

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Jan 12th 2026, at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Nicole Perkins - Mayor, Herschel Browne Jr -Mayor Pro-Tem, Council Members: Margarett Parrish, Jay Gorley, Rebecca Rees, Dawn Helms – Town Administrator, Oliver Dowdle - Fire Chief, George Ward - Asst Fire Chief, Scott Stone - Maintenance

1. **Mayor:** Nicole Perkins presiding.
2. **Moment of silence/prayer:**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Swearing in of Council and Mayor –**

Dawn: Council members, mayor, and especially residents of Sharon, before you tonight are not just public servants, but your neighbors. These are the folks selected by you to serve you with dedication, heart, and to work collaboratively to solve big and small problems. As we begin this new year, let us focus on making our town healthier, stronger, and more prosperous for everyone. Your support is paramount to the success of this town. Thank you for the time, energy, and effort needed to make this town a great place to live. Thank you. And if you all will, in unison, give your oath.

Oath read by Mayor and all Council members, signed and notarized by Dawn.

MINUTES: Minutes of Nov 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting recorded. Dec Break. Financials for October and November 2025 have been emailed to council and Oliver. There has been a delay due to end of the year reporting, 1099 processing and holiday closings.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Please sign in to speak. When speaking, please come to the front of council table, state your name and address clearly for meeting minutes to be recorded.

Nicole: Anyone wishing to speak before we get started?

Don Kropp: I saw a neighbor on Dr. Saye. I'd like to know what the town's ruling is on burning garbage.

George Ward: The rule is you cannot burn garbage.

Don Kropp: Okay, 3588 Ramsey Road. He burns all the time and he's driving us crazy with garbage, the odor.

Nicole: Is he in the town limits?

Don Kropp: He's in the town limits.

Nicole: Okay, I'm just making sure that it's in the town limits because that's the only way we can address it and we need to verify if we have town ordinance or if its county.

Jay: When you say garbage now, what about cardboard?

George Ward: Outdoor burning, you can only burn debris, yard debris, trees and stuff like that.

Oliver: That's a county ordinance and we can get you a copy of that county ordinance if you'd like to see what it states. But anything other than yard debris is illegal to burn. The county can be notified, and a sheriff's deputy can go out if you're certain that it is garbage. They can fine the person. A lot of times what they'll end up doing is the first time they'll usually give a warning. A lot of times the fire marshal's office may come out, they'll give them a warning to start with, and then they start fining.

Nicole: Okay, so what is the process for that? Somebody's supposed to call town or do they call the sheriff's office?

Oliver: That really would be up to the individual, the witness who sees somebody burning something. If you don't call while it is happening it makes it difficult for them to do something about it.

Nicole: So that's a citizen responsibility to report if they see somebody burning illegally.

Oliver: To give you an example, we had one the other night. I didn't go on the call, but George may be able to elaborate. Someone burning a couch in their front yard, that is illegal.

George Ward: I asked the young guy to put it out and he didn't hesitate. A lot of times they'll work with you. A lot of times they'll say, well, they don't know, but they do. But I just always tell them if I come back, I won't be by myself, I will have a sheriff's deputy with me.

Don Kropp: Okay, I'll let them know they can call.

Scott: Do we have an ordinance in town?

Brownie: It would be the same as the county.

Nicole: I don't think we have a specific one for the town, usually if ordinance provided by the county, we don't automatically do another one for the town.

Oliver: If it's other than yard debris, it's illegal to be burned in the county of York.

Brownie: And that means in Sharon too.

Nicole: Anyone else wishing to speak?

Midge Chambers: Do you have the Christmas wreaths on the agenda?

Dawn: Yes, we do.

Midge Chambers: Ok, I will wait.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal Grant Opportunities-ARPA EOY 2026

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades state grants 02/15/2023.

- a) New Well - \$66K Used for Shannon Street line replacement.**
- b) Burri Building HVAC & upgrades \$71k-Open use for Shannon Street.**
- c) Margarett status of grants being worked on**

Nicole: Anybody else wishing to speak? While we're passing around the meeting minutes from the last council meeting, we're just going to go ahead and go over the old business just to catch anybody up that hasn't been here before. We had grants, town funding that we received from local, state, and federal grant opportunities. We had ARP funds that had to be spent by end of year 2026. That hasn't been done. State grants, we have state grants still open from Dennis Moss that we received in 2023. We have two grant items that are still open. One is the new well for \$66,000 that Brownie is going to let us put on his property in front of his building. And then we have the Burri Building HVAC still open for \$71,000. Margarett has been working on some grants for Shannon Street. As a council, we previously talked about most of these grants that are out there now. We must pay a portion of them by matching the funds on them. We have decided to put a hold the well and the Burri Building because it is currently not top priority for the town. We have \$137k available of previous grant money to match the cost of the grant fund for Shannon Street.

Margarett: I have an update on the grant. I've been speaking with Elizabeth Morgan with Catawba. It's not the Rural Infrastructure Authority, but she works with the RIA to get grant money. She said she was going to be my best bet. She was very more inclined to help because we have talked to Harvey Peelers's office, Ralph Norman's office, and Dennis Moss's office.

She said, our name is on the radar. So that's exactly what I wanted. We have a quote right here, she said it may not be quite exactly right because she hasn't heard back from Adam. She talked to Adam Childers and Matt. But right now, the quote that they would give us would be the total we need is \$435,000. The grant money would be \$326,000. So, the responsibility of the town and/or Dennis Moss, if he would give us more money, would be \$158,750. And if we do have Dennis Moss give us grant money for that, we would have to have it in writing from him before we could proceed. But she was more inclined that she acted like we were more of a priority now, and that we burned everybody's ear up.

Unknown Speaker: What is that grant for?

Nicole: The water lines on Shannon Street.

Margarette: They are old asbestos concrete and galvanized steel, and they have reached their shelf life.

Brownie: We did part of it. When the last upfit of the town water system, Shannon Street from the corner at the Hill Building down to the Methodist Church was not replaced. That's still the old original line from 1963 when the water system was originally installed in the town. And now we replaced it because we had to, because it got the extension of the line that was put in years ago, was not big enough for the number of customers that we had on that extension was just a little two-inch line. We replaced that line six months ago because when they did the street it tore the old line all the way up. So that won't have to be redone from Methodist Church on down to the end at the town limit, because that's a new line. Everything's new from the church down the hill. But from the corner to the church has got to be replaced.

3.Harmon Park New Bathrooms-Status? Open to public or keep locked? Pink Portables?

Nicole: Oliver got a quote to finish the bathrooms. Shane has a quote for us for doing that as well. We're looking at three quotes that we've got to finish the Harmon Park bathrooms. The bathrooms are there. They can be used, but we keep them locked. We're not sure right now if we want to open them to the public all the time, or if we just want to use them for events. In the past we have had people vandalizing them. So, we will probably just open them when we have events.

Dawn: Do you want to keep the portable bathroom there still?

Nicole: Yes, I believe it would be best to keep the portable bathroom at the park. The vendor provides cleaning and flushing services for their units.

Brownie: What is the work that needs to be done?

Nicole: Sealing off the outside of it. Shane has siding he's going to give us and soffit that he's wanting to put up around the roof and stuff like that. And then he's also got a quote if he's going to do the work too. And then Oliver's got a quote, but we're not ready at this point yet to start that until we get all the quotes for those. Oliver, what was your quote?

Oliver: It would be no more than \$3,800 based on some of the material that's already at the community center. That would reduce the quote of the \$3800 down some.

Brownie: Is there a list of all the items that need to be fixed?

Oliver: No, when I met with him, we talked about everything that needed to be done, but no, I don't have a list.

Brownie: Well, it's hard to get bids on something if there's three different bids or three different lists.

Oliver: Right, that's the reason I didn't know where we were with it. That's the reason I wanted to meet with whoever else she was getting quotes from, so that we're making sure we're getting apples and apples.

Nicole: Well, Shane's is \$2,700, and Shane is the one who was originally doing the whole thing. So, but he's got everything on here.

Dawn: Will you forward that to town hall?

Nicole: He just sent it to me through text.

Oliver: There are some things that have not been done, closing in under the ceiling is one thing because you are just inviting wasp nests and everything else in there. I don't know what his quote was for.

Brownie: We need to get a scope of work that's all the same for the people who are bidding on it.

Oliver: I'd love for us to move forward with that sooner than later because we have been talking about this for a year. To be honest with you, I'm getting to the point where the fire department is just going to do it.

4. Town Maint-

a. Sidewalk Woodlawn St Status

Nicole: Okay, number four is town maintenance. We are currently working on Woodlawn Street on the sidewalks. That's still in process. Scott, do you have an update on that?

Scott: Well, it's just the weather, we can't do concrete right now. It's just too cold.

Nicole: So, Marion's kind of putting that on hold until spring? There is nothing open right now that's hazardous, is there?

Scott: Maybe we'll get lucky here in the next week or two and have another 70-degree weather and we can knock some stuff out.

b. Pump Station Maintenance- McCall Brothers-open

c. Water Tank Maint- Southern Corrosion. Inspection open

Nicole: The pump station maintenance still hasn't been completed with McCall Brothers. or the water tank maintenance and Matt said he wanted to wait on those.

Dawn: Matt advised that he needed a couple days from his regular job to prepare for the inspection and cleaning of the tank. The gentleman did call last week, and he wanted to schedule it for this week, but Matthew has asked him to wait. You may want to touch base with Matthew.

Nicole: OK, but we've already paid for the maintenance fees in 2025. We have been waiting on Matthew to get this done. All right, just wanted to verify. This is a yearly fee that we must pay these companies every year to maintain our tanks. So even though, we haven't scheduled the maintenance work to be, we've still had to pay this fee. Now we are in 2026.

Dawn: He did indicate that water would have to be turned off, but he didn't foresee the water being turned off for an extended period, people would have to conserve their water and that is because the tank would be drained and cleaned out. But we'll put notifications out when it's scheduled.

Oliver: Please make sure y'all let us know in advance so that we're not caught off guard.

Nicole: We'll have to let the whole town know.

5. Comporium Grant-Wi-Fi Community Center. Wi-Fi Grant program will start in 2026

a. December 2nd Comporium installed Wi-Fi at Community Center

Nicole: Comporium installed the Wi-Fi at the community center in December. It is working so that part has been done. Comporium gave us an internet usage grant for 2026. In 2027, we will start paying for the monthly internet service.

6.Town Retaining wall-protects septic line for town businesses.

Nicole: The town retaining wall protects the septic line for town businesses. That is currently on hold. We need to get some quotes for that to get that closed back up.

7.Alysen Woodruff from York County. Churches or residents interested in a Spring Litter Cleanup. Select a date. Recruit more volunteers. Office 803-628-3245 (Alysen)

Nicole: York County wants us to have a spring litter cleanup. We need to recruit volunteers and set a date. If you are interested, e-mail us at town hall and then we'll select some dates to start that cleanup. We will need to decide where we're going to clean up. We previously cleaned Woodlawn, Hwy 49 coming into town and Ramsey Road.

8.New Water billing System-Works well. Residents can pay by credit or with debit card

Nicole: Dawn tell us about the new water billing system.

Dawn: The new system is up and running. We made a comparison between the old system to the new, only one account was omitted and there was only a \$21 difference. We were able to identify that account and entered in the new system. Letters will go out with the next water bill, giving people instructions on how you can pay your water bill with debit or credit or an e-check. I know that a lot of people have been asking about that. Those that already have automatic draft, nothing changes for you. But if somebody wanted to go online and pay their bill, that would be an option for them, we are excited about that.

Nicole: Anybody got any questions about that? No? Okay. New business.

NEW BUSINESS

1.Report of sulfur smell in water Woodlawn St and Woodlawn Acres

We had some statements going around about a sulfur smell in the water on Woodlawn Street and Woodlawn Acres. Matt said it's usually just because when people's water heaters start up that that's what it was but there's nothing going on with the water.

Dawn: Matthew did talk to the two residents that were identified via Facebook, and I am not sure how we came to know about it but if anybody has any town issues Facebook is not our

mode of communication. If you need to report something to town council, we ask that you notify us on the phone. We have an e-mail and you can also use the reporting component on our webpage. People have been notifying or forwarding Facebook items to Nicole or somebody else on council. Please do not use Facebook to report town issues. Matthew did go to the people that made the report. He did identify it as a water heater issue. We have that same smell here at town hall when we turn the hot water on, but after it runs for a few moments, it dissipates. Nicole: Thank you Dawn.

2. Electricity in the park (breaker tripping)

Electricity in the park, the breaker tripping, still having an issue with that. Al has promised that he will get out here and look at the park issue. There will not be any fees for him to figure out the issue at the park. Electricity at the park has been an ongoing issue for several years. We've had four different electricians review the issue over the years and every time it's the breakers tripping. Hopefully, the issue can be traced and fixed. Al is not charging us for that; it's going to be free of charge.

3. Winners from the Christmas Decorating Contest are:

1st – Sean Mode \$100 Lowes GC 2nd Brad Bolin \$50 Lowes GC 3rd – Abigail Clark \$25 Lowes GC

Nicole: We had people e-mail us and we also had a box at the fire department during Christmas in Olde Sharon where people voted.

4. Renaming of Bell Avenue (state Rd 41)- Honor of Herschel Brown, Sr.

Nicole: The renaming of Bell Avenue in honor of Herschel Brown senior.

Dawn: I have information on that. I reached out to SCDOT, and they indicated that the county does renaming, but DOT did suggest that perhaps you consider roadway dedication in addition to the naming of the road. A portion of a roadway could be designated to honor Herschel Brown Sr. The process is to reach out to our legislative delegate for York County, which I believe is Ralph Norman. The request then goes to the General Assembly. There must be a concurrent resolution, and the County Transportation Committee pays for the sign, which is \$500. Maybe do a little ceremony or something like that, I think that would be nice. She said the process does not take that long. So, if that interests you, let me know. And then I've also talked to Gina Aaron with York County, and she has talked to her supervisor, typically the county doesn't really like to use proper names, but I think they're going to let you use Herschel Brown. The senior designation is not an option, but you would have to decide on the suffix. The process is to notify all the property owners, so anybody's property that touches that road would have to agree with the road name.

Brownie: That would be AT&T, the Town of Sharon and me.

Dawn: I identified three addresses, but it would be all property owners. Do you feel like it's more than three or just three?

Brownie: Yes, I think it's just the three, Town of Sharon, AT&T and the Makama property.

Jay: What about the lady on the corner?

Margarette: She's considered Woodlawn Street.

Dawn: The county will identify all property owners. Is this something that you're interested in, one or both? Or do you want to talk about it?

Brownie: Yes, I would be honored to do that. And there is already a precedent in the town of Sharon. We have Dr. Say Lane, we have Pratt Street, and we have Warmoth Avenue.

Unknown speaker: What would the name be?

Brownie: Herschel Lee Av.

Jay: I think we should give it 30 days if we are going to vote on it in case, we've got any residents in the Town of Sharon that's got any issues.

Brownie: I'm very fine with that.

Nicole: All. We will wait until next meeting to vote. Or do we need to vote now and then have a second final vote?

Jay: I think you just need one vote because I'm still stinging from the Christmas wreath, so I don't want to get into... I don't want to get into anything else, you know? I don't want somebody to say, you know, that was named after my great-great-aunt.

Brownie: It was named after Southern Bell.

Dawn: Truthfully, my impression is it's a state road that the town really doesn't have a say-so in it. That's my thought. Although the road is in town, it is a state road. I don't know, I don't know where a vote would be necessary. It's state road number 41.

Nicole: You only need to submit the request?

Brownie: Southern Bell is gone, so they're not going to have an issue.

Jay: Okay, I understand. Well, yeah, if you want to go ahead and do it now, that's fine. I'm fine with that.

Nicole: The county and state handle the process. We don't do that ourselves.

Dawn: We only put in the quest.

Margarette: What if they don't respond?

Dawn: I can ask about that, because I'm sure some people would. Maybe a non-response is the response.

Jay: I don't know whether mine's right or not but my app is showing Shirley T. Carroll, 3137 Bell Avenue and that is right beside Southern Bell.

Nicole: That's the lady on the end, right?

Nancy Scronce: That was Shirley Feaster, she owned that, but she died. I think her nephew, aunt or somebody now owns it.

Margarette: She gets her mail on Woodlawn Street because her mailbox is on Woodlawn Street.

Jay: There are two parcels there.

Brownie: We don't have to vote on it. Let's move along.

Dawn: Again, my next step of action will be to notify Gina Aaron with York County that we are interested in renaming.

5.Pratt St – removal of speed bumps

Nicole: Number 5, Pratt Street removal of speed bumps.

Dawn: I received a call or two from residents on Pratt Street complaining about people speeding on Pratt Street. They asked if we would reach out to DOT about adding additional

speed limit signs, and then maybe also painting the speed bumps. I did that in October. December the 29th, Chad Hall with DOT reached out to me and said that they do not see a need for any additional speed limit signs, especially because there's the bumps there. Then he went on to ask me if we put the bumps there. I don't know where to begin looking for that, but he said that if we had a record of encroachment permits for placing those speed bumps.

Unknown speaker: Joe Cox had them put there. I can't tell you when.

Dawn: Was there a cost for that?

Midge Chambers? I can't tell you anything. I was the clerk and treasurer then, but I do not remember. I just know that's the regime under which it took place.

Dawn: According to DOT, the bumps are not done to standards. They want them taken up, or we can bring them up to standard. I can look for encroachment permits. There are old street files in there or property files. But based on what I just heard from the audience, it's quite likely that there is nothing to be found.

Midge Chambers: As well, as I can remember, there were some procedures that took place, but I cannot tell you what.

Oliver: Is that not a town road? Joe had it paved and had those bumps put in.

Scott: We can always paint speed bumps.

Dawn: Well, if it belongs to the town, we certainly can. But it must be a state road for them to call and ask me that.

Oliver: I think the state road stopped at the bottom of the hill. You can tell me if I'm incorrect. It was a dirt road the rest of the way and they paved it. Joe had it paved and had C-funds to do that with.

Nicole: At this point, how do we want to proceed? Are we going to leave speed bumps, do we want to paint the speed bumps? We have talked about this before. We asked and they said that they were not the States and they wouldn't do anything. We could paint them white or yellow. That would be the only expense that we would have would be painting them if we decided to do that.

Dawn: Will we revisit? You want me to dig a little deeper?

Nicole: Dawn, please do more verification.

Margarette: This says the road from town to Trouble Street indicates the road is maintained by SCDOT.

Dawn: That's why he was giving us instructions to remove them if they're not brought up to standards. He must know something that we don't, that the road must be state. What's the state road number?

Margarette: State Road Number 88.

Unknow Speaker: If you leave them there, they do need to be painted. When we go down that road on the bus, a lot of times you can't see the bumps and all the kids hit the top of the bus with their heads.

Nicole: At this point, we need more investigation to figure out what we need to do. As a town, we can't dig those up; it's going to damage everything. There would be a fee to get a certified person to come in here and tear up the roads.

6.Celebrate 250-years-old July 4th, 2026

Nicole: This year, the 4th of July will be our 250-year celebration as a country. We need to start planning our 4th of July event earlier and have a bigger celebration than usual.

7.Recognition Warmoth Marker at Water Tank-reinstall under tank inside fenceline.

Nicole: We have a recognition of the Warmoth marker at the water tank, those of you who have been in town for a while may remember this. We're trying to figure out when it was taken off the water tank, but it's been sitting in our storage area for a while.

Dawn: I talked to a great, great grandson, to Mr. Charles Warmoth Sr. He was in the office recently to take a picture that was on the wall. He had a picture and could not locate it and he came and got it. He's very interested in his family tree. He asked about the marker that was previously on the water tank. I told him it was in storage and we would let him know what the town intended to do with it. I feel like it's a shame for it just to be in storage. There's been speculation that it was taken down when the water tank was painted. Do we want to put it back up? Does anybody know anything about this marker?

Nicole: Where was it at on the tank? Was it around the legs or at the top of the tank?

Nancy Scronce: So why come it couldn't be put back on the tank?

Nicole: It can. We were just trying to get some information because we it has been in the storage room and we didn't know why it was in there.

Jay: Nancy, was the water system put in when Charlie Warmoth was mayor?

Nancy Scronce: Yes. 1963.

Brownie: How often do we have to paint the tank? Do you know? Do they clean and paint it? I don't think it was already off the tank the last time they painted it.

Dawn: So perhaps it shouldn't go on the tank, but near the tank? Because if the tank is painted periodically, wouldn't it be kind of a hassle to take it down every time it needs to be painted? Mr. Parks is interested in knowing when and if we may do something with it.

Midge Chambers: I'm thinking that there was some reason that it came down, but here again, years have passed and I don't remember.

Scott: Well, it looked like it had a bracket on the water tank for that. Yeah. There are rivets on there. Somebody cut the rivets off and took it off, maybe when they repainted the tank and took the brackets off where it was rusted.

Nancy: But the time we had the tank painted, they never took that thing off.

Jay: Could you put it up like 10 or 12 feet where it'd be hard for somebody to get to it and steal it?

Nicole: There is a fence around the tank now so its not like someone could steal it. The grandson came in he doesn't want it he just wants us to put it back up there to honor his grandfather. We will find someone to put it back up.

8.Churches or residents interested in a Spring Litter Cleanup. Select a date. Recruit volunteers. Office 803-628-3245 (Alysen) – **Disregard – Put on agenda twice**

9.Well at Brownies Gin

Nicole: Well at Brownie's Gin. You said we could possibly put a well over on your property. Reminder new well on hold due to replacement of water lines and grant for Shannon Street.

Brownie: See if it's a viable location. We'll plan.

Dawn: Would the property square need to be put in the town's name or how does that work? Does it stay in Brownie's name? Do we pay him for that?

Brownie: We'll work that out.

10. Payroll company changes- Brittany Ayers price increases 2026

Dawn: Brittany Ayers is our CPA that handles all our payroll, our taxes and such for the town employees. We were charged \$68 a month; they have increased it to \$126 a month. So, it's an increase of \$58. I just want to bring that to your attention. They've doubled.

Nicole: Do we need to get another quote?

Jay: They're probably all competitive.

Nicole: How long have we been with her just a year or two years now?

Dawn: At least that long.

Brownie: If she's doing a good job, I would leave it with her rather than trying to save 50 bucks a month.

Nicole: Then we will just leave it, especially if they are doing a good job.

11. Potential new business behind Sharon Grill-Auction company

Nicole: Potential new business behind Sharon Grill. Dave was just letting us know he has, a possible tenant for his building that's behind the grill it's an auction company that he mainly does a lot of online auctions so it's not like it's going to increase the traffic and stuff in town but it will get see we'll have like certain events where it will generate people to come into town for a live auction that he's doing.

Dawn: I reached out to Dave today to see if there were any updates and he said he didn't have any today.

Nicole: We knew he was interested, but we don't know when it would start.

12.J&G Environmental price increase 2026

Dawn: J&G Environmental does our monthly water analysis. They take two samples per month throughout town. They were charging us \$182 per month. The new cost is now \$270 a month, which is an \$88 increase. It's not listed here, but we received some information from Duke Energy that we have are currently being billed on a large general service rate schedule, which is designed for customers with electric loads greater than 75 kW. That does not mean a thing to me. But a review of our account shows that we are equal or below 75k, we are being changed to the small general service rate schedule. I'm anxious to see what that means. But in our bills this month, we received notice of increase in fuel rates. Just throwing that out there.

13.Events: Save the Date

- a. **Christmas in Olde Sharon-Saturday Dec 13th (Always 2nd Sat in Dec)- discuss options. Poor participation. Parents bring kids to show then leave.**

Nicole: We had Christmas in Old Sharon on December 13th. The vendors were not happy, they said there was very poor participation. And this is usually what the issue is. We have this event for the kids, for parents to come out and for the kids to perform. Usually, the parents come out to see their kids perform, and then they take their kids and they leave. We don't have a lot of foot traffic at the fire department after the kids perform. Jen had some ideas this year. We had different activities for the kids in the Fire Department. The activities didn't increase the footprint for the vendors. The vendors were not happy and we are not sure if the vendors will come back for next year.

Brownie: Well, we're not doing the event for the vendors, are we?

Nicole: We're having the event to showcase the kids and to come together as a community. It is a lot of work for us as a town to set everything up. Participation has been continuously low for this event. The first year we had it, we had a lot of residents. The second year, we had probably half of that. We probably had maybe 25 people there. The first year, we had a park full. We need to discuss new ways to attract more people. We need suggestions on how to make it a more popular event, get people to participate, and volunteer to help with the event. Also, some new ideas to get more support and more attendance.

It's always going to be a busy time of year. York has theirs on the week before ours. Hickory Grove has their parade. Our Christmas event is always the first Saturday in December.

Jay: I think it hurt it somewhat that the fence was not lit up. It looked a little bit like, didn't look as bright as normal, you know, and kind of looked like it was closed.

Nicole: This is the second year that we've had poor attendance, and we had lights on the fence last year. This is the first year we haven't had lights on the fence.

Jennifer: Maybe Santa could delay coming a little bit longer that way after the kids sing, the parents can go around with their kids, shop a little bit.

Dawn: We did have some responses from a couple of vendors, their suggestions as well. I did not print those, but I think we should take them into consideration. But for the work that goes into it ahead of time, it does need to be looked at.

Jay: Could you send out a flyer like the fire department does on the fish fry to the residents to promote it and then tell them, here's the schedule?

Margarette: I know it wouldn't be as pretty, but have we thought about doing it during the day? Because number one, it gets colder and people won't come out. The Sharon Grill's breakfast with Santa was fantastic. It had a lot of people; it looked like a Hallmark movie to be honest inside there. It was in the morning, everybody was still going about their day, and he had a ton of foot traffic in there, so have we ever considered just doing it during the day? Again, it wouldn't be as pretty because the lights wouldn't be as warm.

Dawn: I like the idea and I found some past notes that undoubtedly, they used to do a really big thing at the community center. I found a big banner. It said Christmas Extravaganza something. I thought of maybe doing a Christmas movie that week or doing, you know, a market. You could do a cookie exchange. I mean, you could do different things maybe throughout the week, especially, you know, when kids are out of school. I mean, I think it's worth us having some more discussion about it. But at the park, it's not working. But we also don't want to hurt what the fire department does. I mean, you're going to do it whether we're doing Christmas is olde Sharon or not, right?

Oliver: That's basically PR for us to have Santa come in for a little bit. We could do that totally separate from the event. That's just what we've always had to do with them. Do you remember a few years ago, the town quit doing it all together, and the only thing that happened was what we've done at the fire station?

Doris Thomas: We had things at the museum.

Brownie: We also had the Carters let us do Christmas at the Hill Building, and then we had live music. The houses were on tour, and we also had hay rides.

Jennifer Ramsey: Let's do hayrides from the fire department after seeing Santa then to the Community Center to watch a movie.

Midge Chambers: We rotated churches every five years. St. John's is not really in town limits, but almost, they're in the little chunk there. We rotated every five years with the church being open, and they served refreshments. We served wassail in here; we just had different places serving refreshments. And we had hayrides.

Margarette: Our church was on tour two years in a row; we had very little participation.

Dawn: It's just important to know that there's very few people that are working to plan these things. They are not only planning and organizing the events, but they're also trying to keep the office open, and keep facilities clean, and that sort of thing. So, committees are a good idea. We're very thankful for the volunteers that helped this past time, and I hope that we can call on them again in the future.

Midge Chambers: Hopefully we can get more people to come forward. If people know that you need help, maybe they would volunteer to do some of these things.

Dawn: We do not have Facebook, we have the town webpage, we have a newsletter, and we're constantly asking for volunteers.

Nancy: We did not have any of that. We done it by telephone. We knocked on doors, everyone in town knew everyone.

Jay: It's the old-fashioned way to call them.

Margarette: I guarantee you people don't answer their phones. People don't answer their phones from numbers they don't have.

Dawn: Well, here's an open invitation to everyone in this room, and your sisters, your brothers, your grandmas. The town would love your help.

Midge Chambers: I can call and I can do little things, but I'm like Nancy.

Nicole: Well, that's our issue. In the past, the older generation showed how much they cared for our town by coming together and working on these events. The new generation, they're more "what do I get out of this?" Now, we spend a lot of time trying to find volunteers because the majority of the people that cared and participated in the past can't do it anymore. We

appreciate the effort that everyone has put forth to have town events. Now, we are trying to figure out how do we get people to volunteer.

Nancy Scronce: We had the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the firemen. It didn't matter. Whoever we talked to, they were right there to help us. We put out 2000 luminaries.

Nicole: Yes, but it's a different world. People don't trust people as in the past. Most people do not answer their phone if they don't know you, they don't talk to you, they don't speak. They don't look at people. It's a different world.

Nancy Scronce: I've had several people to tell me that what was here this year was nothing to come for, that the town was sad. And that really upset me to hear somebody say that about the town of Sharon. Nothing was lit up. I mean, it was like nothing was going on. So why would the people come out to come here if nothing was here? I mean, a lot of people aren't going to come just to eat from a vendor when they can eat at home and it doesn't cost them near what a vendor cost us. I mean, there was nothing to come out for.

Continued conversation regarding what could be done to draw in more people to the Christmas in Old Sharon event. A meeting of volunteers to discuss to be planned at a later date.

- b. Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market**– Will resume in the Spring.
- c. Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** -Fri-Jan 16th? 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment. Nicole: Senior luncheon for Sharon Methodist is going to be Friday, January 16th.
- d. Keep Sharon Beautiful (KSB!)- start yard of the month in Spring** Nicole: Okay, in the spring we will start back doing the Keep Sharon Beautiful Yard of the Month and generally we recognize one of the yards in town that has the best spring blooms and give them a sign to put it in their yard and they get a gift card.
Dawn: It's not necessarily just flowers, it's upkeep, their sidewalk, their porches. They do get a gift card.
- e. Christmas Decorations New-** Review additional decoration companies for 2026. Plan additional order for Christmas 2026 while prices are low. As funds allow and council agrees additional lights will be purchased in 2026.

Nicole: Just to let everybody know, due to a limited budget, we only ordered a certain amount of Christmas decorations to get us started. We will wait for the yearly sale then we will discuss buying more Christmas lights each year and as funds allow.

Jennifer Ramsey: How much are they per light?

Nicole: It depends on the lights and the size. Every one of them is different. They were at least \$500 to \$2500 each.

Jennifer Ramsey: What was the theme?

Nicole: Classic Christmas

Nancy Scronce: Can you do some fundraisers? The ones that we had, the town didn't spend one penny on those lights. We raised every penny from street dances, bake sales. We had car washes and dances at the community center.

Nicole: We use hospitality tax money.

Dawn: Since we had a limited number we could buy this year, we just chose to buy traditional decorations - Angels, Presents, Holly, Garland, Snowflake – 8 total.

Midge Chambers: What about the Christmas banners too, are they very expensive? I noticed in Hickory Grove they fill in some with some of the banners.

Dawn: We do have pole banners and they hang across the street from Nancy Scronce in Rainey Park.

Nancy Scronce: They haven't in the last four or five years.

Dawn: I am sorry, I wasn't done yet. They have hung on that back row. Unfortunately, the posts that they go on are broken. I am not sure whether people... jerk them down or if its wear and tear. But the posts that those banners go on have been broken off and are not any good anymore.

Nancy Scronce: Why were lights not done down there this year? They planted a tree down there just to decorate. The shelter always got decorated. I mean, nothing was even done on the walking trail.

Brownie: We focused on up here. We didn't put any trees out anywhere.

Nicole: The lighting of the tree was the fake tree that we put up at the shelter with the old Christmas decorations, and that's where we had the Christmas tree lighting because the lights were not working on the fence line.

Brownie: Yeah, none of those outlets work down there. There we have so much trouble with the electrical work that we paid to have upfitted and fixed that it didn't get fixed.

Nancy Scronce: Can I bring something up on that I done heard it I'm about tired here that people putting on Facebook that the town spent \$100,000 just for the electrical work over there and they don't work is that true?

Brownie: It would be a very nice thing to know how much money we did spend on that electrical upfit for the park, just that part.

Multiple conversations taking place in the room – Nicole asked for everyone to take turns so that meeting minutes are clearly recorded.

Jay: I would like to see figures for what we spent on the park and the community center.

Nancy: There was \$100,000 on electricity, and that's why the lights were not put up in the park. I know electricals expensive, but was there \$100,000 spent on that fence over there?

Nicole: We had three different projects that our electrician was working on. He had the ball field that he was doing, he had the park that he was doing over here, and then he had community center that he was doing.

Nancy Scronce: That's what's being blamed because no lights was put up over there. Y'all spent a hundred thousand dollars and no lights would burn over there?

Margarette: We historically have had problems with those lights tripping.

Brownie: I've even tried to fix it and I'm not electrician.

Nancy Scronce: It a local electrical company that's doing it?

Nicole: He is from Clover, the last one. Before that, I was told Joe Cox did it.

Midge Chambers: It was one of the councilmen. I can't remember his name; he was a councilman.

Nicole: Al is going to come back to the town at no cost and figure out what is tripping out there.

Don Kropp: Don't hire him again though. Because any good electrician, any person in or in business, would have come back and got that working for Christmas.

Brownie: Actually, he's in very poor health and had an issue with cancer. He works just with one helper. And I'm not making excuses for him, but that's one of the reasons he's been unable to come and really address the issues.

Don Kropp: I think it would ease a lot of attention if that was put out to the public in town that's why it wasn't working. It's just a simple statement saying we're trying to get it fixed.

Oliver: When we tried to hook it up to get ready for this past Christmas it was three of them that were tripping two of them were fine I think that's the one that maybe run the shelters. It's got a dead short somewhere I don't know what that problem may be but that's one of those that it takes quite some time to figure out where the problem is. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that there's something, a skinned wire somewhere in the ground that's in pipe, just based on what little bit I know.

Nicole: Al is coming back out to try to figure out where it is tripping. We were going to have him come out and get the lights fixed for Christmas, but we had the shelter working so we didn't want to take any chances of knocking all the power off. That's also why we decided to only decorate the shelter with Christmas lights for the kids chorus show. That was a decision that we made as a town.

We knew that Joe Cox had done some work and that something was wrong with that, but then we didn't know about the previous people. We are learning details as we get more information from people that were here before us. Any previous park work completed that you can provide us with is greatly appreciated.

f. Christmas Decorations Old – Council approved the sale of old wreaths and lanterns in November. To date only 5 have been sold.

Nicole: There is some controversy about the old Christmas decorations, got our new decorations and so we talked about it and we had some people come up to us and asked what are you going to do with the old decorations? They said they would like to buy them. These were town residents who requested, we sent out a text message to all of council to get feedback, and the consensus was to sell them. Town residents can buy them, and they can put them up. Sell them for \$50 apiece.

Dawn: We have sold five and there are more than twenty still in stock.

Nicole: There have been statements about us restringing the wreaths with new lights but that's extra time and effort for town hall. It was decided that we would see if residents would be interested in buying the wreaths. The price of \$50 for town residents to buy these or for residents to have them. Then, residents or businesses can rewire them and display them. We can brainstorm ideas. Do all of the businesses want to have one of the wreaths and it's their responsibility to wire it and put those wreaths up every year? Ms. Midge, you've worked with these wreaths, you've used them before, you know, it is a tedious and time-consuming process every year. We have the decorations in storage on stands now but, they still must be plugged in and plumped up to be pretty. We also have a hard time finding bulbs. We decided this year to save time and effort for us and the Fire Department to not to put the old wreaths up. We decided to only put up our new Christmas decorations and the swag in front of town hall. It takes us a whole day to check all the bulbs on the swag and plumb the branches on the swag wreath.

Nancy Scronce: Did y'all vote to do this? Did the council vote?

Nicole: Yes, we sent out a text message.

Margarette: It was after the November meeting.

Nancy Scronce: At what meeting?

Nicole: It was after the November meeting. We didn't have one in December.

Dawn: A resident asked the town what we were going to do with the wreaths. I sent out an e-mail to council, asked them what they wanted to do, my e-mail said, "Ms. Martha was interested in purchasing some of our old wreaths, now would be a good time to consider the sale of these items. What is your opinion? Please respond so that I may move forward." Each of our council responded. I don't see any reason to keep them. I suggest selling them. Yes, sell them. Just a suggestion, why don't we try to sell the wreath that we're not going to use, could be a good time.

Jay: The way I remember it, we did a text poll.

Dawn: It was an e-mail.

Jay: I remember getting an e-mail, but we didn't vote on it at a meeting.

Nicole: This is something that we've started doing in the last six months because a lot of time issues come up that we need to vote on as a council and we don't have time to setup a special

meeting to do it. Little decisions like this. It's not something we're voting on that's an ordinance. It's just a simple question. "Hey, what do you want to do with these wreaths? So we will reply and do e-mail voting. Other municipalities do it as well. It just saves time and effort instead of having to wait until we have a meeting and then have everybody vote publicly. We either send an e-mail or text. Both are saved and included in our meeting notes documentation.

Dawn: Generally, not text, an e-mail. So, we record the date and the time in which you respond.

Jay: But looking back on it, I wish we'd have brought it up in a meeting.

Dawn: But the reason that we were even considering the sale of the sale of them and let me go back to Facebook. It was brought up on Facebook that everybody was unhappy about it. Jennifer called and asked me how people should reach out to Town Hall and let us know what their thoughts are about the wreaths. Well, undoubtedly, nobody was really concerned because we got one e-mail and we responded to that individual.

I'll read to you the reason the lights were being replaced. Some of them have electrical sockets where the where you screw the bulb and were failing. Bulb replacement is very time consuming. You must take each lamp and wreath, plug it in and replace bulbs. Many of the GFI receptacles on the power poles fail and Oliver, if he's still here, he and I spoke about this because his department is responsible for hanging them. Many of the GFI receptacles on the poles fail each year and it's time consuming and tedious to replace and use. Three wreaths fell last year, not this past, the year before, because the bracket mount failed. One fell on a car in front of the grill. The new decorations came with new mounting hardware and our LED lights. The new decoration bulbs last longer and are brighter. Takes less volunteer fire personnel to hang these wreaths. They're lighter and easier to handle. And the use of a bucket truck, which we must pay for, was reduced from 8 hours until two hours. So, for those reasons, we felt it was justified in selling these wreaths. Again, we've only sold 5 to date. I think it's cool to see them at the residence that chose to buy them, but there are still 20 in our possession. We did not sell a single lantern. Those are still all there. I did not count those, but those are the reasons we didn't.

Midge: I understand some of those lanterns are somewhat sun rotted and dried out. Is that correct?

Nicole: They're plastic and they're just not good. I know we haven't hung the lanterns in like the last two, three years.

Midge: They do dry rot over time.

Dawn: I can't speak on that, but Oliver can.

Oliver: We have hung the lanterns, but it has gotten over the years, it's gotten fewer of them because as Midge stated, they're plastic and getting brittle.

Midge Chambers: But the wreaths are salvageable, if I may speak, because people are wanting to buy them to hang. My idea is if we can fix the brackets and if we can get somebody to hang these, I understand that you've had to hire somebody, that it is getting to be too much for the fire department. Everybody's getting older. I don't know who you hired to do this and whether they had a bucket truck or a lift or what. I don't know.

Brownie: Yes, we had to hire a bucket truck and then Oliver and the fire department were helping put them up.

Midge Chambers: If we could at least get the brackets and get somebody to put them up. I mean, I think we could get people. Doris, we can sit down. Nancy, we can sit down and fluff up wreaths, can't we?

Margarette: Ms. Doris helped for one year and that was hard.

Midge Chambers: They wouldn't necessarily have to have the lights on them. You could see them from the streetlights, and they would be so pretty in the daytime. Nancy was here when those were purchased. I came on a little bit later. They're dear to our hearts. They should be dear to Brownies and Jays.

Nicole: They are dear to all our hearts and to a lot of the residents as well. But shouldn't we try to find a different way to utilize the wreaths in a positive way instead of the wear and tear of the old way hanging them on the power poles.

Margarette: Well, if it falls on someone's car we're going to get sued.

Nicole: If we're getting new decorations, we don't need new brackets, they come with brackets. I'm just saying that we should probably try to utilize the wreaths in different ways and not take on that expense of having to put up more brackets for the old wreaths.

Midge Chambers: It was not only people in town, and I'm yoked at putting it on Facebook, cause that's how I found it out, so I responded on Facebook. And I got a lot of response from that. A lot of people didn't respond, but they sent likes and thumbs up, and that kind of thing. It's not

only the people in town, but also the people who ride through town that missed the wreaths this year. It still looked a little naked without the wreaths. The new ones are pretty. I want them to stay, but we still could have put them on the outer edges.

Oliver: Well, I certainly understand at various points on all of that but the one thing that I do want to say is we have some other issues that need to be addressed. If you want to put the wreaths back up or whatever, one of the biggest concerns and issues from the fire department's perspective for an example from what I still call Brownies from his store all the way to the ARP church and from the Hill building all the way out of town all of those are on individual fixtures receptacles they're on their own individual receptacles from that point on from this section right here in the center of town I don't know how Nancy or Midge but y'all got all those are off the meter.

If you remember whoever was there then, Duke would not do that when we went to expand and got all those other wreaths and stuff. But those folks are long gone, unfortunately. So we have a challenge with that, from the fire department's perspective and time perspective, if we could get Duke to take those receptacles over because we spent a couple days out there working on this stuff at least and quite honestly to tell you is the folks that are near and dear to this town in the fire department are getting old too. We are trying to look ahead and trying to prepare this next generation, unfortunately, but right now we've got firefighters that are asking me, when am I going to fight fire and help the community out that way. And now you want me to hang lights? You know, this is the way young people think. Some young people, not all of them. I don't want y'all to get offended there. Our call volume has increased dramatically and all those things so it makes it more and more difficult to get people to want to do other things other than what they've already volunteered with their time to do okay so a lot of the brackets as y'all mentioned a while ago needs to be time with somebody with a bucket truck to go back and fix these brackets as well.

You're going to have to have a bucket truck few years ago, Jerry used to help us with a forklift and a basket and all that kind of stuff, but that got dangerous too, cause Jerry got older and you never know what he was going to run in to. Then, you have to have insurance that covers the town. We looked in to renting a bucket truck and it was between \$800 and \$1,000 to rent a lift, just to use it for a day. The lift, I don't know what it is now, it's been two or three years since we got that. It was between \$800 and \$1,000 to rent. Yes, to rent a lift, so that was quite expensive to do that. These the brackets really all the brackets need to be redone and that's going to take probably a day or two just to fix them if you want to hang the wreaths back up. If you could get Duke power to take over those receptacles because that's going to be that's another day or two to take care of that. I not opposed that if somebody else wants to take it over, because the fire department's done this for, since I can remember, since we've done it, you know, and like I said,

those of us that have always been involved with it are getting to the point where somebody else needs to step up and start dealing with it, unfortunately.

Duke has limitations on how you can affix these Christmas lights to their poles. I don't remember it off the top of my head, but they have certain things that you are supposed to attach these things.

Midge Chambers: We couldn't just put brackets up ourselves?

Oliver: You would have to get permission from Duke to do that. I know the town must sign a contract every year to do that. And you must tell them if you're going to change and add, what kind of brackets you're putting up. Because they're looking at it, how is it going to structurally affect that pole? And is it going to damage that pole in some way? Who would we hire to put up the brackets? How much is the fee? What about safety and liability to the town. So that's some of the things that they deal with. I'm certainly like y'all, I hear you. The wreaths were always nice but they were aggravating from my perspective.

Brownie: The other thing to consider is that there's so much more traffic now in town than there used to be. So anytime you have workers that are trying to install this stuff, it's a real hazard for the workers to do it. It's a lot different than it was even 10 years ago in terms of the amount of traffic and how crazy people drive and all that. It's a dangerous thing to get on a bucket truck.

Midge Chambers: Is there any way brackets could be put on the sidewalk side and that way if they fall, they'd only fall on a pedestrian.

Nicole: If brackets or wreaths alls on the sidewalk or street, the town is liable. And at this point, as Oliver states, we have reached out to Duke on several different things over the last two years. Duke does not actively come out and work on items for the town. It's a new regime. It's not that small town company that will come out and take care of items for us. We have been trying to have them take out these extra poles around here that we don't need. Unfortunately, some poles still have AT&T lines and Duke won't touch other companies lines. We have a variety of different vendor poles in town. It's an act of Congress to get them to respond to us to do anything.

Oliver: Yeah, and just to talk about how people are, y'all know we had a fellow hit the poll up here out of town. You'd be surprised at how many people come up there and cussed us because they couldn't get through town yesterday. Okay, it's not our fault that the man drank too much and done run into the poll. But you'd be surprised at how many people complain and raise just teetotal sand at us like it's our fault that they can't get through. And that's just the way people

are, unfortunately. And then you got those that they say, well, I can't get to York then. So I say, well, you've got GPS figured out. Yeah, you'd be surprised at how many people have no idea how to get to York if they can't go to 49. Okay. It's sad, but it is.

Nicole: We know everybody loves the wreaths, everybody would like them to be utilized, but we need to figure out a different way to utilize them and to keep that charm that people like. So any suggestions on that? I think they could be put on the fence lines. We could continue to, if y'all want to let residents buy them, residents can display them on their own houses, on their fence line. How do y'all think we should proceed?

Midge Chambers: Seriously, they couldn't be hung on the sidewalk side?

Nicole: As Oliver stated, that's a burden on the fire department and the town and the responsibility on us and Duke's not gonna do it, so we need to find a different way to utilize them.

Rebecca: They would look great on the fence line. It's something else there to make the park look better. I mean, you said there's what, 20 left? That should be enough to put in the park.

Jennifer Ramsey: So, they're officially retired?

Nicole: Oliver just said it's a safety issue for us. Are we wanting to vote on retiring the old lights from off the poles? We still utilize them, what do y'all want me to promote or say?

Council: Put them on the fence. I think putting them on the fence is a great idea. We will still have them in the town, and everybody can still see them and enjoy them instead of having all the safety issues of them being up on the poles.

Oliver: Well, I understand that's probably a good idea. I just hope that somebody's volunteering to do that. Like I said, I'm already asking a lot of time for my other firefighters doing this kind of work. I don't have any problem with that, as long as you've got somebody saying, yes, I'm going to take care of it.

Margarette: I think we should say yes, that's a possibility. And if we have the volunteers and the people that want to do it, then that's what we'll hold on to them for.

George: You must look at if that fence is capable of holding it. If you put those up you're going to knock out of putting some of the Christmas lights across the top of that fence because that's where the Christmas lights go is around the top of that fence.

Dawn: I think it would be one or the other. I wouldn't say that you would do both and then rather than hanging them. Why couldn't they be propped up? There's that bracket that could go on the ground and then maybe cable tie or fix them to the fence rather than hanging them.

More discussion about how to use the wreaths. Wreaths are no longer for sale. The town will utilize them somehow.

Brownie: I'll make a motion that we utilize the wreaths or we look into the possibility of utilizing the wreaths along around the perimeter of the town in a way that keeps us from using the poles.

Jay: Can I make amendment? I think you need to say on that motion that we're going to cease selling them.

Brownie: We're not selling them, that we're going to find a way to utilize them throughout the town.

Jay: Second the motion.

All in favor.

Nicole: Motion passes. We will not sell any more wreaths. The ones that are sold are sold because we know there are people that have those and they're already utilizing the decorations.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: 2026 Think of area below you would be best to serve. Council to discuss any issues concerning the following: Which area? List of responsibilities.

1. **Ballfield:** Poles and light Installation, Electrical complete. Duke Connection. – nothing reported
2. **Community Center and Annex:** Ms. Betty Heater repaired Small World. Advertise Key Shop & Ken's Warehouse Collection, Local Shops & vendor sales in newsletter.
3. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)** Installed new Mini-split Station 1 upstairs – Oliver asked about having an additional chain and lock added to the gate so that they may access the hydrant inside the fence. Council agreed, Oliver will add a lock.
4. **Rental Buildings:** (Herschel Brown)
5. **Parks: (Jay Gourley)-** Request for additional swings. Mommy & Me or Mural
6. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand (see Parks):**
7. **Streets: (Margarette Parrish):**
8. **Sidewalks: Keep Sharon Beautiful KSB.**
9. **Town Hall:** Revamp Office for safety. Move desk and equipment away from front windows. Update-paint inside walls, storm door.
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)**

Dawn: Rebecca, everyone has a certain area that they're responsible for and you are the contact person sometimes for that issue or concern. You will be over sidewalks.

Nicole: Anyone have anymore questions? Concerns:

Jennifer Ramsey: I have one question. You said, one of y'all said that Shannon Street was the last that needs to be replaced, right, with water lines? But I heard it was also Rainey Avenue, that's what Matt has said.

Brownie: Rainey Avenue and Shannon St still have the old lines. There's nothing wrong with them right now.

Nicole: We have had the Rural Water Association come out. There are different ideas about the old water lines. The Rural Water Association managers said if it's in the ground, it's better to stay in the ground. If you don't dig them up, the lines are fine. The Rural said Rainey Avenue looked good.

Jennifer: I know if you try to touch it and it's not wet, it can kill you or something.

Margarette: Matt's biggest issue, I think he said it's just the pinholes and the galvanized steel is not. Matt actually said that asbestos is not dangerous when we had that meeting. He just said it's the galvanized steel and the holes and the pinholes and the shelf life on it.

Jay: If the fibers get airborne, that's when it becomes dangerous for people to inhale it. It goes into your lungs.

Unknown speaker – unable to understand.

Nicole: It is not supposed to be an issue unless we dig it up. That's the issue and we're not planning on digging it up anytime soon.

Dawn: So, Rainey will be addressed in the future?

Margarette: Hopefully. It doesn't service as many people right so that's why Shannon Street was top priority over Rainey, but I mean you know how much that's going to cost just to do Shannon Street.

Margarette: I make a motion to adjourn.

Rebecca: I second.

All in favor.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns/FYI:** Anyone from the Mayor, Council, Staff or Public can bring an issue to the Council that was not on the agenda. Please limit your comment to 5 minutes or less.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday Feb 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm
Have a great holiday break.

ADJOURN: **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarett Parrish Second: Rebecca Rees Time: 8:51 pm