

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Feb 9th 2026, at 7:00 pm

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

1. **Mayor:** Nicole Perkins presiding.
2. **Moment of silence/prayer:**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Please sign in to speak. When speaking, please come to the front of council table. State your name and address before speaking. Any comments made during the meeting, Please request opportunity to speak, stand, state your name, and comment to the council to be recorded in our meeting minutes.

Scott: I would love to speak first if I could. Lots of things are going on in the town, and I just want to try to catch everybody up on the stuff that I'm doing. At the ball field. I did get in touch with Williams Electric on the lights and the problem that we've been having there. They're going to come out on the 23rd of this month. We do have lights to replace. He's going to call me back on Friday and let me know about how much it's going to cost to switch the lights out. I don't know the deal on the lights, I've tried to contact Al today, I talked to him for a few minutes and he didn't have time to talk, but I'm thinking that we hadn't paid for the lights yet. that they're just going to swap it out, so they didn't charge us for the four that's bad. I'm thinking that's the way it is, but I'll find out more about that to make sure. We do have a ball start next month, starts March 16, ball games. The dugouts, one of them is already ripped off, the other one's just about ripped off. I have got stuff to do there, it's just been bad weather for two weeks. I have a couple of weeks to finish that up where they can play ball. At the community center we have a dumpster coming in the morning. We're going to start in front of the building first. We are going to fix all the tiles in the front half first. Then start working in the backroom a little bit, maybe an hour or two a day, trying to clean out the stuff that we need to clean out and get rid of. If the weather cooperates, we might get back on the sidewalks.

Nicole: Okay, thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak?

Dawn: Here are the council minutes for January. Did everyone have a chance to look at them? It is 30 pages; I wrote them quite thoroughly. It took me a long time, but I'd love to be able to summarize them, but I think it's in our best interest to do it this way so that nothing is left out. If anyone knows of an application that helps with meeting minutes, please let me know.

Also, just as a reminder for our minutes, that if you do speak, speak up loudly. If someone in the audience speaks, maybe if you could come forward, that would really help because there are a couple of lines where I was unable to determine who was speaking.

Nicole: Okay, so no one's wishing to speak.

MINUTES: Minutes of Jan 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting recorded.

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** Open use funds for Shannon Street line replacement.

a. **Brownies lot Faulkner spec sheet** (2023-2024)

b) **Burri Building HVAC & upgrades \$71k**-Open use for Shannon Street.

Nicole: Old business is just the grants. We decided last month that the two grants that are still open that we're leaving those funds there in case we get the grant for Shannon Street we will have to match those funds so we're saving that money for that purpose and so we had funds for a new well and then we have the Burri building HVAC. Two years ago when we started all this, we did get a quote from Faulkner's for doing a well over there. And how much was that?

Dawn: It was a minimum quote of \$43,000. I think this is preliminary items that would need to occur before a well can be put in, this is provided by Faulkner.

Nicole: They said a lot of the problem that we're going to have is because it is drinking water in the town, it is going to be a lot of DHEC paperwork that we're going to have to file. They just said, be prepared. It could be a lot more than that, depending on what DHEC's going to require when they come in, when we do get that far. It's not as easy as just dig a well and go with it since it's drinking water for a community.

Dawn: I can pass this around and you can see what those broken-down numbers are. I think it's on page three.

Nicole: This is from two years ago, but that's just a guesstimate of what it was two years ago.

Margarette: Do we have plans to reach out to them now?

Nicole: We've already reached out to them, but as we said, there's no sense of them doing it right now because we're going to hold off because we need to get the funds, use the funds for over there. But she said they would come out and do us another quote if we wanted them to. But the biggest thing is filing all the pre-work with DHEC.

Oliver: Ours was like \$30,000.

c)Margarette Update-Shannon Street grant.

Margarette: I talked to Elizabeth Morgan yet again today. She's throwing out a couple of other options for us, but still thinks the RIA grant is probably the best way for us to go. I have to thank Dawn and Tina, they did the vitality report that's needed for the grant. We didn't score very high on the report, and I don't know if that hurts our chances, but I think part of it's because we're such a small town and small numbers on our waters system. But she was aware of that ahead of time, but she also said she thinks that our quote for that construction was on the low side, and she's tried to reach out to Matt and Adam to update that, and she thinks it should be higher, and that does not hurt us getting more money, because the grant money is going to be given to us, so we need to be on the high end. So we're looking at that, we finished the report, and she says we're chugging right along, and it's due next month, but is still up in the air whether we actually get the money and we also will probably still need some more promise money from Dennis Moss because I don't think we have enough to cover it.

Nicole: I also reached out to Ralph Norman and same thing now that they're back in session we can start, they can start talking to us about stuff like that.

Dawn: The viability score when Marguerite and I worked on it was 59%, but we did try hard based on the information that we had and the way we were deciphering it. But when Tina went back in and plugged in the proper information, it lowered it to 53%. But I can pass this around as well, and you could see the areas kind of in the middle where we were eligible to score some points but fell short.

Margarette: We failed. We are trying.

3. **Harmon Park New Bathrooms-**
4. **Town Maint-**
 - a. **Sidewalk Woodlawn Complete-partial on hold. Restart Spring**
 - b. **Pump Station Maintenance- McCall Brothers-open**
 - c. **Water Tank Maint- Southern Corrosion. Inspection open**
5. **Comporium Grant-Wifi Community Center.** Wifi installed started 2026- 1 yr free
6. **Town Retaining wall-**protects Septic line for Town businesses.
7. **Alysen Woodruff from York County.** Churches or residents interested in a Spring Litter Cleanup. **Select a date.** Recruit volunteers. Office 803-628-3245 (Alysen)
8. **New Water billing System-**Residents can pay by credit/debit card. Customer email address must be in system to process online card payments. Drafts process normal.

Nicole: The new water billing system started this month. Everybody's got your new bill. Does anyone have any questions about that. If you want to pay by credit card, we would need to have your email address in the system prior to you attempting to pay online.

Unknown speaker: I don't believe we have received our water bill.

Dawn: If you're going to stay until the end of the meeting, I'll be glad to check it. The paper that the bills are printed on is different than the paper that has been used in the past. It may not be feeding through the machines at the post office, but we have had other people say the same thing. People are using it, people have called in giving us their email addresses. I've probably got six today calling in to give us their e-mail address, and then we have to go in and check a place indicating they can pay online. No one seems bothered by the \$3 extra fee that's being collected. Also, a reminder that that \$3 doesn't come to the town, it's for the use of the system.

Nicole: And that's just for the credit card payment? If you have a draft, nothings changed right?

9. **Renaming of Bell Avenue (state Rd 41)-** Honor of Herschel Brown, Sr. Install 02/10

Nicole: Renaming of Bell Avenue in honor of Herschel Brown Sr. was installed today or is it going to be installed?

Nicole: Will the new sign be installed tomorrow?

Brownie: Yes, tomorrow.

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

Nicole: The recognition marker at Warmouth Avenue for the water tank, we're trying to figure out the best way to put that up. That has not been done.

Brownie: Kenny Meek can probably do it. I'll get you a phone number.

11. Restrooms Harmon Harris Park- Event use only - Update outside trim, insulate and seal.

Nicole: We have a couple of quotes for the restrooms at Harmon Harris Park for doing the trim work outside and to insulate the area.

Dawn: Benfield Roofing submitted a quote in the amount of \$2,700, but he could not start the work until April the 19th. I'm not sure how this one came to pass, but Adam Robinson submitted a quote, he gave us a materials list that we would purchase. And then he submitted a labor cost of \$1500. And those are the only ones that I have to date. Benfield did suggest someone else for us to call. I spoke to that gentleman, and he said that it was too small of a job for him, but he thought that he could farm it out. But I've yet to hear back from them.

Nicole: So, we don't have a third one?

Scott: I talked to McNeely; he just didn't drop it off. He gave me a quote, \$4,600. It was close to what Oliver's first quote was.

Dawn: We did decide that we're only opening those bathrooms for events.

Nicole: Right, it's just easier to leave the porta-john out there because they come and clean it every week and it saves the town from having to do all that. They are not ready yet right now anyway.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Citizens CD maturity date Jan 25th 2026 Auto renewal rate 3.68%

Nicole: New business. Our first citizen CD maturity matured this month, January, and the renewal rate moved up to 3.68%. So, it was an auto renewal, so we didn't need to go sign anything.

Dawn: The next maturity date is, which I'm not sure what that means. It's June 26th, 2026, so I don't know. Is that the next time you need to something?

Nicole: It's a six-month maturity, we did that last year.

Dawn: Jay, what's the amount on that CD if you want to share with everyone the amount?

Jay: \$28,418, it looks like it's 181-day plan.

2. York County Intergovernmental Park Agreement Small Towns

The contract is simple: (notes from County Manager)

- a. Sign and will start the process to quickly turn around the \$10K for operations and maintenance.
- b. On the capital (i.e. \$15,000 per year), you can do a "wait and hold" if you wanted to roll some of the money over for a bigger project (say you have a \$25,000 project that you won't start until after July of next year). The cap would be \$45,000 over three years under the current agreement.
- c. We could advance you some capital funds for a listed eligible project, and then we would ask that you send us documentation of the expenses.
- d. You may choose to spend first and ask for reimbursement with proper documentation.

Nicole: This is where we normally get our park funding from York County. They changed their process. It's on your agenda so you can look at that. We need to sign and start the process. If we go ahead and go ahead and sign the paperwork, they'll go ahead and give us our money for the 10K for operations and maintenance. Operations and maintenance, \$10,000 is what we normally use to cut the grass and any kind of upfit that we need to do over there. They've changed it. So now we get, instead of just getting the \$10,000 a year, we get the \$10,000 for operations and maintenance, but we also have ability to get \$15,000 per year, which is for capital only. So, any kind of projects that we need to do over there is related to capital, like what we just did for the lights and anything for the ball field, replacing roofs, that would be considered capital, and we can apply for the \$15,000 for that. But we must request it and we must tell them exactly what we're using it for them and then they'll have to approve it. So, if the money has changed because we usually only get \$10,000 a year so now we're getting \$25,000. \$10,000 which is for maintenance and then \$15,000 which is going to be used for capital projects.

Dawn: Just for note, Nicole signed in December of 25. That has been emailed to them, and they have indicated that we'll come by to pick up the original, but we're waiting on them to do that. In my mind, they're not going to stroke a check until they pick up the original.

Nicole: That's the only thing they're going to release right now is the \$10,000. But this is on here if you have any questions. There is other line items and stuff that they talk about that they could advance us some funds, and we can choose different how we want to get the reimbursements and all that.

3. Meeting at Community Center to discuss work that needs to be done. See list

Nicole: So we had a meeting at the community center to talk about the items that need to be done down there. We went down there as a council and looked at everything. There's a lot of old carpet, just tiles that's being broken up over the years. We've looked at carpet, cutting new carpet down, covering up those old tiles with that carpet that was there previously, making sure that that's glued down. It's just a whole list of different items that's needs to be taken care of. There's an old refrigerator and stove and stuff in there that we need to see if maybe someone like a collector may be interested in. Those things are worth money to the right people it's just it's not anything that the town needs because it would cost us too much to repair it. We might have to put that online or something to see if people would want to buy it instead of just tossing it. But if anybody wants this list of things that we need to do down there.

Scott: We are going to start on that tomorrow afternoon, just to let everybody know.

Nicole: Okay, and then also we're signing a lease with AI and we're going to backdate that till January. We're just waiting for him to get here so we can get that done. Anybody, any comments on the stuff that we talked about at the community center?

Rebecca: Is AI still staying in the same place as he is or is he getting a bigger room?

Nicole: He's staying in that same room and if you go in there you know he's not going to move anything.

Dawn: Mr. Kenny is interested in getting another room.

Margarette: But he is not interested in paying an extra \$300 to rent it.

Dawn: Is there a room that's bigger than what he has now?

Nicole: They're all the same. It's just some rooms looks bigger. Like Nikki's room looks bigger because there's no inside walls. It's just open.

Dawn: And then he would lose access to the building that he also rents for \$50, correct?

Nicole: Unless he still paid that \$50 to keep the building.

Scott: I talked to him for 30 minutes today, he still wants Nikki's room. He says just for a few months.

Nicole: I think we need to work with him to help him get some of his stuff sold instead of trying to move it to another room.

Rebecca: I mean, we probably could do something to help them out, let people know and have them go in there and, I don't know, put it online or something.

Nicole: I took some pictures of his stuff, a lot of people that collect items. It's just getting the information out there.

4. Pratt Street-Sale Purchase of Hefner Lot request from Brice Cox.

Nicole: Pratt Street, you want to go address this?

Dawn: I think a couple of you were in the office when Ruby King came in. She is a family member of the Ida Hefner property. Della oversaw things, but now Ruby King is. But Ruby was trying to reach Brice because they wanted to sell that to him. So, he called a day or two ago and he wants to know if he can put two residences on that property. It says deeded five acres, GIS says 4.8 acres. We did find paperwork, that in 2009, there was a structure other than the mobile home that sat at the front of the property. It was addressed 3010 as shown on GIS. I don't know what type of structure it was, but it was rented by Michael Wheeler. Brice would like to have two structures there.

Margarette: It meets the requirements of the road frontage.

Nicole: Yes, it meets the 100 foot of road frontage and the one acre lot.

Margarette: Both meet that?

Brownie: There is 114 feet of road frontage give or take a foot or two and then it's almost like an easement to the back part of the property

Jay: What's currently on there?

Brownie: There is a house on one of them.

Dawn: No, I don't think there's anything there.

Scott: They took the trailer off.

Dawn: Ruby indicates that there are two septic tanks and two meters on the property, but there are no structures there.

Jay: This is nothing but my opinion, but I think when structures leave, there's not anybody living there, the clock kind of starts over as far as the grandfathering is concerned. So that would put it back to one residence. But you need to get the town attorney's opinion on this to keep the town safe.

Nicole: I know it specifies it must be 100 feet of road frontage and there is a special clause about if it was pre-existing, but like you said, what's pre-existing 15 years ago, 20 years ago, because we went through that up here with this property here. Yeah, there was a building there, but that was over 20 years ago when that building was there. This property right here that Roddey wanted to build on. We just need to verify with Mac Brice.

Jay: I agree, let's see what Yes Mac's got to say about it.

Nicole: So even though it's got the septic tank on it we know it can currently have one then we'll need to investigate about two.

Dawn: Well, he's probably going to ask about ordinance, so maybe we can provide the ordinance that applies to it at the same time.

Jay: Mac's usually always prompt answering me.

Nicole: Okay, anybody got any concerns? No? Okay.

5. Events: Save the Date

- a. **Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market**– Will resume in the Spring.
- b. **Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist** -Fri-Feb 20th 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment.
- c. **Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB!)**- start yard of the month in Spring

Nicole: Probably more March, April timeframe. So make sure your yards look really pretty.

We are having a lot of issues with the people cutting their trees down, pulling in their yards and making ruts in people's yards, but that's Duke, that's not town stuff.

- d. **Christmas Decorations**- 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: Christmas decorations. We've got more pamphlets and the best time to look at more Christmas decorations is now because they are on sale. We only ordered a couple when we started just to see what each vendor was like and if we liked them or not. So, we're going to start looking at the brochures as they come in and then we'll have another meeting for us to go through them and see which ones we want to use or which ones we want to order. Because like I said, they are half price.

Margarette: Yes, need to catch that sale that we caught last time.

Brownie: Oliver, how were they putting them up?

Oliver: It's a band that goes around the pole.

Brownie: So, they're easy to put up, and sturdy?

Oliver: Seem to be. If it looks like something's going bad, you can just replace it easily too. They are lighter to handle.

Dawn: We do have a couple other things; the community center is being rented out this Sunday for a celebration of life. They have Nicole and Brownie's numbers, but I'll touch base with her to get more specifics. Are either of you going to be around on Sunday?

Brownie: I hope I'm still here.

Dawn: St. John's Baptist originally wanted to use the community center in March for a Chinese auction but they're changing their date till April and then we already have someone who has paid to use it in October for a wedding reception, so it is being used. I really like to hear that people are already calling about park shelter rentals too.

I also wanted to let you know that for February rent we've received from Kenny Jones, Betty Chasen, and Piedmont has paid. Typically, the 10th, that's the cutoff date. We haven't received Brimer's or Kim's rent yet. And then we also have a lady that's been paying on a water line for a mobile home at 2925 Shannon Street, Annette Mulcahy is her name, and she has a balance of \$200. She's been making monthly payments. She has a lawsuit with the mobile home people because something happened to the mobile home when it was being moved.

Nicole: What's the address?

Dawn: 2925 Shannon Street, it's on the right-hand side.

Rebecca: Is that the one that's been sitting there forever?

Nicole: There was damage, and then also the person that was going to do everything for her passed away, so nothing's been done except the trailer being delivered.

Dawn: Also, hospitality tax has been paid on time for the Local market and Winn Express. I've reached out to Sharon Grill, and he apologized and said he'll have it turned in tomorrow. Scoops have not been open, so there hasn't been any income. So therefore, there is no hospitality tax.

Jay: Back to the homeowner on Shannon Street. Is that past the church?

Brownie: You go past the tater house, and it's that trailer that's been sitting over there to the right.

Jay: I haven't been down there, so those people, they're still living on that property somewhere.

Brownie: They're living in the tater house.

Margarette: Is Kim coming back?

Nicole: Next month, end of the month. She's going to start back in March. She's homeschooling her son, so she wanted to spend a whole month, since the weather was bad or not, just getting him acclimated to homeschooling and stuff. So, she just took a month off, but she will be back in March.

Dawn: I don't know what prompted this, but Scott came in the office and before he left, he and Tina composed a letter to Tommy Atkins in regard to electric lines and poles throughout town. Basically, the town of Sharon has reached out to Duke Energy in reference to having the old existing poles and lines moved throughout the town. Is Tommy working on that or is Duke?

Scott: Me and Tommy both are working on that right now.

Nicole: Well, the other issue was the lines, the poles that are AT&T's. We are having a hard time getting an AT&T contact to call us back.

Scott: Well, the guy told us from AT&T yesterday that there's still Bell South stuff here. There's over eight lines in front of town hall right here on the bottom of nothing but internet stuff.

Brownie: Comporium' s putting in the new line down Woodlawn St.

Scott: Well, they're ripping the old one out. They're doing a good job. I've watched them, they've fixed a lot of the lines that really don't belong with them at all.

Dawn: We have received an invoice for our interim billing of our audit for 24/25 and the amount is \$4,000. I guess we'll need y'all's approval to pay that. And that's the audit that is sent to the Brittingham Group.

Dawn: Last week a gentleman came in, Brandon Abernathy he's with South Carolina Rural Water Association. This is a federal organization we are a member of, the South Carolina Rural Water Association and it seems that there's lots of services they provide that we could probably really benefit from. One that sticks out mostly to me in bold letters is free GIS mapping services available when criteria and population requirements are met. Mr. Abernathy indicated that as a small town they could probably help us with quite a few things.

Brownie: Helping us get that well going might be a positive thing.

Dawn: Margaret has reached out to him also because they do assist with grants as well. He said their services are ideal for systems like Sharon. We have under 300 taps, and they have limited hands-on technical assistance, operator training-- we don't need any of that-- reduced fees. They are a partnership with DHEC.

Margarette: What prompted him to come by, do you know?

Dawn: They do that periodically, just touching base with people in their areas.

Nicole: They go to the meeting we go to. They all have areas, but you have a representative that they come by, but a lot of times when they come by, we're not here. They usually come at least once a year to check in with us. This could be for 2026 for their yearly check-in.

Dawn: He did emphasize several times that they are employed by the federal government, so they want to help us.

Margarette: I called him. He did not call me back. So, I don't know how much he wants to help me. I'll try again.

Nicole: Just e-mail it so we can have that contact so we can save it in our phone.

Dawn: One more. In the past, we have donated to the Sharon Volunteer Fire Department and it's for an incentive program of \$1,500. It is an incentive for members that participate in functions other than fire calls. These funds are divided by those members that participate in such events, fundraisers, and

meetings. There is a point system and a document on each member that is kept and the funds will be divided up based on the number of qualifying events.

Nicole: We do this every year.

Oliver: We didn't do it last year. We did it the year before last, but we didn't do it last year.

Nicole: Anybody have any questions? Y'all want to do this? Do we need to talk about it?

Brownie: So, does the town donate \$1500 to the fire department?

Margarette: And why did we not do it last year? Do we know?

Oliver: To be honest, I think we just dropped the ball.

Nicole: Does somebody want to make a motion?

Margarette: I make a motion that we donate \$1,500.

Rebecca: I second it.

Nicole: All in favor? Aye. All right, please donate \$1,500 to the fire department.

Dawn: That completes all that I have.

Jay: Are we going to vote on that audit or are we just going to do it?

Margarette: Well, that's part of our budget, isn't it?

Nicole: Well, that is, that's who we use, that's our vendor. So that's a bill that we must pay for them. But yeah, it's over \$4,000.

Brownie: Over a thousand, so we should vote on it.

Dawn: So go ahead and vote on it. All right, so what do you say about this \$4,000?

Brownie: I move that we pay that amount to the Brittingham Group for our yearly audit.

Jay: I'll second.

Dawn: And if you'll recall, we had a choice, and I'm not going to be able to tell you the exact verbiage. We could do one process or another, and we opted to go the more thorough audit rather than the summary audit. And therefore, we're paying for that. So, Brownlee made the motion. I'm sorry, Jay, you second? Thank you.

Nicole: Yeah, we didn't want the short and sweet audit. We wanted the full audit.

Margarette: All in favor, aye.

Nicole: Okay.

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

1. **Ballfield**: New season starts. Coaches need practice schedule. Lights connected?

Nicole: Reports and committees. Ball field, Scott's already give us heads up on that. The only other thing that I know on the ball field is that they are ready to start practicing. And unfortunately, they do not schedule their own practices. That is up to us to schedule their practices. So, we must write out a schedule for them to practice. And then I think last year we also made the schedule for the games too. But they tell us when they're going to have it, but we would make a schedule of it so we would have it.

Scott: They'll give me the schedule and I do practices. They call me and I'll tell them when they can use the field. We have two big kids' team and one small kids' team. The small kids team only uses the other field and the big kids are going to use the big field. They just call every week and I write it down.

Dawn: Is Emily going to do the concessions again?

Scott: Yes, Emily's going to do the concession again.

Nicole: When's she going to start doing concessions?

Scott: She is going to start the night of the first game, Wednesday March 16th.

Dawn: Just so y'all know, in the past the town had employees Tina and I worked at the concession stand. Tina did have a mom of a ball player that was running the concessions, but now her children have moved on to high school ball and that sort of thing. So, Tina and I started doing it and then it became very difficult with our daytime schedules to then work until nine o'clock as well, sometimes 10 depending on how long the game went. So, Emily, I can't recall her last name, she has a popcorn business. We approached her about doing it. She does concessions and then she pays us 1% of her sales. And that way she's able to provide concessions to the players and their families. And then the other, she also maintains the license for DHEC.

Nicole: And we don't supply food in anything she does.

Dawn: No, we don't buy anything she does.

Brownie: I think we should negotiate a higher percentage. I'm not kidding.

Jay: That's a dollar on \$100.

Dawn: Well, I think we should do the same thing, but for hospitality, but I don't know how that works.

Brownie: Is she paying us hospitality tax?

Dawn: That's what I've collected from her. So, if we increase her, we need to look into increasing across the board. It is only collected for prepared foods. So I can tell you the local market they paid \$99.84.

Margarette: So everybody's hospitality is the same?

Dawn: Its only on prepared food. Winn Express was \$104.39 for December. So we're not getting rich from hospitality tax. I mean, Sharon Grill by far is the bigger ticket for that.

Brownie: I thought it used to be 2%.

Jay: Me too.

Oliver: To give you some of the history that I remember, it could have been 2%. That's what they charge in the county, if my memory is right. But the town opted to do 1%. They had a choice to do 2% or but they opted to do the 1%. And my understanding is I don't think you can go back and change it.

Brownie: We always paid 2%.

Oliver: I remember something went on at the table one night and I remember them talking. The county said either 1% or 2%. It was a long time ago.

Nicole: You can call somebody and ask them about that.

2. Community Center and Annex: Advertise Key Shop & Ken's Warehouse Collection, Local Shops & vendor sales in newsletter.

Nicole: We've talked about the lease for AI; we are going to try to help Mr. Kenny sell some of his stuff. I went down there and took some pictures. So I'm not sure. You can put it in the newsletter.

Dawn: I haven't been doing newsletter. I really, in all truthfulness, have not had time for a newsletter.

Nicole: We don't do Facebook either.

Dawn: We have a webpage, but I don't think we could truthfully advertise on our webpage for businesses.

Nicole: Maybe we can get out, help him get some signs out there or word of mouth or something.

Rebecca: Maybe we can help him print flyers, we can put them in some of the stores too. I mean, a bunch of people always drop them off at my store. So, I mean, if we do something like that or put them in the post office.

Nicole: I can check with Mr. Kenny and see what he wants to do. Because he's got a lot of cool items and stuff down there. He's just not tech savvy. Maybe we could get somebody to sit down with him and help him figure out how to set up a Facebook page or a web page or something.

Jay: Has he reached out to us to help or help?

Nicole: No.

Jay: Does he want help?

Margarette: Yes, he did say that when we were down there several times. Yes, he said please advertise.

Dawn: I am showing the community center to the lady tomorrow. She has a cleaning business. Her name is Glenda McLean. She has a cleaning business and she's thinking about starting a catering business, so I'm going to show her the rooms tomorrow.

Nicole: Good. And she's also going to give us a quote for maybe starting to clean our facilities. We used to have a cleaner that would clean the bathrooms, at the ball field and at the community center. We stopped doing that because we were paying a lot of money to do it, and we could do it more easily. But with everything we got going on, it's just got to be too much to clean. We're going to at least get a quote to maybe see what she would charge. The only time it is when there's an event, which now people usually, they're pretty good about cleaning up. But we're going to let her give us a quote while she's here. And then we can go from there and decide if we want to farm that out or keep it in-house.

Margarette: What's the latest on the exercise class?

Dawn: Mac Brice did approve the waiver, the waiver that we sent him was very generic. He thought it looked good, so I guess it will be up to us to move forward.

Nicole: The only thing about that is, like we have a lot of people that want to do it. We would probably need some equipment or a TV or something to put it up on the screen so they can see it or a projector.

Brownie: What are we projecting?

Margarette: Exercise video, Jane Fonda.

Nicole: There are a lot of things out on the webpage now where you can just do a sitting exercise class and it's on the screen.

Brownie: That would be a smart TV would be the easiest way to do it.

Nicole: Yeah, just put it up on the wall and that way you can do different programs, and you don't have to pay an instructor. I did call the YMCA to see if they would be interested in using our facility for some Y classes or if they had an instructor that would come out here for us but they're not very good at calling you back.

I've told three different managers that I need to talk to someone about this and leave messages and call them back several times and nobody calls me back. We have about 20 people that signed up for it. It's more just to get some of our seniors out where they're socializing and get out of their house and can-do physical activity.

Rather than having an instructor its just as easy to have a screen set up where everyone can see it. We are thinking chair yoga.

Margarette: Do we have access to a smart TV?

Nicole: We did have one here, but it's a small tv. Sometimes you can get some of those on sale for maybe \$800 to \$1,000.

Rebecca: They're like \$400 now.

Dawn: Monday's President's Day sale.

Nicole: I would say get the biggest tv you can get under \$1000. We would need brackets to hang in on the wall.

Dawn: Do you all approve of the purchase of a big screen TV? Do you want me to shop?

All: Shop and get us the best deal.

Unknown speaker: A 50 inch at Walmart is \$359.

Rebecca: I think you need a 70 inch or the largest one, especially if they're going to be sitting and they're older, you need to be able to see the screen.

Dawn: I'll get some prices together and email everyone.

Nicole: Can we just make a motion to buy a tv under \$1000?

Rebecca: I motion it.

Margarette: I second. All in favor.

Nicole: What do y'all think?

Dawn: So, did we do all in favor?

Nicole: No, we did not, we're still in discussion.

Jay: Why not let Dawn shop around and send us an e-mail?

Brownie: Yeah, I think that's a better way to get it. What room is the exercise room going to be?

Dawn: Either the red room on the front, and there's a bathroom in there. Or we can do it in the main hall. All right, I'll be in touch with you tomorrow about some proposals.

Oliver: You still got your motion on the floor.

Rebecca: I mean we're going to get the TV regardless.

Margarette: We don't have to vote on things that are \$1,000 or less anyway, do we?

Jay: You can rescind the motion and that will wipe it off the table.

Margarette: We're just saying if it's \$1,000 or less, we don't have to vote on it anyway.

Rebecca: And if we can even get the brackets with it too for under \$1,000, we know we're going to get the TV, so we might as well just say we're going to get the TV.

Brownie: Okay, let's get the TV. Sure, go for it. I'm fine with that.

Nicole: Okay, so are we done with that? All in favor?

All: Aye.

Brownie: Reluctantly. But aye.

Jay: Aye.

Nicole: We have all ayes, motion passed.

3. Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle) update

Oliver: We are very fortunate we didn't have but one call during all that ice and snow, so we're very thankful for that. Just a little bit of tidbit of info is we're going to host a Pinewood Derby for the Cub Scouts March the 7th, so just making y'all aware of it. We are also working to try to have a fish fry set up but haven't got the date yet on it for maybe the end of March. Just making you aware. Other than that, everything is quiet.

Dawn: Are the cub scouts doing, ok? You told us recently they were having some hardships.

Oliver: The cub scouts are doing ok.

Nicole: Well, it's the same thing as the ball field. We got a call that the fees have gone up so high for them that they wanted us as a town to donate and buy uniforms for the kids. And I'm like, no, that's a lot. Most people raise funds on their own to do things like that. I mean, I think that societies just changed a little bit. Everybody's sitting there with their hands out instead of going out raising money. The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts are about the only ones that go out there to raise money for anything now. So, we said no, that we're not going to buy their uniforms for them.

4. Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown) Community Center February 15th Celebration of Life.

Nicole: We do have a Celebration of Life that's going to be on February the 15th down there. Brownie and I are on call to open the door and lock it up.

5. Parks: (Jay Gourley)- Request for additional swings. Mommy & Me.

Nicole: There's nothing going on with the parks right now. Anybody got any concerns about the parks? Questions?

Scott: Did we vote at that last meeting about painting the equipment? I thought we brought that up.

Nicole: It has been a while since it has been painted. I mean, that would be more of a summer project.

6. Scout Hut, Concession Stand (see Parks): check schedule with vendors

7. Streets: (Margaret Parrish): Pratt Street-Speed pumps-paint

Nicole: We talked about this last month about Pratt Street and the speed bumps. What we can do, what we can't do. I think we should just paint it and be done with it. Paint them white, it don't have to be yellow.

Scott: I've got yellow from the state, so I can paint it yellow.

Nicole: If we've already got it, just paint them and be done with it, and if they come back and say, Hey, we don't like this, then they'll have to pay to tear them up, because we... I don't see where we need to take the time and effort to go in there and take up speed bumps that somebody else put down years ago.

Oliver: I don't think the state adopted it. There used to be a sign right there that says end state maintenance at the bottom of the hill. So, I don't think that the state even has anything to do with the rest of that.

Dawn: They called us, because I reached out to them about more speed limit signs and asked them to paint the speed bumps. I did all that via their webpage. And then they called me and said, "hey, we don't think you need any more speed limit signs and who put in those speed bumps?" And then he asked if we had the proper documentation for it and that they do not meet standards and are we going to bring them up to standard or are we going to pull them up? So, I think we decided that we were just going to let it ride in hopes that we didn't hear back from them. Midge Chambers did bring up that the speed bumps are beneficial.

Margarette: Speaking of speed limit signs, that one got hit during the snowstorm. I don't know if y'all notice, it's been the 15 mile per hour right at the end of Barnett Road. I witnessed the accident when it got run over. It's been laying in the road.

Scott: They are going to move our stop signs back up to where it used to be. They came and replaced the one out here at the intersection. Somebody took it out during the ice storm.

Dawn: And they've been replacing mailboxes knocked down around town.

Mr. Bankhead: There's one or two they have not been replaced; someone was tying it with bungee cord.

Nicole: Scott, can you go get the address off that house and make sure that they get replaced?

Scott: There is a phone number you are supposed to call.

Mrs. Bankhead: We have got a new mailbox, and we get our mail at the post office

8. Sidewalks: repairs on Woodlawn

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)

Nicole: Brownie, do you have any reports from Matt on Water?

Brownie: I haven't heard anything other than Matt is concerned that the impellers on the Ramsey pump and the Grant well are going to have to be replaced. It's getting to where it doesn't pump as much as it used to based upon the records that he keeps. It's not pumping as much. He said they're still fine for right now, but we ought to put it in our to-do list to maybe replace one of them. We'll have to pull the pump to do it.

Nicole: Well, he needs to get some information to give us so we can get a quote for it.

Oliver: Did you ever find the water leak or whatever it was he was concerned about?

Brownie: Not that I know of. He thinks it is pretty much somebody that had a leak and discovered it the next morning. You know, like a frozen pipe situation where a pipe bursts. They didn't know about it until the next day and then they turned the water off themselves.

Don Kropp: Has he got the water pressure down? My pressure is low.

Brownie: Does it seem to be low for you; there might still be a leak somewhere then.

Dawn: Don what is your address?

Don Kropp: 1721 Dr. Saye Ln.

Nicole: See if anybody else is having any problems, we are not on Rainey Av.

Dawn: We did get a call a couple of days ago, and this is not at your end of town, somebody was getting water from a hydrant in front of Woodlawn Acres, in front of Middleton's house. I sent Matt a description of the truck and somebody went down there but anyway we still have people taking our water.

Oliver: I called one day because the people that's doing the boring down 49 I saw them getting water out of the hydrant, JS Trencho Company.

Dawn: We do make notes of that like in our water reports and waterlogs, water loss reports.

Nicole: So, if anybody sees anybody stealing water, send us an e-mail or call town hall and let us know. Okay, anybody got anything else?

Doris Thomas: I want us to start thinking about some storm shelters. We've got storms and I almost had company this time if power went out. But we need some kind of shelter.

Nicole: We did ask about that and about using the community center for that, and we were told that we could not do that. We could not have a facility for use as a storm shelter.

Dawn: York County approves shelters, but there's no generator. There's no alternate power source at the community center. If everyone was relocated there, went there, and we lost power there, there's no alternate power source.

Doris Thomas: Well, is there anything in York-- where you can send somebody?

Dawn: The City of York opened a shelter. They do not provide transportation unless you're handicapped. Typically, they do not have the personnel to transport.

Unknown Speaker: Well, what about back 10, 18 years ago? We were without power for four or five days here in the town of Sharon, and it was in the wintertime. York Street had power. What do you do on occasion like that when you've got numerous homes that don't have any kind of generator to keep power on? Like Doris is saying, I don't know where you would go or what you would do to talk to York

County, but there should be somewhere here in the town of Sharon that something could be set up for an occasion like that.

Nicole: Yeah, and we asked, because we wanted to do that at the community center, because I had checked in some prices that have us a generator down there. And they said no that they frowned heavily upon us doing that, that they have shelters in York.

Mrs. Bankhead: This is Western York County that they're not concerned about.

Dawn: The thing about shelters is you must have somebody to work at the shelter. You must have somebody there to supervise. If you have a pet, you're going to want to bring your pet. If you're disabled, we must have the ability to maybe hook you up to oxygen. There are certain criteria for a shelter to be opened and currently we do not meet those criteria. Oliver, do you have any input on shelters?

Oliver: Well, my first thought is, emergency management controls all that. You know, and it'd be very difficult as it is right now without spending a bunch of money to even consider having a shelter in town. But that would be something you might go through emergency management. You would really have to put some pressure somewhere to even consider it. And then you must weigh out what you're willing to spend.

Nicole: Those Generac generators that I looked at are anywhere from \$15,000 to, \$20,000.

Dawn: Then you would have to have food, snacks, water, that sort of thing as well.

Don Kropp: Yeah, a couple safety things I've seen in town. A pile of junk behind the community center, kids were all down there trying to sled on the hill in the snow. We got all that concrete sitting back down there. If somebody climbs that pile and gets hurt. They're going to sue the town.

Nicole: Well, this is the thing, the gate's going to be locked because they're not allowed to be out there. If they get if get hurt going down that hill, who are they going to sue? It's going to start being closed. Well, we are getting that stuff out. That was just temporary while we were doing the sidewalks.

Don Kropp: It's an accident looking to happen. Yes, we have a collapsed house here right there on Woodlawn. I've seen people there. You're going to have somebody in there hurt. Then get the fire department come in and risk their life to help save them.

Nicole: We've already checked into that with the fire department. They are not allowed to burn it.

Don Kropp: I'm not talking burning, I'm talking get it tore down. If I had that on my property, you'd be down in a heartbeat to have you take it down.

Nicole: We have reached out to him. We have reached out to the owners.

Don Kropp: It needs to come down. Someone's got to get in there, you know, we got homeless people around that could go in and start a fire.

Unknown Speaker: There was a man wandering around Woodlawn Street here several weeks ago. getting on people's porches and now this is what I was told, I don't know, but the police were called and he was picked up and taken to a homeless shelter.

Rebecca: He's gone now.

Unknown Speaker: But you never know when someone else is going to come along.

Nicole: I'm confused. You're wanting us to handle homeless people or are you wanting us to tear down buildings?

Unknown Speaker: Neither one. I'm just telling you that a homeless person could get in there like Don was saying and build a fire in that collapsed building.

Don Kropp: It needs to be taken care of now.

Scott: The door is standing wide open it needs to be shut and nailed shut.

Brownie: It needs to be torn down. It belongs to Darren Chambers.

Don Kropp: If this was the City of York or the city of Rock Hill, and you had an abandoned structure like that, they would be all over you to take it down.

Nicole: We have contacted Darren and asked him to do it, but he has not done it. And we don't have an ordinance. We can check in the ordinances and see if there's something we can do.

Don Kropp: What about the county? The county's gotta have an ordinance. And we have to follow part of the county ordinance.

Nicole: Dawn, will you check into that? See if the county will come out, because we can't control him. I mean, tell him we're going to charge him \$50 or \$100. He doesn't care. He doesn't. We've already gone along that route with him. We're going to contact the county and see if the county can do something to help us out here. We've already went to the magistrate to try to get all these ordinances passed and to find people and to get help with all this. And we no longer have a magistrate out here.

Don Kropp: Again, we have a Western York County Executive, put some pressure on him.

Brownie: Tommy Adkins.

Don Kropp: You always need to remember you know there's certain people and they always they always have someone above them that can put pressure on you got to work on all this.

Mr. Bankhead: You said that Comporium is doing all this wire work here in town and I noticed them putting up some blue boxes or green boxes. Something right beside the telephone post. What is that? This was not Comporium trucks that I saw.

Brownie: It's something to do with the internet. They have subcontractors.

Nicole: They haven't reached out to us about anything that they're doing. Duke has not contacted us about what they're doing, nor has Comporium.

Margarette: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Rebecca: I second.

Nicole: All in favor.

All: Aye.

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 Mar 9th, 2026, at 7:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarette Parrish Second: Rebecca Rees Time: 8:25pm