

**Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting Minutes for MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 07, 2022, 6:00 PM**

CONDENSED MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Please Mute or Turn off all Phones and Electronic Devices, thank you
4. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)

Mayor Gibson: introduced tonight's special town council meeting.

5. Correspondence
 - a. Endorsements from Citizens for Councilmember
6. New Business

a. Discussion/Decision: Town Council Vacancy in Ward 1 Created by the Resignation of Jaime Devlin

First candidate for Ward 1, Leanna Rodabaugh. Leanna gave her comment to the following questions:

Question #1, I feel like I am invested in this town, my family came here a long time ago. I think that I am pretty aware of what is going on with our government. I have been here a long time; I think that I can be of assistance. I have researched a lot about this town, I have gone to budget meetings, park meetings and council meetings. As far as my special talents, I bake goods and I have volunteered at the close closet.

Question #2, I have discussed it with both of my brothers, my family is always behind the decisions that I make.

Question #3, there are some issues in this town that are fairly deep, there is anger, there are people that are not happy with things. We have to listen and learn. We have to look at the issues that the town has, and we need to keep going forward.

Question #4, in Ward 1 I am really proud of Ward 1, everyone that has stepped have never been on council before. I would like to take my neighbors to a meeting one at a time and show them how a meeting works. Maybe get them more involved.

Question #5, nothing that I can do, I think first of all DNRC has to come forward to help with the water issues, we have water leakage and storage issues and water that doesn't even taste good. I don't even drink the water here. We need to face these issues that have been neglected.

Question #6, the water. We need a clear understanding of subdivisions, what needs to be done, if people coming to this town that want to build subdivisions we have to work on that kind of thing, purchasing policy is another one.

Second candidate for Ward 1, Wallace Smith. Wallace gave his comment to the following questions:

Question #1, I have been a resident of Stevensville for the past three years, I come from Las Vegas. I have been a pastor of a local church, one here in Corvallis. I have sat on many non-profit boards. Worked with the people of Uganda. In Las Vegas was on boards.

Question #2, certainly have, I did have to talk about this with my wife, we are retired. I do have the time.

Question #3, I hope to see a community on the board that we don't have to be in agreement, but we can be nice. I think that we can do it in a much more amiable way. I think that is what I can bring to the board. You need to know how to treat a volunteer.

Question #4, I have been thinking about that, I would like to go door to door and ask what is needed. I just need to get it firsthand from the individual.

Question #5, with common sense. It has always worked for me in the past. Common sense approach that will allow for growth, growth we are not going to stop, but we can have that growth on the developers. To maintain our historic nature of our town. Let the infrastructure be on the developers.

Question #6, water and sewer. I know in the three years that I have lived here the water pressure has gone down; I understand that it is about the leaking water, that we are leaking treated water.

Third candidate for Ward 1, Marilyn Wolff. Marilyn gave her comment to the following questions.

Question #1, I think that I have a lot of experience, understanding people's needs, I have done a lot of work with a lot of agencies. I think that it relates to where people live. Stevensville is a very special place. I think that I am a very thoughtful person.

Question #2, I have, I have one daughter and I am divorced and retired, my daughter was pretty shocked. If you want government to work and you want a better place and a better environment. You don't complain you get involved.

Question #3, I think being a part of a process. I see real potential with this administration under Mayor Gibson, I think we can look at things clearly. We do have a lot of challenges; I think that it is time to get some of these settled.

Question #4, I think by settling things, I think that more people will attend these meetings. We don't want to be front page of the paper.

Questions #5, it is a process where we have to look at those things really hard, we have to get water rights settled. You have to get a foundation.

Question #6, development is number one, infrastructure, correcting things getting things where they need to be, getting the legal matters settled. Making sure that when developers come in they are responsible, they are going to have to pay their way.

Mayor Gibson: thank you, that concluded with Ward 1. If the council desires I would entertain a motion, if you have a motion that you would like to recommend for Ward 1.

Councilmember Barker: I would like to discuss this with our fellow councilmember.

Councilmember Barker: I move to make public comment open at this time.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd .

Mayor Gibson: that is fine, before we actually go to live public comment, Jenelle we have received some correspondence would you read those.

Jenelle Berthoud: read public comments for Ward 1 candidates. These comments will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT LIVE

Donna McCluskey gave comment to the appointment of Wallace Smith. live here in Stevensville. I endorse Wallace Smith for Ward 1. If he doesn't know the answer, he will find the answer.

Katina Peters gave comment to the appointment of Wallace Smith. I would also like to speak to Wally's credentials. Known Wally for almost 20 years. Always well informed about what is going on in the community.

Robert Peters gave comment to the appointment of Wallace Smith. From Stevensville. like my wife said, Wally puts his mind to it.

Davis Nasade gave comment to the appointment of Wallace Smith. Been in this valley for 34 years, I am putting my hat in the ring for Wallace Smith. Known him for about 5 years now.

Stephane Becket gave comment to the appointment of Wallace Smith. Live in Stevensville, I would like to speak on behalf of Wallace Smith. He is very approachable, compassionate.

Jim Crews, 316 9th Street gave comment to the appointment of Ward 1 candidates. I think that it would highly be inappropriate to endorse anyone with my wife being on the council. Encourage the council to look at who you need on the council. I hope that whomever the council chooses, personalities don't mean a thing.

Jim Kalkofen gave comment to the appointment of Marilyn Wolff. I know that you have three candidates to choose from. That one person that I would endorse would be Marilyn Wolff. She is not afraid to ask the right questions, my two cents is that Marilyn should be sitting at the table with you.

Mayor Gibson: any further public comment, hearing none I will ask council if they would like to make a motion to appoint for Ward 1.

Councilmember Barker: I would like to take time to discuss with my fellow councilmember the candidates. Putting things aside, to bringing the community together is very important for me. My consideration would be Marilyn Wolff.

Councilmember Brown: I think that all of the candidates did very well tonight answering the questions. There are certain aspects that each one would bring to the council it is hard, a very hard decision. I am happy that all of you spoke up from town.

Councilmember Barker: I would like to make a motion to appoint Marilyn Wolff to council.

Councilmember Brown: I will 2nd.

Mayor Gibson: Jenelle will you call for the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Mayor Gibson: Marilyn Wolff will be appointed to Ward 1 and sworn in at 9:00 tomorrow at town hall, and also two new police officers.

b. Discussion/Decision: Town Council Vacancy in Ward 2 Created by the Resignation of Sydney Allen

First candidate, Ward 2. Bob Michalson. Bob gave his comment to the following questions:

Question #1, I am active in the community, but a lot of people don't see that. I help the seniors around here and at the center, I have been active in local government since 2016, and when I was not on council, I was still active.

Question #2, I have, I have talked with my wife, and I have talked with a few of you people here that I consider friends. I know the commitment.

Question #3, I hope that working with a new mayor, staff and council. I am ready to work with each and every one of you.

Question #4, I plan to stay active, I plan to reach out to all of the members in my Ward. My door is always open, and my phone is always on.

Question #5, well the water issues, the leaks need to be solved pretty soon. There are some pretty good grants coming down, sidewalks need to be addressed, never been addressed just talked about. We need to get out water and sewer rights addressed. That is what I ran on, this town needs to fix our infrastructure, and we can't put the burden on our taxpayers. We can't take another bump.

Question #6, growth, every pocket in this town is trying to be developed. It affects us every day.

Second candidate, Ward 2. Jerry Phillips. Jerry gave his comment to the following questions:

Question #1, I am Jerry Phillips, I grew up in this area, graduated in 1964 from Stevensville. Stevensville is home to me, and always will be. I have a lot of family members. I like to volunteer, volunteer at the Lee Metcalf.

Question #2, yes, my wife is my biggest supporter, she is the one that encouraged me to be on town council she supports me 100%.

Question #3, I know that we have had some turmoil within council, I want to see us get back on track. Generally speaking, to work for the community.

Question #4, I hope that our ^{constituents} constituents come to us, I would like to visit with our members in the community, I think that I would have to get out and get to know more people. Find out what they want.

Question #5, I would hope, I know one problem is that we are losing a lot of water through leaks, I hope that we can get to the bottom of that issue. As far as getting help, the mayor has mentioned that there is some federal help. There should be some federal funds to help with that.

Question #6, in the past we have had some disunity, things getting out of hand, I would hope through cooperation we could bring this community back to where it needs to be.

Mayor Gibson: thank you, proceed as we did before. Jenelle, you have some correspondence to read.

Jenelle Berthoud: read public comments for Ward 2 candidates. These comments will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT LIVE

Nancy Lowell, 211 Church Street, gave comment on the appointment of Bob Michalson. I would like the council to consider Bob Michalson for the board.

Sue Devlin, Stevensville, I have two endorsements. Jerry Phillips and I worked together I found him to be knowledgeable. I am asking current councilmembers to not appoint Bob Michalson. He quit two times in the first three years of his four-year term. I have read text messages where he has been rude.

Mayor Gibson: we are not going to get into attacking people.

Sue Devlin: this is not an attack, these are facts.

Mayor Gibson: Ms. Devlin have you looked at the ground rules for public comment, no personal attacks. Please.

Sue Devlin: okay, we go on to four. These are facts not an attack. Mr. Michalson was part of two lawsuits.

Mayor Gibson: again Ms. Devlin, I think that we have had a good night tonight. People have been really positive on who they supported please do not do that. You can support someone that is fine, you don't have to support Mr. Michalson or anybody. But we are not going to allow any type of personal attack.

Sue Devlin: this is not an attack I am stating a fact. It was naming the town of Stevensville and Mr. Michalson in the lawsuit.

Mayor Gibson: I am going to have to ask one more time, this is about people applying to be on council it is a tough decision, you keep bringing things up. Which I don't know if you can substantiate. This is not the place to do it, if you do any more attacks, I will ask you to sit down.

Sue Devlin: are we trying to be ^{fair} fair in who we are appointing or are we just going to accept positive comments of people. There are people with different opinions. Mr. Michalson has a very bad track record.

Mayor Gibson: you are the only person that has done this tonight if there is one more attack, I will ask you to sit down.

Sue Devlin: Mr. Michalson also per town council rules has submitted an incomplete application he has not given any references.

Mayor Gibson: excuse me, I am going to ask the council if they want to continue with this or move forward?

Sue Devlin: I am asking in all fairness.

Councilmember Barker: I would say why you would not want him on there and the personal attacks need to stay out of it. Either address it as you want him on there or not want him on there. (Audience member speaking) I am talking to Ms. Devlin right now. If you are not happy with Mr. Michalson, I would prefer that you say he doesn't sit on council.

Sue Devlin: people have stood up here to say positive things, I am standing up here to talk about a candidate who has brought harm to the town. I don't vote for him; I don't think that is fair at all Ms. Barker everyone else has been able to state how they feel a candidate is a good candidate, I am stating why, facts that Mr. Michalson is not a good candidate.

Councilmember Brown: I would prefer that if you are not for the candidate just state that you are not in favor of him and let's leave the back history out of it. We are trying to move forward, and the past is the past.

Sue Devlin: the past is the makeup of Mr. Michalson.

Mayor Gibson: Ms. Devlin.

Sue Devlin: it is very apparent that it is only acceptable here is only positive things are being said and no I do not have one single positive thing to say about Mr. Michalson. Ms. Barker you have been approached by many people, I have it in writing.

Mayor Gibson: thank you, further comment for Ward 2.

Kathy Cook: 425 Whitetail Way, I believe that we are moving Stevensville forward. I would like to endorse Bob Michalson; he cares about all aspects of our community. He wants what is best for our community.

Mayor Gibson: any further comment on Ward 2. Thank you I will leave it up to discussion of the council now.

Councilmember Barker: I would like to say that this has also been a very hard one to appoint for Ward 2. I have spoken to one person, not many people have come to me. There is division and that division needs to go away. There is a place for everything, it may be hard for friendships. I would like to speak in private, I would like to take a 5-minute recess.

MEETING BACK IN SESSION

Mayor Gibson: there has been a concern about discussions in private, I would like to have the two-council people to discuss what they talked about. Can't have a closed meeting.

Councilmember Brown: we discussed the interviews between Jerry and Bob, their application forms and their prior stepping down off of council. That is all that we discussed. Stacie, do you want to add anything?

Councilmember Barker: we discussed what both of them have brought to the council in the past because they both have sat on the council, the division, trying to subside that altogether. What each of them could bring back to the town and the past history with us. That was what was discussed.

Mayor Gibson: I guess I would have to say you need to be specific because it was a recess, and you were behind closed doors, and the public has the right to know what you specifically discussed. Please come forward.

Councilmember Barker: I am having a hard time with this personally; I have heard both sides of it. Personally, I don't want Bob back on the council.

Councilmember Brown: I did state that Bob does know resolutions, ordinances the council rules and yes, he has a past with the town, but we can't let that come into our decision totally. I do think that Bob has a wealth of information that we can tap into I would hate to see the wealth of that information not being on the council to help our council go forward. I also know that Jerry Phillips was on the council, and he stepped down also for reasons of the people in the town, so my question is and one thing on his application form family is first, I do understand that sometimes you have to put the council first, family matters and that is a concern for me. Bob did run in the election; he spent a lot of time out there. I would hate to not see Bob on the council.

Mayor Gibson: I think that they were pretty open about this, but I am going to allow public comment again after their explanation of their discussion. If you do have public comment, please follow the guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martha Phillips gave public comment. You have to take the town into consideration, not a certain person. If I was in Mrs. Brown's shoes and I was on the council and was close friends with Mr. Michalson I know that my husband would tell me to vote for Mr. Michalson. The past doesn't count, the future is what counts for Stevensville Montana. The reputation is pretty bad.

Jim Crews, 316 9th Street, last council meeting I made that very comment there will be people coming forward with friendships. We in Ward 2 have been ~~mis~~^{misrepresented} represented for the past four months. I am sorry that Mr. Michalson is a good friend he has helped me out a lot. I have made

it a point to rarely discuss town business with either councilmember. I just try to avoid it. I am a proceduralist. I study council rules, I study town ordinances and I study state law. I pay attention to the ethics laws. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Michalson resigned from council and so did I, because of hate. I am not going to endorse Bob or Jerry what I am going to ask the council to do is put somebody in office that will do the job for the town of Stevensville. We are tired of not being represented in Ward 2. If you want to table this and discuss next time, then let's do that.

Sue Devlin: I would like to remind Ms. Brown that the constituents in Ward 2 spoke loudly in the last election as to who they wanted to represent us and who they did not want to represent us they did not vote for Bob Michalson. Listen to what your constituents want.

Leanna Rodabaugh: I am disappointed that you have not looked beyond some angry people in this town they will not be unangry. I am come to that conclusion because I have watched them for several years. They are going to hate anybody that disagrees with them. Who do you want backing you up, I think that you need to change your mind Stacie, you are a brave gal.

Karen Wandler, resident of Stevensville, I want to say to Stacie I am proud of you. when people talk to you and tell you how they feel and sometimes you have to go against what is in your heart. I want Stacie to know to vote what is right for the city, but she is going with her heart, and she is going with her heart. Trust people with what they are doing and quit fighting.

Mayor Gibson: any other public comment? Seeing none. I just want to thank everyone that came I want to thank these two councilmembers. It has got to be one of the toughest decisions you have to make, someone mentioned you know I have lived in Montana 47 years and Montana going on 5 I did go door to door, and I met a lot of different people that I never met ~~before~~ ^{before}. It is a small town I guess it is 2200 now and somebody knows somebody who knows somebody. I met Mr. & Mrs. Phillips going door to door. I don't envy you I don't know how you want to proceed with this, but I will say there has been other appointments in the past where only one person has stood up, we ~~has~~ ^{have} three in Ward 1 and two in Ward 2 we delayed it and if that is what the council wants to do we already have Marilyn Wolff sworn in tomorrow at 9 o'clock if we delay it, it will be another. We have not had a council to operate fully we will continue to operate with three we also have other things that we need to address, we need a council president and a council person on every board. We do need to move forward, and it is the council's decision. I will open it up to the two of you on how you want to proceed with Ward 2.

Councilmember Brown: I am new on council Mr. Mayor. If we table our discussion on who to appoint do, we bring it forward under old business at the next council meeting and then we will have three people.

Mayor Gibson: my only experience with this is that one person applied for council seat the last go around for whatever reasons it was said because of relationship with a council person and it had to be reopened all over again. I can check with the town attorney, what I have experienced in the past is do the procedure all over again, two times in the paper. I can confer with legal staff if we can put it on the next agenda. I was hoping to move forward, we finally have staff, excellent staff, I thought that we could do this, but we got delayed again. I will check into it, maybe the league of cities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Wandler, I don't know the laws and regulations, when I was voted in, I was sworn in that night can't you swear in Ms. Wolff tonight?

Mayor Gibson: I will say, no. and the reason is we got a lot of grief for not announcing the mayor and two other councilmember swearing ins. That was the other mayor, I was not the mayor. We got emails and Facebook posts, "no body new about the swearing in" which took about 9 minutes, and the people went back to work. I want to answer your questions, we are not going to do anymore business tonight weather we nominate Ward 2 or not. There is no reason to swear in Marilyn Wolff this evening, we will also swear in two new police officers' tomorrow at 9:00 am.

Jim Crews, Mr. Mayor, it is a matter of procedure, Montana code says before an appointed official can take their office their oath must be on file with the Clerk and Recorder's office in the county that they are sworn in and that is why I protested when those other two councilmembers were appointed and took their seats because I did not believe it was right.

Mayor Gibson: they were taken to the clerk that day.

Jim Crews, what I was talking about was previous, they were sworn in and took the....

Mayor Gibson: I don't want to go there anymore, there are things out there called moving Stevensville forward and sometimes those people want to go backwards. We will swear in Marilyn Wolff tomorrow, totally legal. Now, how do we proceed if we don't appoint in Ward 2.

Jim Crews, I think what you are going to run into is that you may have a difficulty getting a second on a motion. In that case I would recommend that council may want to do is to table the issue to next council meeting and do an amended agenda and do the appointment next council meeting.

Mayor Gibson: again, I am going to look into that tomorrow morning after swearing in Ms. Wolff if we do not have a motion tonight, how does the council wish to proceed at this time?

Councilmember Barker: I would like to make a motion to table the appointment of Ward 2 to the next council meeting. If you can.

Councilmember Brown: 2nd

Mayor Gibson: it has been moved by Ms. Barker and 2nd by Ms. Brown to table. Jenelle take the vote.

Councilmember Barker: aye.

Councilmember Brown: aye.

Mayor Gibson: with that we will, I never asked you Marilyn Wolff are you available tomorrow morning at 9:00.

Marilyn Wolff: I do have to check when I get home, but I will rearrange if need be.

Mayor Gibson: we have put our council into a tough spot. As I recall when I was appointed to council there was one person on the council and that council person made the motion to appoint me and then she 2nd the motion and then she voted. And that was all three of us, that was probably a difficult decision. We will look into it the best that we can I hope that we could proceed. With that a brief executive report.

7. Executive Report

Mayor Gibson: like I mentioned we are swearing in two new police officers along with Ms. Wolff. This is the first time in years that the police department has a full police force, and you need to give a big hand to Chief Mac Sosa. You are going have a full police force tomorrow. I want to thank the council this was very tough we had some excellent candidates/applicants and I understand the trouble that you have. And I was in a position this time that I can't vote, it is up to the council I want to applaud them they had great questions, the applicants answered the questions great they all have a grasp of what is going on here and what is not going on here with that I will ask for council comments if you have any.

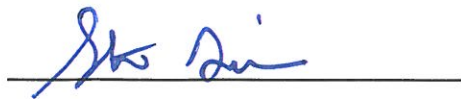
8. Town Council Comments

Councilmember Brown: I was not put any friendships in the interviews tonight, I was strictly going by what each person could bring to the council I just want to say thank you to everyone that came down tonight. Hope we can move this forward and get everyone in place.

Councilmember Barker: I did not think that I would be here tonight, especially being a new candidate elected by the people for a four-year term. There were two other members, and I was looking forward to working with them. It has been a tough decision and it has been hard to not bring friendships into it. One way or the other, listening to the community and what they want is a tough one as well, no matter the decision you make it is going to be tough. I have listened to the community I have attended council meetings so that I can make the best choice. Don't hate me for my choice, we have to move forward, we have a full staff in the office it is a new year. I am excited that Marilyn will be sitting on the council and thank you to those that did put their applications in, Wally, Leanna.

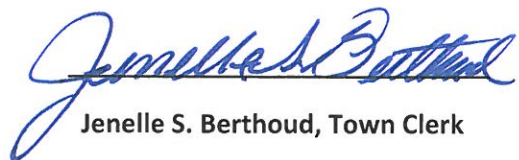
9. Adjournment

APPROVE:



Steve Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Julie Bachman <jmbachman1234@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 12:53 PM
To: Jenelle Berthoud
Subject: [EXTERNAL] ENDORSEMENT FOR TOWN COUNCIL - WARD 1

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to

ENDORSE

MARILYN WOLFF

for Town Council, Ward 1.

There is no doubt in my mind that Ms. Wolff will be an asset to our community and will be able to provide fairness, integrity, and sound wisdom as a member of our Town Council.

Respectfully Submitted and Signed,

Julie Bachman

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303 Aspen Trail
Stevensville, MT 59870
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Jenelle Berthoud

From: Roger Johnson <patrogj@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:02 PM
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This is Pat Johnson and I would like to put in my endorsement for Marilyn Wolff for ward one councilmen. Marilyn is very knowledgeable about things and if she does not know the answer she is one that will dig in and find the truth.

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Jenelle Berthoud

From: George lundwall <geowlundwall@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:57 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marilyn Wolff

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We strongly endorse Marilyn Wolff for town council, Ward 1.

Sandy and George Lundwall
Stevensville, MT

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Jenelle Berthoud

From: John Croft <cia0648@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Jenelle Berthoud
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Endorsement of Marilyn Wolff for Town Council

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Dear Town Clerk,

Please forward my endorsement to the Mayor and Council members relative to selecting Marilyn Wolff to serve as a member of the Stevensville Town Council.

Marilyn has served as a board member on a local home owners association (HOA) and has demonstrated that characteristics of a thoughtful, well organization and fair minded representative of the HOA. Marilyn will be an excellent Council member.

Regards, John Croft

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Jim Sayre <105csmo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:50 AM
To: Jenelle Berthoud
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Marilyn Wolf

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I would like to pass along my endorsement of Marilyn Wolf for Town Council.

I have worked with Marilyn Wolf on multiple projects and have always found her to be the brightest and best informed person in the room.

She cares deeply about Stevensville and Stevi residents. She will look carefully at any actions before her and her logic and judgement will be sound regardless of her decision.

Thank you.

Jim Sayre
1412 Creekside Dr, Stevensville, MT 59870

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Stacie Barker
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 4:03 PM
To: Jenelle Berthoud
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] In support of Leanna Rodabaugh for Town Council

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From: angela lyons <angela_lyons@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:53:32 PM
To: Stacie Barker <stacie@townofstevensville.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Leanna Rodabaugh for Town Council

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Dear Council Member Barker -

I am writing to urge you to support the addition of Ms. Leanna Rodabaugh to the Stevensville Town Council to represent Ward 1.

Ms. Rodabaugh attends nearly every Town Council meeting. She educates herself on the issues that the Town faces and often provides insightful commentary at these meetings. She also realizes the importance of transparency in government and citizen participation. In addition, Ms. Rodabaugh understands the importance of following the rules, regulations and laws that are in place to achieve those objectives.

When so many citizens only sit back and complain, I admire and respect Ms. Rodabaugh for stepping forward to volunteer her time on the Town Council to move Stevensville forward. By appointing her to the Town Council, you will be giving her a fantastic opportunity to serve Stevensville.

Warmest regards,

Angela Lyons

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Stacie Barker
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:08 PM
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Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] In support of Bob Michaelson for Town Council

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Could you please add to this list of people sending in information on the candidates.

Thank you,
Stacie Barker

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Dear Council Member Barker -

I am writing to urge you to support the addition of Mr. Bob Michaelson to the Stevensville Town Council to represent Ward 2. Mr. Michaelson campaigned extensively for this position, and while he wasn't elected, he expended much time and effort talking to citizens and attending Town council meetings.

Since the elected council member quit, it only makes sense to appoint the other person running for the office.

Not only did Mr. Michaelson put forth months of effort during his campaign, he is also quite knowledgeable on the town rules, laws and regulations.

It's true, Mr. Michaelson has a rocky history with the former mayor and members of the council unfairly smearing him, but I believe that all of that is in the past with our new Mayor, Mr. Gibson, and the addition of you and Ms. Brown to the Town Council. Mr. Michaelson loves this town and only wants what's best for its citizens.

I am confident he will be a fair, engaged and reasonable member of the Stevensville Town Council.

Warmest regards,

Angela Lyons

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Audree Tribbensee <atribb54@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 12:43 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment, Council Appointment

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Jenelle, please include the following public comment in tonight's special meeting for consideration of appointment of ward 1 and ward 2 elected officials. Thank you, Audree

Dear Stevensville Council Members Barker and Brown,

Tonight you have two very important decisions before you that will have a significant impact on the future of Stevensville. I urge you to carefully consider the applicants and to please place personal preferences and friendships aside.

Two applicants, Rodabaugh and Michalson have a known and documented behavior that does not bode well for the Town, it's residents and businesses, current and future. Neither will bring professionalism or stability to the Town. Please do not appoint these two individuals to the very important roles as town leaders.

However, and fortunately, you do have several other well qualified, professionals to choose from. I whole heartedly support citizens Jerry Phillips and Marilyn Wolf to fill the vacant Council seats for their respective wards. Both individuals have the best interests of the town in mind. Neither have affiliations with the polarizing divides in this Town. And both will most likely bring about a calmer and less rocky road as this new administration moves forward and help provide the best hope for success.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Audree Tribbensee