

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock

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MINUTES OPEN WORK SESSION February 27, 2023

6:00 PM Call to Order by Mayor Cephas

Pledge/Prayer by Rev. Dickerson

Roll Call, present: Councilmembers; E. Murphy, R. Murphy, Orr, Franz, Higgins and Mayor Cephas, Manager Avery

Agenda – Motion to Approve R. Murphy, second Higgins, vote 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Mayor Cephas introduced Dr. Jordan Burnette to present him with recognition for the work he has done for his patients of Federalsburg and North Dorchester. The Mayor hopes that some day he can bring his practice to Hurlock. Dr. Burnette said he appreciates all the kind words. He started his practice 3 years ago. E. Murphy praised him for his help, he is in much better health now.

Chief R. J. Helmer presented an award to the town to acknowledge all the support the town has given the fire department. The award is a corrected version of the one that presented at their awards banquet. President Brian Tolley thanked the town as well.

Mayor Cephas explained the need for posting authorized personnel only and no video taping in town buildings. There are those who wish to profit from others vulnerability. It is best to be proactive and place signs now. Avery said he has already gotten the signs and they will be posted.

Avery explained he got the constant tax yield rate from the state for FY 2024. He said we will not be exempt for that year and recommends accepting the states proposed tax rate.

E. Murphy spoke on sidewalk projects in town, he would like to consider sidewalks along Rt 331 from Woodsedge into downtown. He received a complaint about a resident that thought people should not park on the street in front of the dentist's office. Avery said it is a public street and people can park on the street as long as they are not on others property. Avery will address the

issue with Chief Jones and talk to the dentist office.

E. Murphy questioned the replanting of the Wheatly Tree and about shrubs in the memorial park. He said he would the town signs to be lit. Franz asked if he had talked any more with Jenny Budd, he said he had not.

R. Murphy talked about amending the council pay ordinance. He said he saw no response from any of the council members on the email attorney Merriken sent the council. He does not agree with consecutive terms. R. Murphy said the terms should be worked out before going to the attorney. Cephas said if he had a vote he would vote to change it, it is unfair. Avery said he would draft an idea and send it out to the council.

Adjourn 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mayor Cephas:



John Avery
Town Manager

Councilmembers:

