank
4 1 0 to pay them. So, I think that you're misunderstanding Dave on his thoughts about - I don't think
4 1 1 \$200,000 is missing. I don't think that's the figure that you're talking about, Woody. We were
4 1 2 \$200,000 short of paying the bills that particular month. But then you heard (inaudible), well why in
4 1 3 the world are we in financial problems and then that's when Cari and the other girl took a deep breath
4 1 4 and said because we are missing \$814,000. It's a huge figure. I mean it has to be somebody else that
4 1 5 would know about it. Dave went back into the same meeting. If it would be a different figure, that
4 1 6 would be brought up. Richard Fulk and I have talked about it. I mean, it's a big thing. But then, the
4 1 7 money returned but I don't know where it returned from. I've never been told where it's at. I figure it
4 1 8 was a clerical error. At the meeting here with Bob Holton, in the meeting here a couple times. I said,
4 1 9 when Bob Holton come, he asked us what responsibilities we wanted out of him. I said that I didn't
4 2 0 care if he did anything except find that money. And I don't know. A couple weeks later another
4 2 1 meeting, I said Bob, did you find the money? Not yet. We're working on it. Finally I got frustrated one
4 2 2 night and I said, are you telling me that Kyle O'Brien walked out the back door with \$814,000? Of
4 2 3 course everybody erupted that no, we're not pointing the finger at Kyle. And I wasn't pointing the
4 2 4 finger at Kyle too. I was just frustrated that we ain't found it yet. I mean, bring in an auditor or a
4 2 5 County firm. Richard, who can you bring in? Somebody! Kyle O'Brien sat right here in the meeting
4 2 6 with Dave and I and said 'give me an hour. I'll find it. Our bookkeeping ain't that complicated.' But I
4 2 7 guess we didn't feel like Kyle... I don't know. It is what it is. But I will tell you one thing, Woody. I
4 2 8 didn't tell you the \$814,000 first because when Dave Jordan had heard that Woody knew about the
4 2 9 \$814,000, I called Dave and I said 'daggone Dave. I might have. I even called you and I said, Dave, I
4 3 0 ain't too sure. I might have told Woody, but I didn't think I did. And then, you remember, you said,
4 3 1 and I said yes, hell, you've already heard it. Hell, you called me the other day. You done knew that we
4 3 2 hired another manager and I didn't tell you we hired another... Let's get onto that while we're at it. It's
4 3 3 a good time to do it. Chad says apparently you all met or something. It's been around the table and all
4 3 4 of you have decided that because I rent a garage to Woody's boy I've got a better relationship with him
4 3 5 than the rest of them. Well I don't know if that's true, but it ain't got nothing to do with Dakota. And
4 3 6 he does rent my garage and I love Dakota very much but Woody and I have been friends for forty years.
4 3 7 If you're going to blame me for, how was it, leaking information, what was leaked that - Woody, how
4 3 8 many damn sources do you have for your information anyway? Would you please tell them the main
4 3 9 source of your information?"

4 4 0 A citizen, who did not identify himself, stated, "I want to get in on this. Because you were the only one
4 4 1 that stood up for Kyle. Best manager we've ever had and the rest of these damn idiots let him go."

4 4 2 Mr. Leslie Fulk remarked, "Well I don't think though. I sometimes wonder if everybody was privy to
4 4 3 the same financial information. I felt like one time that Doug didn't know, that didn't hear in his thing.
4 4 4 I'd like to know sometime if all of us was \$814,000..."

4 4 5 Ms. Beverly London stated, "We all got the same packet of information."

4 4 6 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, "I got the same thing told to me in these two ears."

4 4 7 Ms. London answered, "Right there it is."

4 4 8 Mr. Matt Light then remarked, "If I could make a suggestion, Mr. Mayor. The point of the public
4 4 9 comment period is primarily for the council to hear from the public. And then, to the extent that the
4 5 0 council has things that they want to say to the public, I think that the most orderly is for that to happen
4 5 1 after the public comment period. Because otherwise we just kind of end up going round and round and

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452 round. So my suggestion is you listen and then if you have things that you want to say or questions you
453 want to answer, then you can do that after we close the public comment period. Because otherwise we
454 may be kind of going around for awhile.”

455 Mr. Joe Adolf then addressed a question to Mr. Leslie Fulk, “Am I to understand, if I heard you
456 correctly, you still don’t know what happened to the \$814,000?”

457 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, “No, sir, I don’t know. And I don’t know if anybody else does.”

458 Mr. Adolf then stated, “Don’t you think that (inaudible) a man lost a twenty-four year career, was fired,
459 and we don’t know if any money was ever missing?”

460 Mr. Chad Comer stated, “Mr. Adolf, we’ll let Cari, our Deputy Town Manager answer that for you.
461 Cari, she has one more day, so she’s going to answer that question for you. And we are going to wait
462 until the end, but Cari is going to answer that for all of you all. And Cari has nothing to hide and
463 nothing to gain, but she is going to answer that question for you all.”

464 Mr. Michael Amundson, of 311 Meyers Court was the next citizen to speak. He stated, “I have a short
465 question. And I don’t know how to get an answer yet. 311 Meyers Court. WE are in the Brocks Gap
466 Community. And there’s only eighteen houses there, but I know there’s four thousand and something,
467 the population of Broadway and it does concern us. As we have to pull out into traffic in order to see
468 around a sign. I believe it’s, I don’t know whose property it is, but there’s a big old sign there that says
469 certain streets are going to be closed. And it’s very hazardous. A safety problem. I don’t know if
470 you’ve seen it before, Chief.”

471 Chief Miller answered, “That has been brought to the attention of the police department several times.
472 And the other officers, to include myself, have went up there. It does obstruct your view, but it doesn’t
473 completely. You can still safely navigate if you just pull out in the intersection a little bit. And we have
474 found out that it’s Miller pipeline that’s doing Holly Hill and West Lee with the sign. And we’ve
475 requested them to move it and they are supposed to either move it or they are going to be finished soon.
476 So, that has been brought to our attention and we have addressed it and we don’t feel...if you guys
477 would like to go up there and look for yourself and if it’s something you think we need to do
478 differently, please let me know. Not only myself, but the other officers have been up there as well, and
479 it does pose a little bit of, of vision obstruction, but you can safely get out of that intersection.”

480 Ms. Martha Long, 141 S. Central Street, was the next citizen to speak. She stated, “My name is Martha
481 Long. I live on 141 South Central Street which is three houses from the police department. My
482 concern is, years ago I was on the council in Timberville for about four years. We had committees. We
483 had audits so this is what I don’t understand. You, as council, and I know that you do a good job. I’m
484 not saying you don’t, because I was on the council and I heard all the complaints. But my concern is,
485 Kyle O’Brien got every business in town \$10,000. Is that right? Just answer me. Did he get \$10,000
486 for every business?”

487 Mr. Comer responded, “Correct. It was council approved. Yes.”

488 She continued, “Did he not get every resident in Broadway \$700 on the water bills?”

489 Mr. Comer responded, “That was Council’s idea.”

490 Ms. Long continued, “So you all worked on that grant money?”

491 Mr. Comer answered, “Yes. That was our decision that we...”

492 Ms. Long asked, “So, Kyle O’Brien didn’t work on that at all?”

493 Mr. Comer answered, “It was our suggestion and he implemented it.”

494 Ms. Long stated, “OK. But he did most of the work. And there was a business in Broadway that
495 wanted to make the streets nicer. Wanted to put up awning and doing some different things and she was
496 told she couldn’t do that. Ok, she was putting the money back into the town. She wasn’t spending it on
497 her business. But I’m saying, Kyle O’Brien, I’ve lived here twenty years. Every time I called Kyle
498 O’Brien about the apartments across from me or anything that’s going on. He was there. So I don’t
499 understand why we’re trashing Kyle O’Brien. I don’t know what happened. I don’t know where the
500 missing money is but somebody needs to say or find out where this money went. You all are on the

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501 committees. You have auditors. You have treasurers. So, what happened? You trusted him all those
502 years, but then all of a sudden, you know, and nothing against you, Dave Jordan but when Tim Proctor
503 was here, we didn't have all these problems. So, what's going on? I don't understand. I went to school
504 with Tim. He was an auditor. You know, he worked at the applesauce place. Somebody's got to be
505 accountable for this money and I'm not accusing anybody but I'm just saying Kyle O'Brien did more
506 for this town than anybody else. So, it's sad that he had to leave on the terms. I don't know. I know
507 there's a HIPAA Law. I know you all can't tell me. You all are saying he retired. I'm hearing he got
508 fired. So, what happened? Now if it's HIPAA Law and you can't tell it, I understand. I'm a property
509 manager and we have HIPAA laws. I work for the government, so I know all about this confidentiality.
510 I do know about it. But I think somebody needs to tell the truth. Did he retire? Or did he get fired?
511 Was he asked to leave? Now, you know, answer the question if you can. Now the lawyer might tell me
512 you can't tell me and that's fine."

513 Mr. Matt Light stated, "The lawyer's going to tell you that, yes."

514 Ms. Long remarked, "We have lawyers too where I work so I know what you can say and not say. But
515 I'm just saying that Kyle O'Brien probably did more for this town than anybody that I know of. And I
516 have talked to people that was building houses or whatever they need to do. If they called Kyle, he'd
517 come out to the sight. They got an answer. I just don't understand if this money was misappropriated
518 or whatever happened to it. You all need to find out where it went."

519 Ms. Beverly London commented, "We know where it went."

520 Ms. Long answered, "Ok, if you know where it went, why aren't you telling?"

521 Ms. London responded, "Because I was told I wasn't allowed to speak until you all were finished."

522 Ms. Long answered, "OK. But I'm just telling you that's how I feel about the whole thing."

523 The next citizen to speak was Ms. Veronica Ranck, Freemont Circle. She stated, "I would like to
524 propose that since the taxes are going to be raised that Broadway also considers a reduction in taxes for
525 people on a limited income."

526 Ms. Bonnie Caplinger was the next citizen to speak. She stated, "I've got quite a few, and I've been
527 talking to a lot of people and all of you know me, and I only know one way to speak and that's just
528 straightforward and to the point. I don't have the pretty words and stuff like a lot of you do. I would
529 like to see when I found out about the pickleball court, I understand that some people wanted it, and I
530 understand that the price was way above what you all was anticipating. I also know that you all did the
531 pool house at the park which was approximately, what you had figured, it approximately went over 24%
532 of the budget. I would like to see those issues and whoever is doing the PO system, I would actually
533 like to see and find out how you all are doing the PO system. How the purchase order system. How are
534 you accounting for the money. How are you figuring out that I've got this amount coming in each
535 month instead of waiting until somebody hands you a bill. So, I want to know how that is working., on
536 that aspect. It would either be the Mayor or the Vice-Mayor because I know Bev has a lot of experience
537 with that. And the one gentleman did address the issue. I call it the elephant in the room. I talked to
538 Doug. If he's done those things, bust him. If he ain't done those things, that they said he's done
539 through the rumors, of all the things he's destroyed, bust the person that did. Pure and simple. If he's
540 innocent, and I even told him to his face, weeks ago. I told him, I said, dude, you've been a busy man.
541 So, I call that the elephant in the room. Also, I've been hearing a lot about this in the news and
542 everything else. I'd like to know has our whole council, I know they've took the oath of office. I
543 would like to have verification that they have signed their oath of office and that they're bonded.
544 That's for you. And I also would like to know why Kyle was fired which he said Cari was going to
545 address this issue."

546 Ms. Beverly London stated, "No. That's a personnel issue."

547 Mr. Chad Comer remarked "Not fired. She's going to address the money."

548 Ms. Caplinger continued, "The money. OK. But like he says, Kyle either quit or got fired or decided
549 to leave or whatever. Now he's going to be a consultant. The other gentleman left. Cari's leaving.

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550 People just thinks that's very suspicious. Unfortunately you are the council and unfortunately it is our
551 town and our money. So, also, Leslie, I actually think they need to call a state audit. When you're
552 missing that much money, I want to know where everything is and where it's accountable because I
553 know how money does get away and how things do get messed up, mis-put in wrong places, things like
554 that. But it has to be held accountable on what you're purchasing, your purchase order system, all that
555 stuff. In my opinion, all of these things we're talking about, because I told Doug on his. I said, if
556 you've not done those things, somebody put a bullseye on your back, so what do you know that they
557 don't want you to tell? So, everything is leading back to the same issues and it all falls to the money.
558 So, if you all start and do an audit, a state-wide audit, or a state audit, or however you want to call it,
559 you get the things and you follow that money I think you're going to find the issues will resolve
560 themselves."

561 Mr. Adolf remarked, "One more quick thing. You can't speak about employee matters but any simple
562 deduction would tell us that if Kyle retired that you had a retirement party for him now didn't you? And
563 all of you were in attendance now, weren't you? And I'm sure there were photographs taken to show
564 this. The daily-news record would love to have one of them showing you giving Kyle his gold watch
565 for twenty-four years, or over a quarter of his lifetime, serving this town. I think that answers that
566 question."

567 Mr. Eric Bluffenear spoke next. He stated, "Can I speak on a small issue? Not a crazy, controversial
568 issue. It will be quick too. My name is Eric Bluffenear. I have lived in Broadway for fifteen years. My
569 wife is Meredith Moore. She has lived here for twenty years. Our Broadway community pool serves
570 citizens of all ages and stations, with or without children, throughout the sweltering months of summer.
571 For as long as I can remember the pool stayed open in the evening so folks could cool off at the end of
572 a hot summer day. Also, from five to seven in the evening, the admission fees were cut in half to
573 encourage the use of the pool throughout its hours of operation. Now an hour has been cut from the end
574 of every day. The pool closes at 6 instead of 7 and the half price, end of day rate has been eliminated.
575 Folks who work during the day can't get there in time to use the community pool. Older folks and folks
576 with health issues are the most affected, as are poorer working citizens. I recognize that money is tight
577 for everyone, including the town of Broadway in general but I humbly request that the Council return to
578 the pool's traditional hours and rates which were not an extravagant expense relative to the Town's total
579 expenses but made an outside difference to our community. In a time of crisis and outrage, this is a
580 small problem that could easily be fixed. In other words, it's low hanging fruit."

581 Ms. Karen Klasnick spoke next. She stated, "Hi. My name is Karen Klasnick. I live in the Broadway
582 South subdivision in Broadway. I've been a resident for the last twenty-one years. I've kind of sat
583 back the last...I've been ill for the last couple months so I haven't attended any council meetings. But
584 I've heard the odd dealings of what's chattered, what's going on in this town and I have to say that the
585 amount of vitriol extended towards this council is out of bounds. I have to say that the childishness that
586 I've witnessed here tonight here reminds me of our Congress. Can't get nothing done. Making fools
587 out of yourselves. I want to talk to you about a few things. The pool being number one. The pool has
588 never been a profit setter for this Town. It is a service that this town does on behalf of its citizens. So
589 to say that they lost whatever amount of money. They've never gained that amount of money as a
590 profit. It's just not a profit setter for this Town. I'll address Mr. O'Brien. You know, he may have
591 been a wonderful manager for twenty-something years, fifteen years, ten years. But people change,
592 things change, mismanagements happen. There are circumstances that might have led to that. So to
593 come out accusatory towards this council as to their reasoning in whatever severance that they elected
594 to enter with Mr. O'Brien is really unfair. You kind of have to keep an open mind. I mean, I
595 understand that you're best buds and you really think he's a good guy. But what if? What if he made a
596 mistake? What if something happened? Your presumption is really unfair and unbiased towards this
597 council. So I ask you all to kind of step back. As a resident of this town and accept that we are going
598 forward. We are going forward on a positive note. Yes, there's been some damage. There's been

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599 mistakes made. But we're not going to keep harping on it. There were audits done. I'm sure Council
600 will tell you. You can't get through a year without having audits. So give them a chance for goodness
601 sakes to explain and make some sense out of this. I mean, it's ridiculous if you've ever run a budget. If
602 you've ever worked in business, you have a little bit more understanding of what's going on. A lot of
603 you haven't. You're making assumptions."

604 A citizen asked, "Are you calling us fools?"

605 Ms. Klasnick responded, "I'm not calling anybody anything."

606 The citizen answered, "Apparently you did,"

607 Ms. Klasnick stated, "I never used that word. I never said that."

608 (Inaudible. Multiple people speaking simultaneously.)

609 Ms. Klasnick continued, "Anyhow, I think that you all deserve some grace here. Some understanding.

610 There's going to be answers made. It's a shame that we're in this situation. Somebody, multitudes of

611 people. Whatever. Something happened. If the money has been recouped. Let's find out maybe where

612 it was and carry on to address that. But friendships aside, you've got to look at it as a business.

613 Municipal government is unlike any other business. You've got to make the best decisions going

614 forward for what's best for the town and they made that decision. Goodness gracious. Come on

615 people."

616 Ms. Klanick stated, "I'll also address one more thing. You know the property tax, I've lived here. It's

617 kind of funny. I've lived in major cities across the U.S. My friends and family think it's quite funny.

618 Actually hilarious. That we've not had a real estate increase for like fifteen to twenty years. We've not

619 had a sewer and trash increase for over ten years."

620 The next citizen to speak was Mr. Tommy Branner. He stated, "Tommy Branner. 145 N. Sunset Drive.

621 I've lived in Broadway for twenty-five plus years. Always loved living in Broadway. We have made

622 great strides here that other communities now have copied what we did. When Karen took the

623 Broadway Hometown Partnership, that was a new thing. Now I see it advertised, they have a

624 hometown partnership. So, I don't want to complain about a lot of things. My biggest issue that I'm

625 hoping, and I'm going to say we, being the council and the town people, we have some very major,

626 what Travis had brought up a little bit this evening. We have some very major infrastructure problems

627 and they are well on the way. Leslie, the other night you said some things, and you looked at the crowd

628 here, and you said 'if I'm not doing the job for you then don't elect me'. Well, I want to tell you

629 something. You've done a wonderful job here and the biggest thing that I hope you take credit for is all

630 the negotiations for them water rights to get that water for this town. I know you were very

631 instrumental in that and I hope that gets put on your tombstone."

632 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, "That's back when I came on as council. I was in my thirties. Now I'm in

633 my sixties on the way out. I almost forgot what you're talking about."

634 Mr. Branner responded, "I just wanted to tell you because we weren't allowed to speak. I can only

635 speak for me, and my family, and my wife Kim. I can't speak for the rest of the town but I think if

636 people knew what was behind and what it took to get that done, I feel like you've really done a fine job.

637 And as far as the money thing goes, that's very concerning, I agree. I can't help but think that with

638 today's banking and bookkeeping, money – it should be traceable, I would think. Most of you here are

639 businessmen or work in the business world and certainly if Doug's businesses or Chad's or yourselves

640 was missing a bunch of money, you could probably pretty quickly find out where that money is or what

641 have you. This is bothering me. Mr. Holton's name came up tonight. I never got to meet Mr. Holton.

642 And I heard you say tonight, or not specifically you, but someone say, he had forty years of experience

643 in the town management and brought a lot to the table, which I think is great, and I didn't get a chance

644 to meet him. Well, then I read the FOIA requests that Woody had received and he specifically said that

645 Councilman London is the reason he left. And then, I was over here at the closed meeting the other

646 night when the new manager was voted in, I suppose. And I notice when that's over, she goes directly

647 to Councilman London and shakes her hand and things. It makes me wonder was there some type of

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648 vendetta to get a certain manager that you didn't like Mr. Holton. And again, I never got to meet Mr.
649 Holton. I don't know him. And I don't know the new manager as well. And I have no issue with either
650 one. But it was very odd after reading Mr. Brown's FOIA request when he specifically, on more than
651 one occasion called that out. I've said all I want to say. I'm hoping that in the future we can move
652 forward with a more positive... Let's get that water piped up here. Let's get these sewer lines and water
653 lines up to date, in better condition. And I wanted to speak real quick about the pool. I have to agree
654 the pool is like a, you know, how did you say it, a service for the town. Not free. I love it. Love that
655 pool. My children practically live there. Real quick, all I wanted to say about the pool is that's a great
656 thing but we're going to need to start looking at something. All the other pools have closed and people
657 from all over the country are coming here to use the pool. Now Ron Turner is building a new firehouse
658 back here at Fulks Run. Let's let 'em go to Fulks Run Pool."

659 Ms. Bonnie Caplinger stated, "I'd like to make one more statement, Mayor. As you can tell by listening
660 to everybody, it's a hot topic for the whole thing. But what I'm gathering is, everybody's got the same
661 thing. They have questions and they don't feel anyone wants to give them the answers on things. They
662 want the things that I've noticed that you all, about the Facebook. You know, things like that. They
663 don't want the council to attack us because we feel it's our money that you're getting. They want to be
664 heard. They don't want to be ridiculed. And if a council member is telling somebody something, why
665 aren't the rest of you speaking up and giving us the truth instead of going 'alright, I can't say nothing'
666 type of thing. You are representatives of us. You are taxing us. And people want to be heard and they
667 want to feel that they are being listened to. And that is not what we're getting from you all lately on
668 that aspect of it. So, if you could do that, and the only one that I felt that actually did listen was Leslie.
669 Now you can say with all of you, Leslie and I have had our ups and downs. We have had battles. I
670 ain't got no doubt about that. We're probably going to have some more. But at least he acknowledges
671 and confirms. No one else has. And that's where the issues are coming from. Because you all are
672 representatives for us. We are not your representatives where we work for you all. And people aren't
673 feeling that right now. And that's the biggest damage that you all have done. Regardless of how you
674 feel, I don't care if you hate my guts. The bad thing is, you sit up there. You just smile and go 'good
675 point Bonnie'."

676 Mr. Matt Light remarked, "Mr. Mayor, if I can, I'm sorry. We want to treat everybody fairly and we
677 really only let people speak once. So I don't want to be accused of not treating everybody fairly
678 because we're letting you talk again."

679 Mr. Leslie Fulk stated, "Bonnie, I'd like to apologize for every time you've called and Donna's told you
680 Leslie ain't here. I was there a few times." (laughter from the office).

681 Mr. Logan Turner spoke next. "Logan Turner. I'm not a resident of Broadway but I'm a town
682 employee and I'm just asking a question because I'm ignorant. When the \$750 that town people got for
683 their water bills way back, what was that for?"

684 Ms. Beverly London responded, "It was ARPA money."

685 Mr. Turner stated, "ARPA money. Was that relief money or something like that? What was the total
686 amount for that, if you don't mind my asking?"

687 Mr. Leslie Fulk responded, "About \$2.1 million. That was the first round. We got an additional
688 amount."

689 Mr. Chad Comer added, "A total of \$4.2 million".

690 Mr. Fulk continued, "We got about the same amount the second time around."

691 Mr. Logan Turner then asked, "Is that something that was voted on for just you guys to put towards the
692 water or is that something we were discussing maybe all the options we could have put that money
693 towards? Like could we have put that money towards infrastructure to kind of put us ahead of the times
694 a little bit."

695 Mayor Jordan advised he would answer that question at the end of the public comment period.

696 Ms. Peggy Grandle stated, "Peggy Grandle. Broadway Avenue. I just wanted to say Broadway

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697 Hometown Partnership, Red, White & Brew is July the 6th. We're on the agenda here but nothing was
698 said about BHP so that is Red, White, & Brew, July 6th."

699 There was some discussion regarding the start time of that event and it was determined that the event
700 begins at 5:00 p.m.

701 Mr. David Emswiler, 156 Second Street was the next citizen to speak. He stated, "I'm Dave Emswiler,
702 156 Second Street. I've been listening to a lot of stuff here. What people are saying. There's something
703 that I've been thinking a lot about. I feel like a lot of the stuff that has been brought up as citizens in the
704 community, again, I would say the same thing as some other folks have said here, is we are not getting
705 good answers to the questions we're asking, or the things that are out there. And I was concerned about
706 that so I took that idea to the chief executive officer of a major municipality here in the valley and asked
707 some questions, 'well, what would you do?' The individual said 'I would get a petition for the citizens
708 and get it signed and take it back to Council and say we would like to have an open forum. Now what's
709 going to happen here tonight is people are going to talk and say what we want to say. And you guys are
710 going to answer our questions. Then we're going to leave and whether we like the taste or not, that's
711 what we're going to have to chew on until next month. I personally think that this town should offer the
712 community the opportunity to have an open forum so people can come in and there can be dialog back
713 and forth. It's that simple".

714 Ms. Jen Knick, Assistant Principal at Broadway High school spoke next. She reported, "I just want to
715 let you guys know that we are the best in the County. We are officially the best with our attendance.
716 We finished out the year with the best attendance in the County so we beat TA, Spotswood, East Rock.
717 So we already knew we were the best out of all the high schools but we are officially the best, on paper,
718 with our attendance. I think this is the first time we beat all the other high schools with our attendance
719 records so it's really good. Our kids worked really really hard and our families worked really really
720 hard on that. They've done a great job this year so make sure that you spread the word if you see our
721 elementary and our middle school families, just encourage them because it starts from the bottom up.
722 So, our high school families did a great job this year. We're going to encourage our middle school
723 families and our elementary families to follow suit so we'll work on our babies all the way up. But, our
724 high school kiddos really rocked it and now they have two days left."

725 Mr. Charles Coleman, Jr. was the next citizen to speak. He commented, "My name is Charles Coleman,
726 Jr. I live here in Broadway, obviously. I had been down five years ago and suggested putting up signs
727 to make it illegal to use brake retarders on some of the big trucks. At the time, I was shot down. Now
728 these trucks are going down past the current high school, and there's one truck in particular and when
729 that thing cracks off, it's loud. I mean really loud. I have quite a few tractor trailer friends, former
730 tractor trailer friends, such as myself and we've all discussed it. And he basically, these guys are
731 simply making noise. There's one hill coming down into Broadway and I can see for a little bit, but
732 overall this entire area, they're just making noise. That may be a way to bring in more money. I hate to
733 crack down on the big trucks but when they're just making noise to be making noise. Especially right
734 in front of the school when the students are trying to concentrate. And you get this truck, I mean, when
735 it goes off, it really goes off."

736 Mr. Gene Nesselrodt added, "When I was on council this subject came up and the only guy who was in
737 favor of it was Jewett Hulvey. I drove a truck for ten years. I don't even know what a retarder is.
738 (inaudible) But anyway, the subject was brought up and at the time the town didn't think that they had
739 to put a restriction on it. But since then I agree, it should be a restriction on it. Because if they're
740 having a funeral at the funeral home and the thing goes by, they'd definitely disturb it. Because I just
741 live right up the street here and they almost deafen me. So I think if there's any way possible, that you
742 should put a restriction on it. I've been through other towns, little old towns, and they've got
743 restrictions on it. Of course they've got coal trucks and things like that but they do have restrictions on
744 it."

745 When there were no further comments from the citizens, Mayor Jordan advised, "I'm not going to close

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746 the public hearing. However, we did give you a chance to speak and now we're going to speak too to
747 answer some of those questions. I'm going to start off right off the bat. Logan, we had \$4.2 million
748 dollars to this Council. It was free money to us. COVID affected everyone in some way shape or form.
749 It was free money to us so it was our way of helping out a little bit. We gave each household \$750
750 credit to their water and sewer bill. We gave every business that was, depending on the size of the
751 business and number of employees, we gave \$10,000. Small business, we gave \$500. We used the
752 balance of that to do the work at the pool, a new truck for public works, and we started the pickleball
753 process with that ARPA money. "

754 Mr. Logan Turner thanked the Mayor for answering his question.

755 Mayor Jordan continued, "There's been some really good ideas tonight. Thank you for coming. Thank
756 you for talking to us. Mr. Emswiler, great idea. I think a town hall meeting would be beneficial for all of
757 us, at the given time. In the future, we'll sit down as a council and discuss how we can do that and see
758 what we can pull together. Leslie mentioned several times about this council meeting to get an
759 understanding on the finances. We could not meet in groups of more than two because if you meet in
760 groups of more than two, it's classified as a meeting and it has to be advertised. When we were notified
761 on the 29th, at that meeting, on Monday and Tuesday of the following week, I put a schedule together so
762 that we could sit down in groups of two with a packet of information so that we could understand what
763 was going on, or at least get a snapshot of what was going on. Leslie and I met. Richard didn't have
764 anybody. Richard and I met and I did two meetings back to back. That was on Monday. On Tuesday,
765 Bev and Travis met with Cari and our financial director. Later that morning, Doug and Chad met. It
766 was the only way we could gather information. We couldn't get together as a group because it was
767 classified as a meeting when you get more than two people. So, that's what Leslie was talking about
768 when we were trying to get this information and find out what we know."

769 Ms. Beverly London then commented, "I do want to speak to the familiarity that I have with Stefanie.
770 While we were negotiating with Stefanie, our Mayor was on a vacation. And when he's not here, I'm
771 it. And I was charged in those fourteen days he was away with keeping all this going, keeping
772 everybody informed. And Tommy, that's why she has familiarity with me. Because I was the one
773 calling her. I was the one emailing her. I was the one making the arrangements. I'd never met the
774 woman until a month ago. And I don't want you to think that there's anything going on because there's
775 not."

776 Mr. Tommy Branner stated, "I wouldn't have until I read what the FOIA said where Mr. Holton
777 specifically called you out."

778 Ms. London responded, "Well let's speak to that."

779 Mr. Branner added, "Several times."

780 Ms. London countered, "No, just once. Just once that I know of."

781 Mr. Branner argued, "No, it was twice in there."

782 Ms. London stated, "OK. Well let me explain something to you. The last time that we met with Mr.
783 Holton, he said that he was going to place an advertisement on VML.org. I asked him to allow us to
784 have some input as a council. Because I've lived here twenty-one years. Travis has lived here.
785 Everybody has lived here quite a while. He put together this particular advertisement. It did not speak
786 to our town and what our town has going for it. The schools we have. The pool. All of the amenities
787 that we have. It was a very rushed sort of thing. And I called him about it and I asked him if he would
788 please consider us having some input in it. And he got his back up and he got very offended and that's
789 what that was all about. I'm sorry. All I asked him was to please give me the same respect I was giving
790 him. We're just trying to do a good job, get the right person in here, leading this council and to take
791 care of this town. This was what we put together after he put his back up. Which I think you will find
792 is a lot more descriptive. It wasn't anything that he and I had words about money. It was just this little
793 document. And for some reason he doesn't like input from people that lived here. He had spent, what,
794 fifteen, twenty days here, two or three hours a day, and he's telling us that he knows our town better

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795 than we do? I don't think so. But, you're welcome to look at these documents. But that's what it was
796 all about."

797 Ms. Cari Orebaugh stated, "The \$800,000, and I can't speak to what Leslie...but I believe this is
798 probably what you were speaking about. \$800,000 was what the Town had in reserves in, I believe,
799 2019, going off memory here. In 2019, that's what we had in our reserves. And you all have, people
800 who have been in our meetings the last few months have seen our financial report and our reserve is not
801 \$800,000 anymore. So, towns are like businesses. Your cash flow comes and goes. You know we do
802 water billings every other month. We do taxes once a year. So we have an inflow of cash at certain
803 times of the year. And then some months we don't have any cash flow. So there are certain times where
804 you have to take out of your reserves to pay for bills or upcoming projects. That's like just what you
805 would do at home. You take out of your savings and you pay for a big project and then you put it back.
806 What has happened, and we have traced this. There's no missing money. It went strictly from our
807 reserves to our checking account. What happened was over the last several years, we pulled from
808 reserves to pay for projects and to pay for bills. It's as simple as that. We would occasionally put
809 money back into reserves because you get more money on your investments that way, but over the last
810 several years we were not able to put money back into reserves.. So on our last monthly financial report
811 that we handed out at Thursday's council meeting, you know we have about \$50,000 in reserve. I think
812 we all can agree that needs to be more. And so, Leslie, I don't know if that's the \$800,000 you were
813 talking about but that's the \$800,000 that comes to mind."

814 Mr. Chad Comer stated, "So there was never missing money. We spent it."

815 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "Right. It was done since 2019, so over the last five years."

816 A citizen asked Ms. Orebaugh to repeat what she said.

817 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "There was never any missing money. It was reserve money that was spent over
818 the last five years to pay for bills."

819 Mr. Chad Comer asked, "And would you say the years that you were here, our biggest issue was we
820 found out we had a spending issue. Would you agree with that?"

821 Ms. Orebaugh responded, "I would say that staff was not always aware of where they were with their
822 budget when it came to spending so it wasn't that they were intentionally overspending but they were not
823 aware where they were as far as the budget goes for the current fiscal year. So now what we do is we
824 do monthly reports where they see, 'oh, I have \$10,000 for office supplies and I've spent \$8,000 and
825 you know it's January so I really need to cut back on that'. So I think staff now is a lot more cognizant
826 of the budget. And that just comes from having, you know we have a full-time finance director now
827 which the Town of Broadway never did before. And we also have a new computer system and a new
828 software system that I think Bev mentioned a couple meetings ago that is very very easy to just run
829 those reports and it gives staff an opportunity to say, 'Oh, how are we so high in that specific line item?
830 Oh, it might have been coded wrong or something.' We do that every month now, so I think it's a lot
831 more transparent. I know, Chad and Leslie commending staff, or Doug commending staff on doing a
832 great job as far as being mindful of the budget. And they have, and continue to do so."

833 Mr. Chad Comer asked Ms. Orebaugh, "Can I ask you a question? Do you think it's been a benefit
834 since we've had the finance director here for the last year helping you and the job you do?"

835 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "I think absolutely that it has. I think having a full time finance director/treasurer
836 is really important for a town of our size, and a budget of our size. It's just really important and we
837 have a lot of projects that need to be funded. We need a Capital Improvement Plan that needs to be put
838 together. Those are things that just take time to research and budget for and prepare for and I think that
839 position is really important."

840 Mr. Comer stated, "Thank you, Cari. And I would just like the record to show. Cari has kept this town
841 moving for the last months. Cari and the staff in this office. And she should be commended. I don't
842 think Cari is leaving her job because she hates the Town of Broadway. She loves the Town of
843 Broadway. She is committed to its people, to its businesses. She has been economic development. She

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844 had been BHP. She has been an advocate of every business and person in this community. She's left
845 because she is burnt out. She has kept this thing running and she is burnt out. Do you agree with that
846 Cari?"

847 Ms. Orebaugh nodded in agreement.

848 Mr. Comer continued, "And she needs a break. It's not because she doesn't love her town, or what's
849 going on with Kyle being gone. When Cari says there's not missing money, there's not missing money.

850 And that's what I've went off since day two because Cari's..."

851 Mr. Leslie Fulk remarked "Now, don't look at me, Chad."

852 Mr. Comer responded, "I can look at anybody."

853 Mr. Fulk stated, "You can look at anybody but you're directing that at me. And I can tell you right now,
854 Dave Jordan and I set in front of those two girls. And it's the very first note that I wrote. I didn't even
855 write down how much bills we had to pay. I didn't write down how short we were. And first note that I
856 wrote was \$813K missing."

857 Mr. Comer replied, "And she's saying it's spent."

858 Mr. Leslie Fulk continued, "And he was right in there with me. He went right back in there with
859 Richard Fulk and me and Richard Fulk talked about the \$813. Look at Richard shaking his head yes.
860 And Dave Jordan there shakes his head yes too. Because that's what they said. I don't care now
861 what's said. We had a state audit at the end of the year. He set right here and my question to him was
862 how are we looking about our savings. He said 'well you're about 8%. That means, we've got to keep
863 getting, our savings is about 8% of what the budget is. Now I think they've moved it to 10% or
864 whatever. But he says 'you're ok'. So it ain't been a five year spending. At the end of the year, we had
865 8% of the money in there which would have been about \$600,000 or \$700,000."

866 Mr. Comer responded, "Actually Leslie, you're correct with what you said there. But he also added to
867 that. He said we spend the money very quickly. In his audit. But I'm just going off Cari. She said we
868 spent the reserves over, she showed, over 2019. And Cari said she's told that to you to, Mr. Fulk, I
869 believe."

870 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "It's in the packet of information where it shows it went out of reserves and gone
871 straight into our bank account."

872 Mr. Fulk responded, "Sure. I see where it's pulled out of reserves, but I didn't see where it went into
873 anything to pay."

874 Mr. Comer stated, "It went into the General Fund to pay bills."

875 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "It went into our checking account."

876 Mr. Fulk asked, "So now we're in pretty good shape. Is that right? How much do we have in our
877 reserves now?"

878 Ms. Orebaugh responded, "\$50,000."

879 Mr. Fulk responded, "That's it?"

880 Mr. Comer answered, "Yes."

881 Mr. Light added, "Plus what we are holding for our bond."

882 Ms. Orebaugh stated, "Plus what we are holding for our water bond. So that's something, if you look at
883 our monthly financial reports, you'll see a little note on there. We have three reserve accounts. We
884 have three LGIP's and then one LOOMIS account which is an investment account. Per our water bond,
885 or are bond that we have for our water plant upgrade that we did about five – six years ago, we have to
886 keep a certain dollar amount in there as part of our bond requirement. It's like \$274,000 and some
887 change. And we just have to keep that in there as part of that bond requirement. So, we have about
888 \$345,000 in reserves, but if you take out that \$274,000 that we are not supposed to be pulling from, it's
889 about \$50,000 and I have the reports in here somewhere."

890 Mr. Comer stated, "but you could get copies for anyone that wants to see that."

891 Ms. Orebaugh responded, "Yes. I had them at the Thursday meeting. I just bring everything."

892 A citizen spoke up, "Cari, you have done an excellent job."

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893 Applause from the audience.

894 Chief Miller remarked, "As a department head, I want to say you have done an excellent job. We have
895 butted heads but we've come out on the other side. I hate to see you leave, but I wish you well. And
896 thank you for everything you've done."

897 Ms. Orebaugh responded, "Thanks. I've enjoyed working with everybody. And I'll be doing movie
898 night next Friday."

899 Mr. Douglas W. Harpine stated, "I've got six pages here that I was going to read. I don't think you all
900 want to hear it. So, what I'm going to say instead is forget about what I wrote and tell you where I'm
901 coming from with Kyle O'Brien. Kyle and I were good friends. When he went out with whatever
902 problem he had and he went out, we got paired up and we went around and talked to all the department
903 heads. One of the things I asked each department head when I was talking to them was give me your
904 number one need. Not a want, Woody, a need. Give me your number one and number two needs. I
905 was totally shocked at some of the things that these departments have been asking for and needing.
906 You know we've got a blower down at the wastewater treatment plant. We've got three blowers.
907 We've got one that's operating at 100%. We've got one that's operating at 70%. We've got one that's
908 not operating at all. Where are we going to get the money if that 70% one decides not to work
909 anymore? We don't have the reserves that I thought we had to go buy one. Four to six hundred
910 thousand dollars. I went to the Water Department. What was I told? Kyle let me buy paint. He
911 wouldn't let me pay anybody to paint the water tower. Does that make any sense? Anybody know
912 anything about paint? You do, I know. It's going to go bad if it sits around. Correct? Why would you
913 do that? So, pickleball. Pickleball. Pickleball. Let's talk about that for a while. I don't know where the
914 light poles and the lights and the fencing came from. We did pickleball courts. Then all of a sudden I
915 find out - it was never run through us that I remember, anything about buying poles, lights and fencing.
916 That's on Kyle. We never approved it. We never approved Doug's doing the cars, when he redid the
917 cars. I drove by. I didn't know anything about it. I drove by out here one day and I said 'damn, when
918 did we get all the cars redone?' I didn't know anything about it. Every department that we talked to has
919 a need. So, Kyle approved the pool. We went with it. He suggested it. We went with it. We got over
920 budget. Projects do. I understand that. But when it came down to the end, part of what that project was
921 was to take the old underground pump house that you see when you go in. That thing needs to be put in
922 three different housings. You need an electrical separated from the chemical. We just paid three or
923 four thousand dollars to re-wrap a motor because the chemicals screwed the motor up. And it does that
924 about every three to four years. So when it came down to the project and we were starting to go over
925 budget, what did Kyle do? He would rather have pavilions then make those three buildings that we
926 needed. Desperately needed. So you all can sit up there and say whatever you want about the God of
927 town Managers, Kyle O'Brien. But, I'm telling you, as a past friend of Kyle's, I'm not a Kyle fan
928 anymore. And I'm not because of the stuff that I've learned while he was gone and we started digging
929 in. Did you know our department heads were not allowed to talk to us? He forbid it. And that came
930 from more than one department. He forbid them to come to us. Now what kind of a deal is that? He's
931 all for the pickleball court. He knew we couldn't afford it. Our finances were not in a situation where
932 we could afford it. But, 'oh yeah, build it'. If Kyle had a fault, it was that he didn't know how to say
933 no. And sometimes when you're in that job, or in our job, you have to say no. So you all can sit there
934 and bash us all you want. I don't really care. I'm going to do what I think I need to do for this town.
935 That's what I was voted to do. And re-voted. And put in this office more than once. So let's get your
936 story straight before we start talking about how good Kyle O'Brien was. I'm done."

937 Mr. Chad Comer spoke next. He stated, "I'm going to go in after Doug. I'm the same way. I found out
938 a ton of information from the department heads that we were never told. We were never shared things
939 until we went around and actually met with the department heads. They directly told us 'we were told
940 not to talk to you all. Don't tell you if anything breaks. Don't tell you if anything needs repair. We
941 don't come to you. We come to our boss.' And we were never told. Good point. Uniforms for the

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942 police. I never knew we bought police uniforms until after they were paid for. It was never shared. We
943 have water hydrants I found out two weeks ago from our Fire Chief right here in Broadway. Two
944 weeks ago on a phone conversation. There's multiple fire hydrants in this town that have no water
945 pressure. We were never told until Josh told me two weeks ago. That's a huge concern for me. A huge
946 concern that we have water hydrants in this town that do not have water pressure if there is a fire. And I
947 believe Josh is telling the truth and I've asked him to come to the next Town council meeting to share
948 all that information with the town Council members where it's not been shared. Because that should be
949 concerning to you all as well as it is to me, that we've never been told these fire hydrants don't work.
950 And I've been told by Josh there is numerous ones on Main Street where we have businesses and
951 numerous other ones around town."

952 A brief discussion ensued regarding the fire hydrants in town.

953 Mr. Comer then stated, "I was told they've shared and Woody may be able to attest to this because I
954 believe you were Fire Chief, correct? Did you have issues with fire hydrants? Because Josh told me
955 you actually knew about issues with pumps because Colby Mongold also shared that information after
956 Josh shared it. I called some of the Fire Department guys and they shared the same information. We've
957 told Kyle for years."

958 Mr. Woody Brown responded, "So I won't say there's no water in the fire hydrants."

959 Mr. Comer responded, "Correct. There's pressure issues."

960 Mr. Brown continued, "But some of the flows don't meet an FDA requirement. But we've had
961 numerous fires on Main Street. W.W. back in, I don't know what year. Whatever the house was down
962 here, at Backstage where the Vape shop is, the Auction House, (inaudible) off First Street, and then also
963 when it burnt before when it was storage for groceries. We fought the fire. We put the fire out.
964 Nothing burnt down. I'm not trying to contradict you. I just don't know. You've got to be careful with
965 how you say flow. Pressure."

966 Mr. Comer responded, "I said pressure. He said pressure. And I asked Cari if she had ever heard that,
967 after I talked to Josh. And Cari you said you had been told about it but Kyle told you that it wasn't an
968 issue. Correct? Is that how it was put to you? That Kyle told her it wasn't an issue. But that's just
969 some of our points, going off Doug. The only thing I want to clear up is donations to Fire and Rescue.
970 Everyone in this room I believe, sitting around this council table, is 100% supporters of our Fire
971 Department and our Rescue Department. The Town of Broadway gives each organization \$15,000 each
972 year. We do that on our will. We've done it for years since I've been on Council. The eleven years
973 I've been here, we've given them their donation. Their donation was paid out. Their check was written
974 and I have returned checks for this Fiscal year for \$15,000 to the Rescue. And the Fire Department
975 actually got \$33, 775 because they get \$18, 775 that's a trickle-through through the state. So we added
976 our \$15,000 on to that. So both of those did receive their donations and already have deposited for this
977 fiscal year. What council did in a workshop with our minutes, if you read online, we made a decision in
978 that meeting to cut all donations for the new budget year. So this new budget that we have implemented
979 for this current year doesn't have donations in it because we knew we were going to have a new town
980 manager. We knew she would have to look at things, or he, and learn what we wrote out for donations,
981 what we did on a monthly basis. Fire and Rescue always get paid out at the end of our Fiscal Year
982 which is May, June, of the end of the year, which everyone sitting around here can agree with me, I'm
983 sure when next year comes, for May and June, Fire & Rescue are going to get their \$15,000 donation
984 because those two services in our community are the most important. Like I tell the lifeguards, and
985 Charity's sitting in the back, who is one of our pool managers, have I not said safety at the pool is the
986 most important thing? Safety is the number one issue. Yesterday, I believe Charity, you may not have
987 been there, they had a small child that fell. Cracked their face open at the pool. Busted their face. Jill
988 who was managing was able to call the Rescue and they were there within minutes and they were able
989 to help that child. And that's my concern, or one of the concerns for the Town is safety. Fire and
990 Rescue are hugely important and I just wanted to explain that's our donation process for this year. We

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991 are going to work with the Town Manager to explain we give this to Fire, this to Rescue. The Schultz
992 Theater we give a donation to. That's a grant. That's a paid through grant. We give a donation to the
993 Village Library in Timberville. I think Peggy sits on that committee. Peggy Grandle, am I correct?
994 The museum. We give them a donation. The Town gives a lot of donations but we want to make sure
995 we have the funds and we are able to do it before somebody just writes a check and the money wouldn't
996 be there. But I just wanted to clear those couple things up about Fire and Rescue."

997 Mr. Harpine then remarked, "Look guys, if you didn't care about Broadway, you wouldn't be here. I
998 had a district manager when I was with Roses say something to me that I remembered for a long long
999 time. The fact that you're here, the fact that you're upset, the fact that you're voicing your concern
1000 means that we're halfway to fixing this thing. So, all I'm going to ask is, this is not productive. We
1001 need to work together to right this ship. You understand? The back and forth thing. All this stuff on
1002 Facebook and all this crap that's going on. It's not going to fix our problems. We have got to blend
1003 together, work together, and we can right this ship. And we've got the lady that can help do that sitting
1004 right there. I don't know how to be any more frank with you guys than with what I've said here in the
1005 last fifteen minutes. Thank you."

1006 With no further comments, Mayor Jordan closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

1007 Mayor Jordan then stated that the next workshop meeting is June 27th at 6:00 pm. He invited the public
1008 to attend.

1009 Mr. Matt Light then explained, "When I first started going to work for Broadway in 2002, the only
1010 monthly meetings that the Council had were the Tuesday night meetings which are the meetings that
1011 you're at here. Several years ago, Kyle decided, after some dialog with the council, that it might be
1012 productive to split the Tuesday night meetings into two meetings. One on a Thursday night that would
1013 kind of get down more into the weeds of the different topics and would kind of allow for more
1014 informality in the way that the town council operated. It would allow for more crosstalk among the
1015 town council members. It would allow for more crosstalk between the council members and the staff.
1016 That would not be a formal meeting with a lawyer sitting there in a suit telling people how to do their
1017 motions, but would be more like an informal gathering for the council to work through the various
1018 problems that might be associated with the things that were on the agenda for that month. And so
1019 Grottoes has done this for a really long time. But Broadway at that point started to do workshop
1020 sessions on Thursday night before the Tuesday night Town Council meeting. And again, those are
1021 more informal. Historically, the town attorney has never come to those. Maybe once or twice in twenty
1022 years have I been to that. Not very often. And because the purpose of those meetings was primarily for
1023 the council to get into the weeds with different things with the staff. Those have not historically have a
1024 public comment session. The public comment session has been reserved for the Tuesday night meeting
1025 like the one that you're at which is more formal in nature. The Town has done public comment at the
1026 Tuesday night meetings for as long as I've been involved with the Town. So, there's never been a
1027 public comment session at a workshop session just because it's not conducive to the nature of what the
1028 purpose of that meeting is. They are open meetings, and everybody can come on Thursday night. It's
1029 always been that way. It's a meeting under the Freedom of Information Act and people can come, but
1030 not historically had that public comment. And I don't know that there's any sense that we should
1031 change that. But of course we do it on Tuesday night as we always have. Does that answer your
1032 question?"

1033 Mr. Travis M. Driver commented. "Hey Dave, I'd like to say one thing. A comment was made about
1034 not reaching out or not talking. I know for me personally and I hope for every member of the council.
1035 My email is on the Town website. If you've got a question, email me. Let me know. If it's an answer,
1036 if I don't know it, I'll try to get it for you. And if it's something that I can't tell you, if it's a personnel
1037 issue, I'll just have to say hey guys, sorry, it's a personnel issue. But if you all have questions, reach
1038 out. I don't mind trying to help everyone out. That's what we are here for. So, if you have questions
1039 and it's something that I can answer or that I can try and get you an answer, let me know. Let someone

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1040 else up here know. We're not trying to hide things. I'm not. I know that. And I don't think the rest of
1041 the council is. Like I said, feel free to reach out. Please."

1042 Mr. Douglas W. Harpine stated, "One more thing and then I'll shut up. One of the things that I brought
1043 up back when Tim was here and it didn't pass, but I'm going to bring it up again. I think public
1044 comments should be at the beginning, not at the end. What good does it do for me to sit here and do all
1045 this voting and then listen to you say I don't want to do that? I don't want this. I want this. So, I'm
1046 happy to bring it up to council that we put it up front so that we can hear you before we make a
1047 decision. I see a lot of heads shaking so I must be on to something here."

1048 Mr. Chad Comer stated, "I agree."

1049 Mayor Jordan stated that the Workshop Meeting is June 27, 2024 and the Town Council Meeting is
1050 scheduled for July 2, 2024.

1051 Mr. Doug Harpine advised the public that in the interim period when there is no Town Manager or
1052 Deputy Town Manager, there is a calendar with a council member assigned to each day to be "on call"
1053 for staff to contact with any questions or issues.

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1055 **Adjourn:**

1056 **With no further business to discuss, at 9:11 p.m., Mr. Douglas W. Harpine moved, seconded by**
1057 **Mr. Travis M. Driver, to adjourn the June 4, 2024, Town Council meeting. The motion was**
1058 **approved with the following recorded roll call vote:**

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1060	Leslie E. Fulk	Aye	Richard E. Fulk	Aye
1061	Travis M. Driver	Aye	Chad L. Comer	Aye
1062	Beverly L. London	Aye	David L. Jordan	Aye
1063	Douglas W. Harpine	Aye		

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1067 _____ Mayor

1068 David L. Jordan

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1070 _____ Town Clerk

1071 Donna J. Lohr