



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
December 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call **Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Steve Belrose, Alderman Keith Cannon, Alderman Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones and Alderman Todd McMillen.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Belrose.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.
No Public Comments.
- VIII. Clerk. Approval of Board of Alderman Meetings and Holiday Schedule for 2024.
Alderman Belrose made a motion to adopt the 2024 Board of Alderman Meeting Schedule. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.
Alderman Ipock made a motion to adopt the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.
- IX. Resolution – Board of Elections – Opting in for Early and Absentee Voting. **Alderman Cannon made a motion that the Town of Vanceboro Opt in for Early and Absentee Voting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- X. Police Report was presented by Chief Keys. We have a new officer with the department. Officer Sean Johnson, will be our School Resource Officer once he has completed all of his training with Corporal Herring. Corporal Herring will be transitioning to patrol. The new school zone signs have been placed to reduce speed to 20mph in the area of VFL and Lamb's Care. These new speed limits will be enforced during school hours. Our department is partnering with CNC Systems located at 276 Bailey Lane to host a free community Christmas event. The event will be held on December 16th from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be free food, hot cocoa, apple cider and smores. There will be a craft making station for everyone to make an ornament. The first 250 people will receive a free Christmas dinner. We have placed toy boxes at Family Dollar, Dollar General, Kite's, the Library, and the Town Hall. All toys donated will be given to the kids at the event by Santa Claus who will be in attendance. We encourage everyone to attend and to spread the word about the event. We are still waiting for the new patrol car to be delivered. It will be sent to B&G to have the graphics and electronics installed.
- XI. Mayor's Reports. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Andy Caprara for their \$2500 donation to the Police Department. Birthdays this month include: Alderman Thad Jones and Alderman Russell Ipock. Mr. George Chemali owner of the old Handy Mart passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. The columbarium for the cemetery will have to wait for now, legislature didn't approve dissolving the perpetual care. Our annual tree lighting was a great success; it was the largest crowd yet. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making this event great. All of the town decorations were put up on time and they look great. Our Town Christmas Party will be December 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW. We will be inviting our former mayors, alderman and the planning and zoning board to participate this year. Garbage pickup for Christmas and New Year's will be a day later than normal. Next recycling date will be December 7th. Next Board of Alderman meeting will be held on January 8, 2024. Edging around Town will be completed this week. Alderman Cannon will be meeting with our lawn maintenance for the cemeteries to discuss cleaning around our flat monuments. Coastal Dragline removed the limbs and debris from the WWTP. Ditch mowing in Town is about 75% complete at this time. Mr. Vernon Edwards met with the contractor at the property located at 8514 Main Street. Thank you to Alderman Belrose and Alderman Cannon for placing the trees at the stoplight. Our electronic sign is coming along at the Town Hall, it should be completed soon. Our thoughts and prayers for Public works employee Chris Edwards. He was involved in an accident and was hurt pretty bad. We wish him a speedy recovery. Paw Paw's Thrift Store looks great. We have five homes in our Town that is available for sale at this time. Town Hall will be closed from December 25th through the 27th in observance of Christmas.
- XII. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen stated that we should get a couple of estimates for a wood fence from White Street and continue to behind Bower's Park. He will report back with the estimates.

Alderman Jones wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He told everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Alderman Ipock stated that the Christmas decoration throughout Town looked great. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Alderman Belrose wanted to know if Alderman Cannon was planning to clean both cemeteries or just one of them.

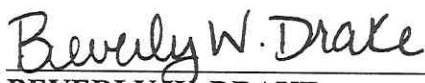
Alderman Cannon stated that there is a new librarian here in Vanceboro, her name is Marian Roseblossom. She has a lot planned this month, stop by and see what is going on. Friends of the library will be raffling off a basket for Christmas, tickets are \$2 each.

XIII. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:49 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.



CHAD E. BRAXTON
MAYOR



BEVERLY W. DRAKE
TOWN CLERK