

# VIRTUAL MEETING

## VARNVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nathaniel "Nat" A. Shaffer, other officials present Mayor Pro-Temp Alexander Campbell, Councilman Ronald Williams, Councilwoman Linda Cooler, Councilwoman Fay Gooding and Councilman Joseph Williams, others – Fire Chief Allen Dean, Chief Tyrone Smith and Clerk Seneinka Jones.

- 1.1** Invocation – Pro-Temp Alexander Campbell
- 1.2** Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Shaffer
- 1.3** Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance – Clerk-Seneinka Jones

### **2. Consent Agenda Items**

- 2.1** **Approval of Agenda-** No objections
- 2.2.** **Approval of Minutes** – No objections

### **3. Reports of Department Heads and Committees**

- 3.1** **Administration, Police, Fire, LRWS Commissioner**  
**(Announcements that do not require council action will be made here, discussion is Limited)**

Mayor Shaffer discussed some of LRWS activities.

Mayor Shaffer talked with the Town Attorney about the special election for council seat. Date has not been set yet.

Mayor Shaffer also mentioned that there is no further update on the Intersection Improvement Project.

### **4. New Business**

- 4.1** **Extension of Emergency Ordinance # E3-2020; Emergency Face Mask Ordinance; an Ordinance requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and food service Establishments, and matters related thereto**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Temp Campbell and Seconded by Councilwoman Cooler to Extend ordinance. All were in favor.

**4.2 Appointment to planning commission**

Motion was made by Mayor Shaffer and Seconded by Councilwoman Gooding to appoint Lee Thomas to the Planning Commission. All were in favor.

**4.3 Red Ribbon Proclamation**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Temp Campbell and Seconded by J. Williams in Favor of the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation to be October 23-31. All were in favor.

**4.4 Halloween – door to door trick or treating hours**

Motion was made by Councilman J. Williams and Seconded by Mayor Shaffer to allow Halloween door to door trick or treating between the hours of 6-8 pm. Provided that participants follow the Covid-19 safety protocols and procedures recommended by the CDC  
R. Williams-Yea, Campbell-Yea, Cooler-Nay, J. Williams Yea, Gooding Yea, Shaffer Yea

**4.5 Discussion / action on CDBG needs assessment item -Ginn Street Ball Park**

Motion was made by Mayor Shaffer and Seconded by Councilman R. Williams on a budget of up to \$5, 000 towards a needs assessment study and related items for improvement to Ginn Street Ball Park.

**5. Executive Session**

**6. Regular Session** – The council determined to grant a revolving loan to Old House Restaurant. Up to \$20,000. Contingent, to the committee comprised of Mayor Shaffer and Councilwoman Gooding’s, satisfactory review of the standard financials and collateral submitted by owner John Stanley

**7. Adjournment:** With no objections, Mayor Shaffer adjourned the council meeting at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Seneinka Jones**

**Town Clerk**