

**Town of Port Royal
Council Minutes
November 4, 2014**

The Port Royal Town Council met at 6pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at Anthi's Family Restaurant because the Town Chambers were not available as the election board was utilizing the premises for elections.

Members present were Mayor Long, Vice Mayor Jim Heimbach, Bill Henderson, Monica Chenault, Phyllis Sue Carpenter, Gladys Fortune, and Della Mills.

A quorum was established.

Town Manager Bill Wick was in attendance.

Special Guest - Jeff Sili, member of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors representing Bowling Green District, also attended the meeting.

The Town Manager gave a brief report on discussions with MetroCast Cable. It was noted that a public hearing would not be necessary for the town to renew the franchise agreement with the company.

MetroCast is also in discussions with Bill Wick with regard to upgrading the town phone lines to include internet capabilities.

Review of Water Meetings - Jim Heimbach gave a brief overview of the recent meetings being held, one on November 6 and another on November 11, with regard to gathering information on whether the town should seek grants and work to rebuild the water system, or to privatize.

Jeff Sili spoke to Council at length with his experiences having heard from various water customers who have their system privatized. He explained that there certainly are pros and cons. He went into detail of how the systems work when they are privatized, and stated that the Town loses all control on water rates and how the system is operated, and that the Town should think about that. He stated that the County would be here to support the Town in the event that Grants are sought and said the County would be willing to take over the operations of the water system to include billing and collections. The system must be able to support itself, and he said it should have the capability to do so.

After much discussion about the water system, the Town Council agreed by common consent to continue the review of Chapter 4, Nuisances and Offenses, Dangerous and Vicious Dogs. Della Mills agreed that it was in the best interest as everyone was tired from a long day, and a late evening.

Hearing no further business, the meeting came to a close. Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Heimbach, and seconded by Bill Henderson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Therese Harrison