

Town Council Meeting – Work Session
Location – 50 Broad Street, Campobello, SC 29322
June 2, 2022
Minutes

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 6:31 p.m. Council Members present were Alician Sprouse, Wade Peeler, Aaron Ash and Reitha Stevenson. Also in attendance was Fire Chief, Brandon McNeill. Police Chief Chad McNeill was absent.

2. ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Council Member Peeler said that tax payers in town want to know why we are putting a culvert and hydrant on Emma Drive, as this should be the responsibility of the developer. Police Chief McNeill responded that yes, it should be the responsibility of the developer, and should have been discussed in detail before being approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee and Council. However, this was all new to everyone as we have not had a developer to come in and build 6 houses. Fire Chief McNeill said he met with water department (ICWD). They will not put in a water line on Emma drive because it is not a paved road and that is because it does not have the proper drainage and could wash it away. If we elected to go past Turner and down Emma Drive, that would be the responsibility of the Town or builder and that they would not pay for it. If we ran 250 feet from existing line on Hwy 11; cost would be \$50 a foot and get us coverage to end of Emma Drive and Turner Ave. The cost would be \$15-\$20k. The Water Department will not pay for any type of upgrade. As an updated on the future homes of Emma Drive, the builder is three months out from getting power from Duke Energy.

Mayor Shamis made mention that our current Moratorium Ordinance needs to be extended for 90 days.

3. No votes or actions were taken by Council during the session. The Work Session ended at 6:59p. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 2nd day of June, 2022.

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1. The meeting of the Campobello Town Council was held on June 2, 2022 in the Campobello Fire Department training room located at 50 Broad Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Aaron Ash, Wade Peeler, Alician Sprouse and Reitha Stevenson. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Brandon McNeill and Police Chief Chad McNeill. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Introduction of the Mayor and Council was done.
3. Mayor Shamis asked if council had reviewed the May 2, 2022 work session minutes, May 2, 2022 council meeting minutes and May 12, 2022 work session minutes prior to the meeting and asked for a Motion to accept them. Council Member Stevenson made a motion to accept all of the May minutes which was seconded by Council Member Peeler and carried unanimous.
4. Mayor Shamis made comment that since becoming mayor six months ago, a lot has been done in a short amount of time, such as a new town entrance sign being erected, lights added around town, several annexations, a road being paved and the millage rate being lowered. He said that Council talks daily trying to get things done around town and still has a lot to do. He appreciates the Town's patience with the progress.
5. Police Chief Chad McNeill and reported that the Campobello Police Department had a total of 140 calls for the month of May. Of those calls, 10 were drug related. They were able to solve the case of the car break-ins around Town and the perpetrator is currently at the Spartanburg County Jail awaiting Court. In the previous week, it was brought to the Chief's attention by Council Member Peeler that when several town residents called 911 the dispatchers could not locate them. That has been addressed with the Communications Office. There were several addresses in the Cane Creek Subdivision that were listed as not being in the Town. Chief McNeill plans to follow-up with the Communications Office on Monday once their system has been updated. Chief McNeill introduced Campobello's new Codes Enforcement Officer, Chris Godfrey.

Council Member Peeler asked if in the future a PowerPoint could be done to show what areas the calls came from. Chief McNeill will work on that for July's meeting.

Mayor Shamis asked what the process was when someone is arrested. Chief McNeill responded that they are detained in the office, seated in a chair if they are non-violent, but they are not kept at the PD. If violent, they are immediately taken to the County jail, x-rayed and then booked. Mayor Shamis asked how much of the fines does the Police Department receive. Chief McNeill responded with 40% and the rest goes to the State and SCHP. That goes for all charges.

Council Member Peeler asked who is responsible if someone dies of heart attack because 911 couldn't get the address straight. Chief McNeill did not know. Fire Chief McNeill said there is a way for them to check cross streets. Council Member Peeler said that he could not get them to understand where Landrum High School was located. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a way to get a test done on the

homes that were not listed with 911. Chief McNeill responded that he was giving the office time to update the system and will call them on Monday to verify the issue had been corrected.

Council Member Peeler mentioned that if we had a map on the wall that it would be helpful to pinpoint where the calls are coming from. He is curious if it's in immediate town or not, as we need to drill down the calls. Chief McNeill said that Dollar General averages 5-10 calls a month, yet we are the smallest town as far as call volume. Council Member Ash reiterated that we need to stay on top of the 911 issue and asked when it started happening. Chief McNeill said a week ago. Council Member Sprouse stated that she also had an issue with Campobello PD not being dispatched when calling 911. Town resident Owenby thanked the Campobello Police Department for their exemplary service and advised council to let other people handle other projects and let the police do their job and not be bogged down with jobs not involving police work. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions regarding the Police Department. No further questions were asked

Of those calls, were a couple of stolen cars and break-ins, so we made sure our on duty and reserve officers were out and about and we ended up catching one of the suspects that stole a vehicle. Council Member Sprouse asked how many of those calls were drug related. Chief McNeill answered 20-25 calls. Council Member Peeler asked if the Chief had paperwork for who was arrested. Chief McNeill answered yes and that some were DUS charges, drug charges and stolen vehicle. Mayor Shamis asked where the car was stolen from and Chief McNeill answered it was at A-1 Automotive. Mayor Shamis also mentioned that we have a job posting for an SRO and that we need to pause that job posting. Chief McNeill responded that the School District has already filled that position per our contract with them. Council Member Peeler said that in the future all decisions to hire needed to be brought before Council first, so as not to go over budget. He also asked if all of the officers have their LE01 and Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. Council Member Ash asked if all of our volunteer officers are the reserve officers. Chief McNeill said that some were and some were not. Some guys work to keep their certification. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions regarding the Police Department. No further questions were asked.

6. Fire Chief Brandon McNeill reported that the Campobello Fire Department had a total of 24 calls for the month of May. Mayor Shamis asked how many of those calls were building fires. Chief McNeill responded that there were 4 building fires which were not all located in the town limits, but in the fire district and neighboring fire district. Council Member Ash asked if there were any issues with fireworks from the Memorial Day holiday. Chief McNeill responded in the negative. Mayor Shamis asked if council had any further questions for the Fire Department. No further questions were asked.

7. **Old Business-**

- The lighting for the new Town entrance sign has been done thanks to Electrical Services in Campobello. As for a sign on Hwy 11 towards I-26, the Town is still waiting on the agreement from the owners of the property where the Town would like to place the sign.
- Three quotes were obtained for the Old Asheville Hwy project. The details of each quote are as follows:

Prince Construction:	\$126,840.00
Hyder Construction:	\$109,810.86
Bird Paving:	\$72,440.40

Mayor Shamis said that the State requires us to create a scope of work and put out for bid; Somewhere around \$42,000 is coming from Rep. Josiah Magnuson to help and the rest will come from the American Rescue Plan funds. Council Member Stevenson asked if Lt. Tidwell reviewed the quotes. Police Chief McNeill answered in the affirmative. Mayor Shamis asked Council if they had reviewed the quotes and if there was a motion to be made. Council Member Ash made a Motion to accept the quote from Bird Paving for \$72,440.40, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.

- Officer Chris Godfrey introduced himself as the new Codes Enforcement officer. He gave a summary of the work he has already done throughout Town and provided pictures for each address with an issue. Properties in question are as follows:

A home on Buena Vista Drive was issued a citation to appear in Court in July. At this time, no progress has been made. Mayor Shamis asked what the fines are. Officer Godfrey responded that he could not give the final cost since the Town would not know the cost to help in clean up if that was necessary.

Caldwell Street has been given 15 days to get unregistered vehicles taken care of. The owner is on His honeymoon and upon his return will take care of this issue, along with discussing the condition of the home.

Old Asheville Hwy has been asked to move a truck that preventing drivers from clearly seeing through a curve. Owner immediately complied.

Park Street has been given 15 days to get unregistered vehicles taken care of. Council Member Peeler asked if there was a fine per car. Officer Godfrey responded it was \$500 per car, including court cost which totals \$1,092.

Smith Street has been given 15 days to get unregistered vehicles taken care of.

Turner Avenue was notified of an unregistered vehicle and has since resolved the issue.

Council Member Peeler asked officer Godfrey why he was allowing Foothills Used Cars, LLC to have a rusted 1940s truck on the property. Clerk Hyder said this address was not on the list that Council Member Peeler provided her. Officer Godfrey said that he was not sent a letter because he is a business and has a car dealer. Police Chief McNeill said that it is in our Ordinance that a business cannot be fined. Council Member Peeler asked why this was not discussed in previous conversations and Chief McNeill said that he found it in reviewing the ordinances. Council Member Peeler went on to say that he didn't care and that we can't let people get away with these things or they won't respect the Town. Mayor Shamis said that our Town employees wear a lot of different hats and take on a lot of different duties. Council is working to find a solution for this. Council Member Peeler asked about the yards that need to be cut. Officer Godfrey stated that he has only been the Code Enforcement Officer for two weeks. Mayor Shamis asked what his hours would be. Officer Godfrey said he would do the Code Enforcement job after school lets out in the afternoon. This works best as most people are not at home during the day. It was also discussed how much Officer Godfrey is paid. Clerk Hyder responded that he receives an hourly rate for this part-time position.

- Town events coming up are National Night Out on August 2, 2022. This event is when the Campobello Police Department will team up with local businesses and churches to hand out school supplies, have activities for the kids and for kids to meet law enforcement. Any business or church wanting to participate needs to contact Town Hall or Police Chief McNeill. Donations are welcome. Council Member Ash voluntarily donated his monthly check for servicing on council for the next three months to help with this event. Mayor Shamis said that he has a vision for more events at our park. We lease the park from School District One and we are working to get the lease extended as it comes up for renewal in eight years.
- Council Member Sprouse made a presentation to Clerk Hyder for her help with Family Fun Day. Clerk Hyder thanked council.
- We are still looking for three volunteers for the sewer project. Town resident Owenby stated that he met with the Planning and Zoning Committee last month to update them on what he has found out regarding sewer. Notes were given to them as well as mailed to the Mayor. He also has had several meetings with Inman.
- Fire Chief McNeill gave an update on the fire hydrant issue on Emma Drive. He met with the water department and have several different options. Best thing would be to meet with the developer. Council Member Peeler asked if it could not be voted on now due to the increase in prices in supplies, etc. Fire Chief McNeill suggested again that a meeting with the developer take place first. At this point, the developer is waiting for Duke Energy to provide power, which he has been told will take three months. A meeting will be set up with the developer before July's council meeting.

8. New Business-

- Town resident J. Owenby spoke of how he and his wife have lived in Campobello for 46 years. In that time, the sewer/wastewater project has not been completed, talk of natural gas throughout town has been tabled and our zoning ordinances have not been updated, to include getting copies of large maps for use in working on these issues. He was glad to see that condemned properties/buildings were addressed tonight. He stated that the Town needed to take inventory of the properties it owns and consider selling them to add money to the budgets. Also, no update has been given on the traffic light/intersection at Hwy 357 and Hwy 176. The issue of fallen trees/debris in the S. Pacolet River has not been taken care of. The investors of the old two story brick building at Hwy 357 and Hwy 176 have stopped coming to the meetings due to nothing being done to help them. Research and presentation of a package plant sewer system was given, but nothing came from it. A Town Administrator is needed and the Town should use some of the \$90,000 covid relief money to get one hired. Council needs to move ahead with projects even if it means we contract the job out. Council Member Peeler has been saying we need a town administrator who knows how to manage the Town. The Police Department and Fire Department have their own jobs to do. Mayor Shamis said that the investors of the brick building, Past Prime Partners, have been contacted by email, but they have not replied. He does believe they were successful in getting the building historically registered. Council Member Ash said the building has a lot of structural issues and is a dangerous building. The issues need to be addressed quickly. Council Member Stevenson gave update of the traffic light and said that Duke Energy is in its first phase of the plans to get this going. Police Chief McNeill confirmed that Hwy. 357 has been shut down at many different times so that poles can be moved. Mayor Shamis stated that natural gas

- and sewer are wanted, but do not trump the other things going on. As for the inventory of the Town's property, we have one that we might be able to sell. Also, he has not forgotten about the fallen trees and S. Pacolet River, but has low priority. Council Member Peeler stated that DNR has been contacted, but there is no money for the Upstate... just for the lower part of the State.
- Town resident Rist has been a resident of Campobello for nearly four years and still does not understand what the job descriptions are for the Mayor and Council. She mentioned how the ordinances mention all of these different committees, such as public works committee, personnel department committee, Fire and Police Department committee and ballpark and recreation committee. Even our Planning and Zoning Committee is not mentioned on the website. We were supposed to have Appalachian Council of Government (ACOG) redoing our ordinances and that hasn't been done yet. She's also had problems with a dog at large which has finally been resolved. She is upset about the fire hydrant and culvert on Emma Drive and feels it doesn't need to fall on the shoulders of the Town when it's a developer's cost. She is completely confused and frustrated with how things work and are handled in our Town. The Town is not looking out for its residents. Council Member Peeler asked if Emma Drive was a private road. Mayor Shamis mentioned that a lady bought some land and wanted to move in mobile homes. Council was not for maintaining the portion that isn't ours, especially when we have a bridge that has been out for years. Not in favor of taking on a new road when we can't take care of what we have. He went on to say that the Town must approve the building of homes before Spartanburg County will approve it and provide permits. Ms. Rist asked for the permit approval for Emma Drive to be revoked. Mayor Shamis responded that we should be able to resolve it before revoking, but he has three months before he can do anything. As for the committees, they seem to fall on the Police Chief. Also, it is illegal for anyone on council to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee, but at the time it was formed, we had no one step up and volunteer. Now that we have four volunteers, anyone on council has stepped down. We are supposed to have a separate planning committee and zoning committee, but we don't have the volunteers to do it. Ms. Rist also mentioned that the Town's Facebook page needs to be updated regularly. Communication is a big issue. Mayor Shamis said that the last time he spoke with ACOG was about three weeks ago. Also, no money has been paid out to them yet. We hope to have response from ACOG soon. Council Member Stevenson asked if the Town's Facebook page was down. Clerk Hyder said that it is not down, but that her access to the Facebook page had been removed and she wasn't told why. Council Member Peeler asked if the culvert was ours to repair. Police Chief McNeill said it was put in back in the 1960s.
 - Town resident McPeters began with asking the question of whether or not the Police Department has a holding cell to detain those arrested. Police Chief McNeill responded that while they do not have a holding cell, they take uncooperative individuals straight to the Spartanburg County Jail. Also, in light of the recent school shootings, he asked if that happened at one of the local schools, how many officers would be able to respond. Police Chief McNeill responded that on a normal day, 6-10 officers would be there within 2 minutes, with the exception of school resource officers at other schools as they would need to stay to put their school on lockdown. We are doing more active shooter training, checking doors to make sure they are secured and making sure the school is covered when an SRO needs to make home visits. Mr. McPeters thanked council for getting the taxes lowered, extra lights installed and the road getting paved. He lives in the curve on his road and speeding is ridiculous. 90% of the residents in subdivision do what they are supposed to do. He has had his son ran off of the road and almost hit head on, a cat ran over by a speeder and he worries about the cross-country group from the high school having to jump out of the way so as not to get hit. His suggestion is for speed bumps (4 total) to be installed. Speed monitor is good,

but a temporary fix as they will see sign and slow down. The Old Asheville Hwy bridge is in bad shape and understand it would cost a lot to fix. While he would like the bridge fixed, he understands that it would cause more traffic and he is not in favor of that. Mayor Shamis asked if SROs were required to have specific training. Police Chief McNeill responded in the affirmative. The academy offers an additional 2-week course. Mayor Shamis mentioned his plans to meet with Superintendent Dr. Garner regarding his plans of protection in light of the recent school shooting. Police Chief McNeill mentioned that the day Mr. McPeters' cat was hit, the car was doing 45 mph. Chief McNeill went on to say that his report shows speed readings from 3,480 cars in a 20-day period. Some of the vehicles were first responders. He spoke with several kids in the neighborhood about texting and driving and speeding. He agrees that 35 mph is a fast speed when someone is backing out of a driveway. Mayor Shamis spoke about the Old Asheville Hwy bridge being done as there is a crack in the bridge making it not repairable. It would have to be torn out and redone which would cost millions. Ms. McPeters worries that there is only one way in and out of neighborhood, especially if a fire or something blocks the other entrance. Mayor Shamis said that a lot of people like it closed for the park atmosphere so people can walk/run. To resolve the issue, funding would need to be obtained other than the Town's funds. Unfortunately, there is no quick solution. Council Member Ash mentioned that 5 years ago, speed bumps got shot down. Also, when the bridge opened it was more dangerous. Council Member Peeler said that most of the subdivision didn't see problem with speed bumps and was told by the Bryants that when the bridge was open it was a nightmare. Mayor Shamis believed that part of putting in speed bumps would be getting the speed limit reduced. Police Chief McNeill said according to the State, is the Town's responsible to get speed bumps and reducing speed limit. Council has to have an ordinance and two readings on reducing the speed. SCDOT also asked if we had a speed bump ordinance and if not, since Old Asheville Hwy is a county road, we would need to go through them. Mayor Shamis said we need to find out where to place the speed bumps and get ordinances in place. Our officers can't patrol the area 24/7 to catch speeders. Of course, this won't be done prior to paving project. Council Member Peeler asked what the speed limit be and numerous people commented that it should be consistent with the neighborhood speed limit of 20 mph.

- Mayor Shamis reached out to the owner of 214 N. Main Street and he is wanting to sell it to the Town for \$60,000. Mayor Shamis suggested that a due diligence contract for 30 days be applied so the Town has time to get the property inspected. If any issue, the Town could walk away from the deal without any consequence. It is 4400 sq feet and would be beneficial to have for a future municipal complex even if the existing building is torn down. Council Member Peeler asked if the old gas tanks had been removed and is there a fee for the due diligence contract. Mayor Shamis said that somewhere between 1996/1997 the gas tanks were removed. For a new municipal complex, we would need to get an engineer and/or architect involved. The building might have to be torn down or maybe not. In getting the contract drawn, the owner asked that we use his attorney which is George "Buck" Brandt. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a motion. Council Member Ash made a motion to go forward on a due diligence contract to purchase 214 N. Main Street for \$60,000, which was seconded by Council Member Sprouse and carried unanimous.
- Council member Peeler mentioned that it was brought to their attention that anytime any department wants to hire or fire someone that it comes through council. This is so we don't blow our budget. When you get a grant or any monies comes through the Town, we need to see it. Also, amending the Employee Handbook so that when a bonus is given to an employee, the Council know where the bonus is going and how much it is. An expert said to go through and change it so it goes through the right process. This is where an administrator would have been helpful. Council Member Ash recommended that Council take time to review the Employee Handbook

and each come back with their own recommended amendments. Mayor Shamis asked for this item be added to July's Agenda so we have time to gather council's opinions as to what they would like changed.

- CC&I is being considered to help with code enforcement, inspections and making sure we have what we need for the new developments. They need 8-10 weeks at \$400.00 for a half a day each week to see what needs to be done with our ordinances. Council Member Stevenson suggested that we look into other companies and their rates to help with the new developments and the larger items, but to give Officer Godfrey a chance to handle the code enforcement issues. Council Member Ash said he checked with another company that was around the same cost. Council Member Peeler said we could use them for 4 weeks to see how they do. Council Member Sprouse was concerned that 4 weeks wouldn't be enough time to get anything done, which was reiterated by Officer Godfrey, especially when Council had letters sent out to residents giving them 90 days to come up with a plan. Mayor Shamis mentioned that we need training for our code enforcement officer. Council Member Peeler asked why are we having to hire someone when officers drive around these problems every day. Mayor Shamis asked if there was any other training that Officer Godfrey could do? Police Chief McNeill said that Landrum's Code Enforcement Officer had set us on the path of using the International Building Code Manual. Council Member Peeler said to Police Chief McNeill that nothing had been done in the four years that he lived there and that it was his job to make sure it got done. Police Chief McNeill said that in the past, if a mayor said we had to drop an issue, we had to do just that. Council Member Ash said that we have to give Officer Godfrey a chance to go his job and, if Chris can't do his job, then hire CCI with the cost coming out of the Police Department's budget. Mayor Shamis asked that this item be tabled until July's meeting. Police Chief McNeill said there are some ordinances that Officer Godfrey will need to bring to Council's attention. Council Member Ash agreed for Officer Godfrey to get the additional training. Council Member Stevenson stated a few years ago there was a code situation behind Campobello Cars, but was resolved and gotten into compliance by using our town's resources and the County's resources. Council Member Ash definitely wants the brick building at Hwy 357 & 176 to get inspected soon as it has foundation cracks and a roof falling in. Mayor Shamis stated that Mr. Brothers from Past Prime Partners had called Town Hall and he emailed him, but has not received a response back. Police Chief McNeill said that they had hired someone out of Chesnee to fix some of the brick that was falling off, but that he will do some research on it.
- Moratorium Ordinance 5.111 was set in place almost a year ago on multi-family homes and mobile homes coming into the Town. A motion was made by Council Member Ash to extend this moratorium for 90 days, which was seconded by Council Member Stevenson and carried unanimous.

9. Other Business-

- Dennis Iskra of the Planning and Zoning Committee stated that they are waiting for ACOG to get the ordinances done, but that they have received a plat on the first phase of the new development coming called Ingleside Meadows. A date is being looked for the Planning and Zoning Committee to meet.
- The rescheduling of the next budget work session has been done with the new date being June 23, 2022 at 6:30p.m. This meeting will take place at the Fire Department's Training Room at 50 Broad Street.

- Council Member Stevenson asked for an update on the park being sprayed for mosquitoes. Mayor Shamis took the blame for that not being done as he has had an issue finding a backpack sprayer. Council Member Sprouse said she would like to contact Mosquito Joe's to find out if they can work with us on a better price. An update on this item will be given at July's council meeting.
- Town Resident Owenby suggested that we use Robert's Rules of Order so that people are not talking over each other and admired how the Mayor kept the cross talk to a minimum at the last meeting. Mayor Shamis was in agreement and explained that he was not trying to be rude by not allowing everyone to speak, but trying to get the work we have on the agenda completed.
- No executive session was held.

10. Adjourned- June 2, 2022 at 9:57 p.m.

With no further business presented, Council Member Stevenson made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Ash and carried unanimous.

Let it be known, there are times it may be necessary for the Council Members to enter an executive meeting.

Town of Campobello Council Meeting minutes recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 2nd day of June, 2022.

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Minutes

1. The Work Session of the Campobello Town Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Shamis at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present were Alician Sprouse, Wade Peeler, Aaron Ash and Reitha Stevenson. Also in attendance was Fire Chief, Brandon McNeill. Police Chief Chad McNeill was absent.

Mayor Shamis recognized Jeff Shacker of the SC Municipal Association who was in attendance to help with any questions with the budgets.

2. ITEMS DISCUSSED:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Police Department's 2022-2023 budget proposed budget began at \$405,467 and was cut to \$375,766. Items that were cut were police salaries, including a part-time police officer and Christmas bonuses. Fuel was budgeted for \$28,000 and has been cut to \$22,000. Also cut were the car payments.

Mayor Shamis mentioned that the Police Department's budget originally began with \$442,938 and now we are at \$375,766. He asked Chief McNeill how cutting the part-time police officer would affect us. Chief McNeill responded that we would rely on our reserve officers more. These are officers that work and do not receive pay.

Council Member Peeler asked how many officers we have. Chief McNeill answered with 3 full-time officers, not including himself, and 2 School Resource officers. When Council Member Peeler asked why in 2014 fuel was budgeted at \$20,000 when fuel was less expensive then, Chief McNeill explained that it was due to a former council member requesting the amount budgeted be raised. Mayor Shamis asked Jeff Shacker what kind of fuel budget should a town our size have. Mr. Shacker did not know.

It was mentioned that about the town getting tracking devices for each patrol vehicle. Chief McNeill explained that the cost would be \$55 per vehicle, plus the cost of the Verizon mifi and receive no other benefit other than tracking. In his opinion, if you spend a little more to purchase software that will communicate with 911 dispatch by alerting them if an officer is away from his vehicle for too long. The cost would be \$1,500 per vehicle to set it up and after that a annual fee for the service. The director of communications has tried to push this software for 10 years, but due to the cost of it he has not been able to get it implemented. Council Member Stevenson asked when we would receive a quote. Chief McNeill said with the upcoming holiday, it could take a few weeks.

Council Member Peeler asked the typical miles per shift. Chief McNeill said an average of 100 miles on a 12-hour shift. Chief McNeill understands with the fuel prices, he will have to tighten up. He is working on getting information on the gas cards used by the State. Fire Chief McNeill said that he thinks it's a 10 cent per gallon savings.

Mayor Shamis asked regarding the personal equipment (loose) line item and what that involves. Chief McNeill said it is for tasers, body cams and other items that go on an officer's vest and belt. Council

Member Stevenson asked what consisted of the line item personal equip (loose). Chief McNeill said it was for shotgun in the vehicle, driver's license scanners, computer/software, flashlights. etc.

Detention Housing is a line item that needs to be added when the Police Department has an individual that is booked in and stays in the jail over 10 days, we have to pay the County. We did not have a budgeted line item for that last year and we needed it.

Council Member Peeler confirmed with Chief McNeill that we do have 24/7 coverage. Chief McNeill said while the officer goes home, he remains on call until 7a. Council Member Peeler asked if we could run with just the Chief and two officers, as the Town is wanting to hire a town administrator and get a new Town Hall. Chief McNeill mentioned that we average one or two calls a day. He also said that he has contacted the SChP and County, and, yes, while they have to cover our area if needed, but the response would be slower due to a shortage of officers. Council Member Peeler said that unless you're being held hostage, we don't need the County to get there in a hurry and that he has spoken with several in the community who are happy with using the County. Chief McNeill said using the County is not going to give you the coverage that we have now and that he works 7-5 and more. Council Member Peeler has asked and a small town in New Hampshire that is the size of ours has a chief and an officer; and still have protection because the County covers it. Chief McNeill said he was against cutting any officers and due to the most recent loss of the Spartanburg County officer, the Sheriff's Office is in discussions of sending two officers on scene. If we cut an officer, we will have only one on shift and will depend on neighboring Police Departments to help. Council Member Peeler said we could move the 3a shift to stop at midnight and make the schedule work. Council Member Ash commented that with almost 700 residents and a new development of 320 houses coming soon, we will double our size and cutting officers does not seem like an effective solution. Council Member Peeler said we can't bank on the new development as we are currently in a lawsuit over it. Mayor Shamis asked how many extra officers do we have and Chief McNeill said we have five reserve officers who will show up. The County is short 46 officers and cannot get to us in a timely manner. Mayor Shamis said we cannot quantify an accurate number of calls that the Campobello Police Department gets because not everyone calls 911. Some call Chief McNeill directly or they call Town Hall. Mayor Shamis asked for Chief McNeill to work on quantifying all calls for the Police Department for the next council meeting. Mayor Shamis took a poll among the council members regarding Wade's request to cut the police department back for at least the first year to the Chief and two officers. Council Member Stevenson did not have any comment; Council Member Ash said that he had already spoke his peace about it and Council Member Sprouse said she would like to leave it the way it is now. Mayor Shamis we need complete information to make a decision and we don't have that at this time.

Mayor Shamis asked Jeff Shacker how many accounts does a town need? Clerk Hyder named the eight accounts that we currently have. Mr. Shacker responded with it is preference of the people involved. What SC State law says the hospitality revenue has to have a separate fund, but not necessarily a separate account. I liked having a separate account for each. No legal requirement to have separate accounts. The Fire Department is a little different due to it having an outside district. Mr. Shacker included the police, fire and administration are generally support by general funds. Mayor Shamis said he wants to talk to each department head to find out which way would be better. Mr. Shacker commented that you'll never pay for law enforcement with fine revenue, as the Court cost and fees are usually as much as the revenue. Mayor Shamis asked for an update on the 2019-2020 audit. Clerk Hyder responded that the auditor is still working on it and has not provided an end date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

There is one outstanding issue with the Fire Department's 2021-2022 Budget and that is how much the Town of Campobello should contribute to the Fire Department's Budget. It is up in the air whether to tax the Town's residents the same tax rate as the residents outside of the town limits. Fire Chief McNeill said that is what the Fire Department's budget has been based off of in the past. 24 mils. Mayor Shamis commented that we currently do not have a copy of the service agreement with the County as no one can locate it, not even the County. Council Member Ash asked if the town's residents are paying the same tax as the residents in the County what's the benefit to the town. Fire Chief McNeill responded it would provide the Fire Department with more funds and as of right now we don't have round the clock coverage. All the Fire Department's assets are in the Town's name. From the beginning, we've tried to get paid people here. ISO (Insurance Services Office) recognizes one truck pulling up as four people. Our rating is a 3 and the best you can get is a 1. Mayor Shamis asked if there was a difference between a 3 and a 9. Fire Chief McNeill said 4 times as much difference. Mayor Shamis said that the Fire Department is asking for the Town to pay \$82,000 which is up from last year's budgeted amount of \$48,600. Where does that leave us if we don't have a fire service agreement. Mr. Shacker responded that he would want to look at the service agreement to make sure obligations are being met. Look at call volume and do a breakdown of in town and out of town. Fire Chief McNeill said that less revenue for Fire Department, would mean less coverage. 95% of our volunteers live in County, so we are asking them to pay more than the Town. We can't survive if we did away with the outside fire district and our Fire department would go to a neighboring department, which is 42 mils since they are a SPD and our taxes would go up. An SPD (Special Purpose District) is set up by State and County council controls it. Keeping our Fire Department means the Town has control of it. Council Member Peeler asked why we wouldn't give the Fire Department to the County. Fire Chief McNeill said the first thing that will happen is you will go under the millage rate of 42 and doubling your taxes. Each municipality has different millage. An SPD has more man power, more equipment and therefore has a higher tax rate. Council Member Ash asked if the Fire Department had a surplus from last year. Council Member Peeler said that as of 4p today, he was told the Fire Department has received \$313,429.36. Mayor Shamis said that if we don't have a service agreement, the Town is inclined to give the same amount as was given last year. He also asked the Fire Chief McNeill to compile a list of calls that are broken down. Fire Chief McNeill responded that he would go through each call and gather the list. Fire Chief McNeill mentioned that on a good day, there are three working and on a bad day we have one or none. The Fire department averages 9 active volunteer firefighters with 21 on the roster. Mr. Shacker commented that the challenge with the Police and Fire Department is like an insurance policy...when you need it, you need it. Council Member Ash asked what would the Fire Department gain out of that extra money. Fire Chief McNeill responded that we could cover a 24-hour period, one every three days. We would break it into three different shifts. Mayor Shamis mentioned that if we give what we gave last year, the Fire Department would be up \$40,000 from last year. According to the increase in tax money and us paying the same as last year, the Fire Department is only \$8,000 away from what you want. Fire Chief McNeill said even so, he will continue to ask for an increase. Council Member Peeler mentioned that he has been told that we are going to bankrupt the Town. Also, that someone is telling County Councilman, Bob Walker that we are not being fair to the Fire Department. Is he wrong or right about taxing and why don't we do like Landrum and hand it over to the County. Mayor Shamis responded that the Fire Department is in good shape so why would we mess with it. Council Member Peeler said that the Fire Department should apply for grants for needed equipment. Mr. Shacker said the department heads have an obligation to tell you what the needs are.

TOWN:

The accounting/auditing line item will remain at \$12,000. Attorney fees will need to be discussed at next meeting due to the Town being served with Notices of Intent to Contest the recent annexation.

Town resident, Mr. John Skuba, asked about in the last meeting it was mentioned that a double check was written. Mayor Shamis said that was a misunderstanding and that he had calculated it wrong. It was a bonus given by the fire department. There was no double check written and no money is missing. Mr. Skuba also asked about police fines and if the Town keeps all of the money. Police Chief McNeill said that the State passed a law in 2007 or 2008 where the State gets 60% of the fine amount.

Town resident, Mrs. Phyliss Skuba, asked about grants and how we need to try to continue to get grants to buy equipment and beautify the town. She also believes that the Town needs just need one or two accounts. Also, that the town needs to know where money is going and being spent. Up north, the town citizens get to vote on budget meetings and she believes that the tax payers should be able to vote. She also inquired as to whether or not the scholarship money had been awarded. Mayor Shamis responded that we are trying to get money together for a part-time town administrator and that they can earn their pay by applying for grants and helping with the other needs of our Town. Also, if there is something extra we need to vote on it is done by way of referendum. As for the scholarships, that was last years and we don't have it budgeted this year so the answer is no.

Town resident, Dennis Iskra was doing research and most towns have monthly budget online and are very transparent. Mayor Shamis said that the annual budgets are posted online, but council receives a monthly report of income and expenses, but we can look into getting something posted online.

3. No votes or actions were taken by Council during the session. The Work Session ended at 8:13p. Minutes were recorded by Town Clerk, Kim Hyder on this 23rd day of June, 2022.