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**Town of Louisa**  
**Town Council Monthly Meeting**  
**March 17, 2026**

**Present:**

Ashley Michael, Mayor;  
Roger Henry, Vice-Mayor;  
Vicky Harte,  
John J. Purcell IV Council members;  
Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel.

**Also in Attendance:**

Stuart Turille, Town Manager;  
Franchesca Mall-Padilla, Treasurer;  
Anthony Larry, Superintendent of Public Works  
Stephanie Dorman, Clerk;  
Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police.

**All copies, including reports, handouts, and documents  
can be found following the minutes.**

Mayor Michael called the Louisa Town Council Meeting to order at 6:08 PM and led the Invocation as well as the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Agenda Amendments:

- Removal of May 20, 2025 Minutes from Consent Agenda.
- “Opposition of Powerline” added to new business.
- “Resignation of Council Member” added to new business.

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

1 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

2 Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

3 Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

4 Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

5 **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

6 Ms. Maxine Butcher, of 202 McDonald Street, addressed Council in her capacity as  
7 President of the KS Club. Ms. Butcher requested financial assistance from the Town to  
8 support the purchase of Christmas wreaths, noting that each wreath costs approximately  
9 \$80 to produce. She also took a moment to commend the Public Works Department for  
10 their professionalism and continued efforts in maintaining the Town's appearance.

11 Council Member Harte inquired as to the estimated cost to fully decorate and light Main  
12 Street. Following discussion, Council Member Harte made a motion to provide financial  
13 support to the KS Club; however, after further consideration, the motion was withdrawn. It  
14 was agreed that this request would be more appropriately addressed as part of the  
15 upcoming budget discussions for the next fiscal year.

16 **COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL:**

17 Council Member Harte wanted to make Council aware that there are actually two  
18 powerline projects but will discuss this more during the appropriate time.

19 **OLD BUSINESS:**

20 **Discussion and Action: Historic Museum Barracks Building Space**

21 The Town Manager presented the deed for the barracks and reported that he had spoken  
22 with the Director, who advised that the Historical Foundation is requesting an additional  
23 three months to complete the process. Staff recommends granting the requested three-  
24 month extension.

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26 Motion to allow the Historical Foundation to continue using the Barracks' for storage until  
27 June 18, 2026.

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29 Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Purcell.

30 Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and Action: Addition of Downtown Events Line Item in the Budget (revenue/expenditures)**

The Mayor presented the need to establish a line item for the Downtown Events Committee, noting that the committee ultimately aims to become financially self-sufficient. Council discussed potential sources for the initial funding.

Motion to create a line item in the current fiscal year budget for the Downtown Events.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**2. Discussion and Action: Special Events Applications Request – Easter**

Motion to approve the Special Events application for the Easter Egg-Stravaganza.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Purcell.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**3. Discussion and Action: Special Events Applications Request – Heritage Day**

Motion to approve the Special Events application for the Heritage Day.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Purcell.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**4. Discussion and Action: Sewer Fee Policy**

The Town Manager presented updates to the Sewer Tap Fee Policy. He noted that the invoice for the railroad company is currently under review. Staff recommends adoption of the updated policy, as it clarifies the ordinance to better reflect current practices.

Motion to approve sewer connection policy with the staff’s added language.

Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**5. Discussion and Action: Public Works Capital Items for Purchase**

The Town Manager presented capital items that need to be purchased by public works for the upcoming mowing season, including; two mowers and a tractor.

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No action was needed as these items were already approved.

**6. Opposition of Powerline**

Council expressed opposition to the ValleyLink powerline project. Counsel will update the resolution to reflect Council’s position of opposition.

Motion to accept amended resolution of opposition.

Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Purcell.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**7. Resignation of Council Member**

Council Member Crawford submitted his letter of resignation. Council and legal counsel discussed timelines and appointment procedures.

Motion to allow for the search of an interim appointment.

Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

Voting For: Harte, Henry, Purcell.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Following Council’s approval of the bylaws at the previous meeting, and due to the resignation of a Council member, committee appointments have been re-configured.

Committee	Chair	Councilor
Public Works	John Purcell	Roger Henry
Public Safety	Vicky Harte	Sylvia Rigsby
Finance	Sylvia Rigsby	John Purcell
Personnel	Sylvia Rigsby	John Purcell
Community Development & Events	Roger Henry	Sylvia Rigsby
Cemeteries	Vicky Harte	Roger Henry
Intergovernmental Relations	Roger Henry	Vicky Harte

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Personnel Committee**

Nothing to report.

- 1           **2. Legal Matters Committee**
- 2           Nothing to report.
- 3           **3. Trash, Recycling & Litter Committee**
- 4           Nothing to report.
- 5           **4. Finance Committee**
- 6           Nothing to report.
- 7           **5. Cemeteries Committee**
- 8           The Committee reported that they would like to survey the back lot for usage. The
- 9           road and brick columns need repairs. The committee would also like the
- 10          advertisement of the scatter garden.
- 11          **6. Streets & Sidewalks Committee**
- 12          Nothing to report.
- 13          **7. Water & Sewer Committee**
- 14          The Committee reported that LCWA has clarified historical information.
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- 16          Vice-Mayor has been appointed as the Town representative for the Water Authority.
- 17          **8. Police Committee**
- 18          Nothing to report.
- 19          **9. Facilities**
- 20          Nothing to report.
- 21          **10. Community Events**
- 22          The Committee thanked organizations that helped with the clean up event.
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24   **STAFF REPORTS:**

- 25          1. Police Chief
- 26          Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police, provided the Police Report.
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- 28          In addition to his written report, the Chief added that he has been working on the
- 29          logistics for the 4th of July event.
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- 31          2. Public Works Superintendent
- 32          Anthony Larry, Superintendent of Public Works, submitted his report.
- 33          3. Legal Counsel
- 34          Nothing to report
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- 36          4. Clerk
- 37          Stephanie Dorman, Clerk, provided the Clerk report.

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In addition to her written report, she reported her initiative called "Launch Louisa".

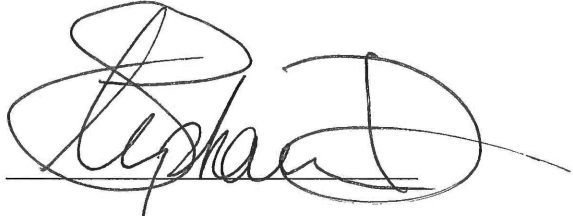
5. Treasurer  
Franchesca Mall-Padilla, Treasurer, submitted her report.

6. Town Manager  
Stuart Turille, Town Manager, read his submitted report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.  
Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Purcell.  
All in favor.  
Council adjourned at 7:47 PM.

  
Mayor

  
Clerk