

**Town of Williamsport**  
**Mayor & Town Council**  
**Special Session Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023**

On January 11, 2022, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Special Session. Those members of the elected body who were present included Mayor William Green; Assistant Mayor Dennis Grove, Councilman Jim Braswell, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Michael Nokes, and Councilperson Margaret Yaukey. Town employees in attendance were Chad Rooney, Town Manager; and Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began to explain the rationale for the meeting; Councilman Nokes requested information be brought back to Town Council to fund the purchase of a property.

Councilman Nokes explained he has given the idea of purchasing the property a lot of thought and would like to discuss the costs associated with demolishing the structure and constructing a parking lot or maintaining the existing structure and constructing a parking lot off the alley behind the existing structure. The idea of removing existing Town garages for the purpose of adding parking was included in the discussion.

Councilperson Yaukey explained she feels parking is in an emergency status and this could be a fix.

Mayor Green explained a pole barn to store the materials in the garages would cost \$260,000 to \$300,000 to build. He noted, money may be available once we begin paying for costs associated with the Conococheague Street project, but that would be after construction begins.

Councilperson Yaukey stated she feels parking needs to be examined.

Mayor Green stated the agreement with Saint Augustine's Catholic Church could be reassessed and the Town may be able to move forward with contracted spaces on that parking lot.

A lengthy review of historical parking concerns was provided by Mayor Green and Councilman Braswell asked if partnerships have been formed with the Town and private property owners with parking areas. Mayor Green indicated this has not yet been done, but could be pursued by Town Council if so desired.

Councilperson Yaukey restated her aspiration to have Town parking explored in depth, possibly by a committee. Mayor Green asked if she would make a motion to indicate this; Councilperson motioned to create an ad hoc committee consisting of Town Councilmembers Yaukey and Braswell, the Town Manager, two business owners, and two residents, to meet and discuss if parking issues exist in the Town; and, if so, take ideas to the Planning Commission for further scrutiny prior to any ideas coming to the Mayor and Town Council for discussion and consideration. Councilman Nokes seconded; and discussion continued.

Councilman Nokes asked if the ARPA Projects presented were in order of importance; Mayor Green indicated they were not, the list was simply to put ideas of projects to paper for presentation to Town Council.

Councilman Nokes asked if the projects had been approved by Town Council; Mayor Green reiterated the projects have been part of discussions since the money was approved by the federal government to be given to the Town through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Councilman Nokes restated his priority to purchase the property due to its proximity to Town Hall. He added, there is money to do projects Town Council wants to do, but motions are passed and no work is done to fulfill the direction by Town Council.

Mayor Green acknowledged a motion and a second had been made and asked if there was any further discussion; none was provided. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Brown made a motion to adjourn the Special Session, Councilman Braswell seconded; the meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Cordially Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chad P. Rooney', is written over the printed name.

Chad P. Rooney  
Town Manager

William "Bill" Green, Mayor  
Dennis Grove, Assistant Mayor

Chad P. Rooney, Town Manager  
Clerk/Treasurer



Jim Braswell, Councilmember  
Charles Brown III, Councilmember  
Michael Nokes, Councilmember  
Margaret Yaukey, Councilmember

# TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA

January 11, 2023; 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR SESSION @ 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISCUSS/CONSIDER PROPERTY ACQUISITION →

MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

ASST. Mayor - Led meeting

- Mayor Excused Self due to Conflict of Interest  
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TM  
- Review of ARPA Funding

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MK  
- Given a lot of thought; proposal discuss price point on  
- Demo, repairing of fences out back  
- pole and add parking  
- also begin

DG - M? T lot; potential partnership  
- research potential use/potential other areas

MK - potential 10 additional parking spaces  
↳ pole barn → spoke to Donnie - transformer can be moved  
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DG - transformer can move but was being handled by a person who is deceased

(3)

BG

MIN

Beautification Committee - ~~dissolved~~ <sup>NO</sup> without true action

BB - Chair person quit

MM - we need to do sub-committees

- take action, knock on doors

CB - we don't utilize the parking we have

- potential partnerships - what's out there

- trolleys are awesome to add ~~elements~~

BB - shuttle system has been used

BB - Grants for meters for parking lots

understand frustration but

JB - always come down to \$

- Don't see the agency item bought by Town

- Committee could be good to seek partnerships

my - push motion to get Committee to discuss this

- go to planning → then Council

- go to other towns and their solutions

- involves residential

all to  
work session

my motion - build a Committee of Town Council / citizens

Tom

MM Second Parking ; Town Development \$ ideas go to

→ add Tom ~~as a~~ Zoning - Planning then Council receive charge from Town Council

(5)

MN - did want to buy house built in 1805  
- but we could have bought the house for \$160K; if  
we wanted to

MY - Do we have a prudent reserve

BG - No, we have to tighten each month  
- we had such dire Straights  
- we use APPAs to help build that  
- we need to save for unexpected costs

MY \$300K if we all felt as a group  
if we could have freedom to adjust these projects

BG - each project you take from costs you somewhere

- Vote -

BG - during our evening, Mayor has daily business to get done

MN - No way of knowing what's going on with us knowing

MY - always feel behind the Bayly good citizen engagement and  
committees is a great thing

BG - every person has an assignment, rules against committees

APRA

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ARPA MONEY RECEIVED	\$ 1,029,103.54
	\$ 1,029,873.73
	\$ 2,058,977.27
ARPA MONEY USED TO DATE (9-15-22)	\$ (481,911.73) Updated 1/10/23
<u>Safe Routes</u>	\$ (77,400.00)
<u>Water Line and Valve Project</u>	\$ (100,000.00)
<u>Lining of Sewer Line</u>	\$ (22,000.00)
<u>Balance of Playground (\$203K Grant)</u>	\$ (60,000.00)
<u>Town Match for Manhole Project</u>	\$ (119,000.00)
<u>Metal a Roof for Scout Building</u>	\$ (10,000.00)
<u>MS4</u>	\$ (20,000.00)
Dump Truck/2 Zero Turns/Truck	\$ (165,000.00)
Possible Storm Drain	\$ (89,500.00)
<u>Manno &amp; Associates</u>	\$ (40,000.00)
Estimated Cop	\$ (78,000.00)
Estimated Cop	\$ (156,000.00)
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Estimated Cop	\$ (156,000.00)
Estimated Cop	\$ (52,000.00)
<u>Police Vehicle</u>	\$ (40,000.00)
Cliffton Overlay	\$ (100,000.00)
Maplehurst	\$ (100,000.00)
Artizan	\$ (100,000.00)
	<u>\$ (63,834.46)</u>

