

Town of Stevensville Committee of the Whole - Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Council for the Town of Stevensville along with Mayor Dewey came together at Council Chambers for a Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Barker, Holcomb, Michalson and Phillips were all present. Staff and several members of the public were also present.

Council held discussion regarding:

1. Draft Code of Conduct

Mayor Dewey introduced the item.

Councilmember Phillips read the following statement into the record:

"This Code of Conduct is necessary because of what has happened in the past. There have been numerous disagreements among the leaders of the Town of Stevensville. I see and hear about these issues constantly. And in light of the investigation, which was concluded last year, we need some rules of decorum.

I was selected to work with the Mayor to draft such a code. And the Council unanimously approved of this effort. I fully support this code of conduct, and can say that I can live by these rules at this time. There is no hesitation on my part. We are in this meeting tonight because we need to include everyone. I would hope that each one of us would have an open mind, and do what is right.

I believe that each person who serves the Town of Stevensville, has chosen to do so not only because he or she believes in serving the people first, but also because of the Love for the Community. Together, we can make the Town of Stevensville even better. Can we maintain these values that will be discussed tonight, even when our conclusions differ. It would be nice if we could agree to disagree in a respectful manner, and not be casting judgment on others.

I believe that serving the public is one of the highest callings a person can undertake. We need this Code of Conduct, to show our constituents that we are unified and are working for the best interest of the town. I pledge to adhere to this Code."

Mayor Dewey and Council went through the draft Code of Conduct, page by page, assessed its content, expressed concerns with certain sections and verbiage, suggested changes, and asked for further refinement in consultation with the Town's Attorney. Council asked that a second Committee of the Whole meeting be scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Public Comment - none

Adjournment


The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Brandon Dewey, Mayor



Audree Tribbensee, Town Clerk