

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council Minutes of Regular Meeting February 24, 2011

Mayor Elaine Walker called the regular meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council to order at 8:04 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2011.

Present at Meeting

- Mayor Elaine Walker
- Vice Mayor Robert Zoldos II
- Council Members Tiffaney Carder, Charlotte Coleman, Michael Senate, Shaun Staley
- Town Manager Keith Markel
- Town Attorney Elizabeth Whiting *{arrived at 8:06 PM}*
- Town Treasurer Lance Gladstone *{arrived at 8:54 PM}*
- Town Clerk Judy L. Kromholz

Absent

- None

Audience

Among those present on the audience were Planning Commission Vice Chairman Jack Burden; Tim Sparbanie; Thomas A. Watson; Floyd Blethen, Mike McPeak and Joe Shoemaker (Lovettsville Game Protective Association); President Don Beery and Rescue Chief Tracey Senate (Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Company); Manager Elizabeth Bracey (Lovettsville Community Center); Tom Ciolkosz (Lovettsville Business Association) and Margaret Morton (*Leesburg Today*).

Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Mayor Walker led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked those present to remember the victims of the earthquake in New Zealand.

Comments from the Public

Vice Mayor Zoldos stated the rules for the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Joe Shoemaker, speaking for the Lovettsville Game Protective Association (LPGA), spoke in favor of allowing the Carnival to offer extended hours for the take-down of the event. He also stated that using appropriate lighting would allow a safer takedown.

Mr. Mike McPeak spoke as President of the LPGA. He stated that the vendor must be able to break down all night into Sunday morning and be allowed to use their generator and field lights during the breakdown in order to assure safe operations or the LPGA will not be able to get them to sign the contract. In order to mitigate the noise they intend to move the generator away from the property lines as much as possible. Vice Mayor Zoldos asked him if they have spoken to their neighbors. Mr. McPeak said that only one neighbor has complained in the past and they had thought of offering that person a night away from the site, but other neighbors might feel slighted. He noted that the LPGA makes very little on the carnival itself and could not afford the additional expense. He stated that they have not spoken to their neighbors about this year's carnival at all.

Mr. Tom Watson (New Town Meadows resident) spoke as a member of the Lovettsville community since 2009. He thanked the Council members for their service, and said that he was speaking in favor of schools being located in Lovettsville. He stated that there has been a huge growth in the number of school age children in the Town and they want their kids to walk to school and not experience long bus rides. He is asking the Town to make a strong statement at the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors input session on this topic.

Community Presentations

A. Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company

President Beery reminded those present that they continue to hold bingo every Saturday night and that this is the Company's major fund raising effort. He reported that their new brush truck has been in action and that the Company is considering renovating the building. He stated that there is no budget set for renovations as of yet but he believes it will cost several million dollars. Rescue Chief Senate reported on call volume, and explained that a part of the increase in rescue calls is due to the recent implementation of a mutual agreement between Loudoun County, Virginia and Frederick County, Maryland. The Mayor and Council had no questions.

B. Lovettsville Business Association

Mr. Tom Ciolkosz reported that the Lovettsville Business Association (LBA) Board has appointed John Flannery as President and John Broman as Vice President. Mr. Ciolkosz will serve as Treasurer and Heather Treadwell will serve as Secretary. Their stated objectives include being a voice of local businesses, promoting business and growth, attracting new businesses to the community and highlighting the successes of local businesses. They offer an open invitation to Council to attend their meetings and events. The Mayor and Council had no questions.

C. Lovettsville Community Center

Manager Elizabeth Bracey reported that the Community Center and its Advisory Board are trying to respond proactively and in a very positive sense to the problems of local vandalism and unsupervised youth. They will be developing teen activities and programs specifically in the next six months. One of their top priorities for the current year is to identify groups to partner with for activities. The Advisory Board is planning to streamline their fundraising and emphasize the efforts they do well. There were no questions from the Mayor and Council.

D. Lovettsville Planning Commission

Vice Chairman Jack Burden reported on the activities of the Planning Commission.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda

Vice Mayor Zoldos requested that the action item concerning the FY 2011 Donation Allocation be tabled because all requested input has not been received.

Presentations

No presentations were scheduled.

Approval of Town Council Minutes

A. Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting - January 13, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2011 Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting as modified.

By: Council Member Senate

Second: Council Member Coleman

Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Staley, Zoldos

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

B. Town Council Closed Session – January 31, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 31, 2011 Town Council Closed Session as presented.

By: Council Member Staley

Second: Council Member Carder

Aye: Council Members Carder, Senate, Staley

Nay: None

Abstain: Council Members Coleman, Zoldos

Absent: None

C. Town Council Closed Session – February 7, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 Town Council Closed Session as presented.
By: Council Member Staley
Second: Council Member Senate
Aye: Council Members Carder, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: Council Member Coleman
Absent: None

D. Town Council Regular Meeting – February 10, 2011

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 Town Council Regular Meeting as modified.
By: Council Member Staley
Second: Council Member Carder
Aye: Council Members Carder, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: Council Members Coleman, Senate
Absent: None

Staff Reports

A. Report from the Project Manager

Manager Markel presented Project Manager Fellers written report dated February 17, 2011. There were no questions from the Mayor or Council.

B. Report from the Town Attorney

The Town Attorney had no formal report.

C. Report from the Town Manager

Manager Markel distributed his report to Council at the meeting. Mayor Walker asked about the status of the Loudoun Wireless contract extensions, which had expired on February 12th. Manager Markel stated that their equipment was fully removed from the water tower by that date. *{Treasurer Gladstone arrived during this discussion.}*

Report from the Treasurer

A. Financial Report – December 2010

Treasurer Gladstone presented his report for December 2010. The Mayor asked about her question from last month regarding the significant increase in expense for water testing. Mr. Markel stated that he talked with the Loudoun Water operators about this and there was a mistake in how they interpreted the testing schedules during the budget development last spring. Some tests for specific chemicals are conducted every few years which will increase costs in those years. There were no questions from the Mayor or Council for the current month's report.

Motion: To approve the December 2010 Treasurer's report as presented.
By: Council Member Senate
Second: Council Member Coleman
Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

Action/Discussion Items

A. LVZA 2009-0004 Sign Ordinance Modification

Manager Markel presented this item, explaining that administrator McGregor is out of town. He discussed the final changes requested by the Council at their last discussion. They had requested that staff provide text options for standards relating to temporary real estate For Sale and Leasing signs; and a draft ordinance to amend Article 7 - Signs. Manager Markel suggested making one change that would

limit leasing signs to one per building, not one per tenant space. The Council agreed with that change and the changes proposed on Administrator McGregor's staff report. There being no further discussion, Mayor Walker called for a motion.

Motion: I move that the Town Council approve Ordinance No. 2011-02-002 Approve LVZA 2009-0004, Repealing And Re-Enacting Article 7, Signs of the Lovettsville Zoning Ordinance, as presented in the January 13, 2011 public hearing staff report with revisions agreed upon at this meeting (Attachment II).

By: Council Member Senate
Second: Council Member Staley
Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Manager Markel stated that with this approval the Sign Moratorium has ended and staff will undertake an education campaign and work with the owners of out of compliance existing signs.

B. Mayor and Council Rules and Procedures

Manager Markel presented this item. He explained that the currently adopted Rules and Procedures for Council meetings were approved by Council on May 24, 2007. Over the past two years the Mayor and Council have developed modifications to this document during a series of Council retreats, the most recent of which was held on January 22, 2011. Mayor Walker suggested a number of small changes to the current draft, which were accepted by the Council. There being no further discussion, Mayor Walker called for a motion.

Motion: I move to adopt the draft Rules and Procedures for Meetings of the Mayor and Town Council with the draft date of January 22, 2011 as amended at this meeting.

By: Vice Mayor Zoldos
Second: Council Member Senate
Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Councilman Staley noted that Town Council meetings will now begin at 7:30 PM and emphasized that fact to those in the audience. Staff stated that every effort will be made to inform the general public of the change.

C. Economic Development Committee

Councilman Staley presented the revisions that had been made to the proposed charter and requested that Attorney Whiting review the proposal before a final version is presented to the Council for action. The Mayor and Council agreed to this plan.

D. Game Club Carnival Request

Manager Markel presented this item. Council is being asked to consider a request by the Lovettsville Game Protective Association (LGPA) to allow for extended time during the overnight hours following the last day of the carnival to disassemble and remove their carnival equipment. He explained that over the years the LGPA has held a summer carnival on their property located at 16 South Berlin Pike. This event consists of food vendors, amusement rides, games, and entertainment. The carnival is typically held for less than a week and operates from early evening to 10:00 PM. According to Town records, the property is zoned R-1, Residential. The carnival use, like many of the uses on this property has become an historical non-conforming use. Because of the unique and limited nature of these special events, it has become customary for the LGPA to request special permission from the Town. The Town has granted these requests with the condition that specific requirements be met to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the participants and the adjacent property owners. Over the past several years, an adjacent property owner has complained about the noise late into the evening and the conduct of the carnival workers who often sleep in tents and campers on the LGPA property during the carnival. Typically the Town requires that all public activity cease by 10:00 PM and that all deconstruction activity cease by 12:00 AM. The operators of the amusements may continue deconstruction after 8:00 AM the following morning. Because of a tight booking schedule with this year's carnival ride concessioner, it has been requested by the LGPA that the Town Council modify the typical terms of the event to allow Snyder Amusements to deconstruct

their equipment during the overnight hours following the last day of the carnival. This would mean activity would take place all night long from after the carnival ends on Saturday, June 25th, through the morning of Sunday, June 26th.

The carnival has been a popular attraction for the community and provides an enjoyable and possibly economically beneficial activity for the Town, but consideration must also be given to the adjacent property owners. Staff recommends the LGPA work with the adjacent property owners to see if an agreement can be worked out that addresses their concerns while at the same time allowing the carnival to continue.

Mayor Walker called for discussion. Councilman Senate asked the LGPA members if they could notify the neighbors beforehand, and they agreed. Mr. McPeak said they felt they needed to discuss with Council before they approached their neighbors. He stated that last year's complaints also involved the generator and lights and because of that complaint the company used secondary lighting to do the takedown last year which was unsafe. He noted that it is expensive for them to run the generator and they will not run it any more than necessary. They will be instructed to move the generator further from the property lines this year. Councilwoman Coleman asked if they will notify the people across the street as well as the adjacent neighbors and Mr. McPeak said they would be happy to notify them also. Vice Mayor Zoldos asked when they will actually finish breakdown and if the carnival had enough trucks to break down properly. Mr. McPeak said that the carnival owners are also trying to minimize their costs. The LGPA estimated they could finish deconstruction by about 2:30 AM if they are permitted to light adequately and do it safely.

Councilman Senate said that he would really prefer that they use the lights and deconstruct safely. He, along with Councilman Staley and Vice Mayor Zoldos stated that the neighbors should have been informed before this was brought to Council.

Vice Mayor Zoldos suggested the following conditions:

- The LGPA must inform and accommodate their neighbors as much as possible prior to the carnival.
- The LGPA must have an officer on site throughout the deconstruction
- Next year, the Council will ask for contact to be made with the neighbors and documentation provided before coming to council for approval.

He requested that these conditions be included in the letter the Town will give to the LGPA for this year's carnival. The Council all agreed to these stipulations. There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for a motion.

Motion: I move to allow the Lovettsville Game Protective Association and their amusement ride concessioner be permitted to deconstruct their equipment during the overnight hours not to exceed 3:00 AM immediately following the last day of the carnival, June 25, 2011.

By: Vice Mayor Zoldos

Second: Council Member Senate

Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Zoldos

Nay: Council Member Staley

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walker directed staff to send copies of the approval letter to the neighbors.

E. FY 2011 Donation Allocation

This item was tabled at the request of Vice Mayor Zoldos.

F. Budget & CIP Schedule FY 12

Manager Markel presented this item. Council is being asked to establish the tentative schedule for the FY 2012 Budget and CIP development and approval process. The proposed schedule would have the Mayor and Town Council begin discussing the budget parameters on March 10, 2011 and conclude the process with the adoption of the FY 12 Budget, Rates and Fees, and Capital Improvement Plan on June 9, 2011. The Mayor and Council agreed to consult their calendars and establish the final schedule at their next meeting.

Closed Session

The Mayor and Council went into Closed Session to discuss the possible appointment of a Town Council member at 10:10 PM and returned at 10:40 PM. (Attachment III: Closed Session Motions)

Action/Discussion Items (Continued)

G. Appointment of New Town Council Member

Manager Markel presented this item. He explained that on January 13, 2011 Councilman Scott Dockum resigned his position on Town Council. Mr. Dockum was elected to the Council in May of 2008 with a term beginning July 1, 2008. With his resignation the Mayor and Town Council advertised the vacancy and accepted applications for the position. Interviews with all of the applicants were conducted on February 22, 2011. Mayor Walker called for a motion.

Motion: I move to appoint Tim Sparbanie to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Scott Dockum with a term to expire June 30, 2012.

By: Council Member Carder

Second: Council Member Senate

Mayor Walker called for discussion: Councilman Staley thanked both candidates for applying and stated that it was a very tough decision. He said that both candidates interviewed very well. Councilwomen Carder and Coleman echoed the sentiments expressed.

Councilman Senate said that everybody was impressed by both candidates. He described how Vice Chairman Burden is paralleling his own history with the Town government. He was also told he was 'too valuable' to lose from the Planning Commission in his time, which is exactly how the current Council feels about Vice Chairman Burden.

Vice Mayor Zoldos also thanked both candidates for volunteering stating that it is a lot to step up to and he does appreciate it.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Walker called for the vote.

Aye: Council Members Carder, Coleman, Senate, Staley

Nay: Vice Mayor Zoldos

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walker stated that it is always nice to have new people interested in the Town government and that it is important to maintain the guidance and professionalism that Vice Chairman Burden brings to the Planning Commission. She stated that it is a pleasure working with him in that role and looks forward to working with Mr. Sparbanie.

Information Items

No information items were presented.

Comments from the Mayor and Town Council

Councilwoman Coleman informed those present about the Lovettsville Lions Club Pancake Dinner at the Community Center on March 8, 2011 beginning at 5:00pm.

Councilwoman Carder stated that she had met with the LBA board on Monday and a positive relationship is being built between Town government and that organization.

Councilman Staley thanked Mr. Watson for speaking tonight and for staying to the end of the meeting so that his concerns could be addressed. Councilman Staley stated that rumors of bickering about schools between the Town government and the County government are far from the truth. He stated that an email he received as a resident of New Town Meadows from the New Town Meadows Home Owners Association (NTM HOA) contained inaccurate information.

Mr. Watson said that NTM HOA meetings are the third Tuesday of every month and issued an open invitation to the Mayor and Council members to attend these meeting.

Vice Mayor Zoldos stated that the Lovettsville Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization has scheduled two fundraisers in the near future – basket bingo on March 11th and Casino Night on April 1st. He noted that the Casino Night is always their biggest fundraiser of the year.

Vice Mayor Zoldos then reviewed the history of the Town Council's action in reference to the location of new schools. He explained that the Council had passed a resolution in 2007 supporting the construction of schools north of Route 9 and had reaffirmed that resolution again in 2009. He explained the limitations of what the Council could do, given that the school system was run by Loudoun County. He stated that the Council can only support and encourage the County, the Town cannot build the schools itself.

Mayor Walker reported on the following:

1. She met with a representative from Congressman Wolf's office last week and will be meeting with them every three months to review Town issues.
2. She attended the special Loudoun PLACES meeting last week which was held in a very nice venue – the Hillsborough Vineyard.
3. The Home Grown event in Purcellville this weekend was very nice and she hopes they hold the event again.
4. Along with Manager Markel and Project Manager Fellers she met with VDOT about the bike path today. A VDOT representative will be coming on March 3rd to speak to the Council about changes to VDOT standards.
5. She received an email from Joy Pritz tonight which she read into the minutes (attachment IV). Mayor Walker stated that there are so many erroneous statements in that email that she cannot respond to them all right now. She read her statement about the effort to bring schools north of Route 9 from her State of the Town Address on February 10, 2011 which addressed many of the items in Ms. Pritz's email. She explained that she regularly is invited to and attends the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and School Board closed sessions on this topic. She was directed to share that information with the Town Council in Closed Session and did so. The Mayor emphasized that the Town is not in the land acquisition business and that there is not a large enough site within the Town limits to satisfy the School Board's requirements. The Town had openly expressed support for two different sites at different times when requested to do so by the Board of Supervisors. It is **not true** that the Town and the County are bickering on this issue.

Councilman Staley stated that these negative comments circling the Town are detrimental to the process and impede the progress that could be made. Councilman Senate noted that the 1,400 residents of the Town have very little impact on the County's decision making process.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy L. Kromholz, Town Clerk

Date Approved: March 10, 2011

Attachments:

- I. Speaker Signup Sheet
- II. Ordinance No. 2011-02-002 Approve LVZA 2009-0004, Repealing And Re-Enacting Article 7, Signs of the Lovettsville Zoning Ordinance
- III. Closed Session Motions
- IV. Email from Joy Pritz dated February 24, 2011

Town of Southville

Speaker Sign - Up Sheet

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Please Print.

Name and Association	Address	Topic	Email Address (Optional)¹
Joseph E. Shomard Southville Golf Club	165 Berlin Rd.	Carnival	
Mike McPeak Lowlands Golf Protection Assoc	165 Berlin Rd	"	
Tom Cioccolozz LGA	14 Spring Farm Rd	speaker	
Thomas A. Watson	52 Rutherford Dr.	about	
William J.		

Each speaker will be limited to no more than three (3) minutes at the beginning of the meeting, or no more than five (5) minutes at the end of the meeting.

¹ If you provide your email address, you will be added to the Town Council & Planning Commission Meetings Notification List.

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Ordinance No. 2011-02-002

APPROVE LVZA 2009-0004, REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE 7, SIGNS

MOTION: Senate

SECOND: Staley

WHEREAS, the Lovettsville Town Council appointed a study committee in 2008 to evaluate Article 7, Signs, of the Lovettsville Zoning Ordinance, concluding as a result of numerous violations and complaints that the provisions were in need of in depth study and update; and

WHEREAS, the study committee met with various stakeholders including representatives of the Town Center retail project, the Lovettsville Business Association, members of the Town Council, Planning Commission and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Lovettsville Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments December 1, 2010, pursuant to notice given in accordance with the requirements of Va. Code section 15.2-2204, and thereupon forwarded its recommendations for consideration by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Lovettsville Town Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendments January 13, 2011, and directed staff to incorporate certain revisions to the text; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that the proposed amendments are consistent with good zoning practice and that the health, safety and welfare of the Town and its citizens will be promoted by adoption of the text revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Lovettsville Town Council that Article 7 of the Zoning Ordinance, Signs, be repealed and reenacted as set forth in the text attached hereto.

VOTE:

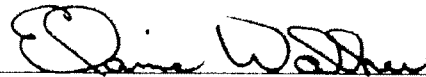
Ayes: Carder, Coleman, Staley, Senate, Zoldos

Nays: None

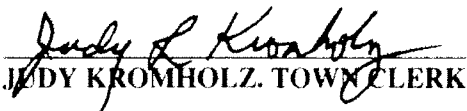
Abstentions: None

Absent for vote: None

APPROVED February 24, 2011



ELAINE WALKER, MAYOR



JUDY KROMHOLZ, TOWN CLERK

The German Settlement

Town of Lovettsville

VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT Resolution: AUTHORIZE CLOSED SESSION

Date: 2/24/11

Time: 10:10

MOTION BY: B. Zedler

I move that the Lovettsville Town Council convene in closed session pursuant to Va. Code section 2.2-3711 A

1. Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.
3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.
4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business,
5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community,
6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected,
7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; or consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel [For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter],
19. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity and briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such activity or a related threat to public safety; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure,

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29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

33. Discussion or consideration of confidential proprietary records and trade secrets excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision 18 of § 2.2-3705.6.

40. Discussion or consideration of records excluded from this chapter pursuant to subdivision 3 of § 2.2-3705.6 [Confidential proprietary records, voluntarily provided by private business pursuant to a promise of confidentiality from a public body, used by the public body for business, trade and tourism development or retention; and memoranda, working papers or other records related to businesses that are considering locating or expanding in Virginia, prepared by a public body, where competition or bargaining is involved and where, if such records are made public, the financial interest of the public body would be adversely affected],

with regard to [person, issue or property subject of discussion]

And thereafter reconvene in open session for action as appropriate.

SECOND: *J. Caider*

VOTE:

Ayes: *Zaldos, Staley, Caider, Senate, Coleman*
Nays: *none*
Abstentions: *none*
Absent for vote: *none*

Roll-call poll by presiding official:

"Do you certify to the best of your knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Lovettsville Town Council?"

When polled as to whether (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, the following members stated "Aye:"

2/24, 2011 at 10:40 PM

Certified:

Daine Walker
Mayor

February 24, 2011

Dear Lovettsville Town Council Members,

I attended a Town Council Meeting last spring asking for your support in working with the Loudoun County School Board to get a middle and high school closer for our kids. I was told that the town publicly supports schools north of Route 9 but it is a county issue that the town cannot help with. After being in contact with various school board members, I quickly learned that there is a lot of blaming and finger pointing going on and no school being planned to be built. I do not know why it has not happened yet but it does need to happen.

I am requesting that the town set a special meeting to deal with the large issue of schools in our area. It is a controversial subject that has been talked about in rumor terms instead of publicly. The public does not know what the town is doing to help the process. The public does not know how the Town Council stands about schools in our area. Because you support school close to Lovettsville, what can we as a town do to help the school board? What sites are being considered right now? What are the benefits and/or drawbacks of those sites? How is the town affected by those sites? How will traffic be managed? We need to become more unified in the interest of our children.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with all of you to make the best decisions for our town and more importantly, our children.

Have a good evening.

Sincerely,

Joy Pritz
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Lovettsville, VA 20180
(540) 668-5012