

A special worksession meeting of the Amherst Town Council called to order on August 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 186 S. Main Street with Mayor Jacob P. Bailey presiding. Council members Bobby J. Bondurant, J. Paul Kilgore, Haney Mottley, Harold Swisher, and Richard Wydner were present. Town Manager Jack Hobbs, Director of Public Utilities Tom Fore, and Office Manager Colan Davis were also present.

Mr. Kilgore made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Swisher to approve a resolution honoring Tim Pigg. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". The resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Swisher made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mottley to approve a resolution to support a new "Watch for Children" sign on Briarherst Drive. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". The resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Town Council had a discussion on Town general, water and sewer fund assets and what should be done to improve them. It was agreed that additional work and discussion on this matter is needed.

Mr. Mottley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Kilgore to approve a resolution to authorize an application to the Virginia Department of Health for planning grant monies. The motion passed 5-0. Messrs. Bondurant, Kilgore, Mottley, Swisher and Wydner voted "Aye". The resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The Mayor reported on a request for a proclamation declaring September 17 – 23, 2009 as Constitution week in the Town of Amherst. After some discussion, he advised that he would be signing the proclamation as proposed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Jacob P. Bailey
Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Resolution
of the
Town Council of the Town of Amherst

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg has been a resident of the Town of Amherst for many years; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg served the citizens of the Town of Amherst as a member of the Amherst Fire Department for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg responded to countless fire calls and served in many leadership roles in the Fire Department during that period, including the rank of Assistant Chief; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg was a successful self-employed cabinet maker and founder and owner/operator of Premier Wood Technologies, Inc. in Lynchburg, VA; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg was active in youth sports, mentoring countless youngsters in sportsmanship, along with coaching and instructing sports skills and techniques around Amherst; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Wayne Pigg was a dedicated, loyal and loving father and husband who passed away on August 8, 2009, leaving behind his wife Leigh Mallory Pigg, son Ryan Walter Pigg and daughters MacKenzie Gray Pigg and Morgan Mallory Pigg; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst wishes to acknowledge the services that Timothy Wayne Pigg has given to his community and also to express its appreciation for all that Timothy Wayne Pigg has done for the Town of Amherst;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst does, on this date, acknowledge the outstanding service that Timothy Wayne Pigg has given to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby declares that the Town of Amherst has been improved as a result of Timothy Wayne Pigg's tenure as a member of the Amherst Fire Department; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council of the Town of Amherst is ordered to deliver an original copy of this Resolution to the family of Timothy Wayne Pigg as a token of the Council's deep appreciation of his contributions to our community and that this resolution be spread upon the minute books of the Town Council of the Town of Amherst as a tribute to a

Good Neighbor and Friend of the Town of Amherst.

This Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on August 19, 2009.

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF A “WATCH FOR CHILDREN” SIGN ON BRIARHERST DRIVE.

WHEREAS, sixteen residents of Briarherst Drive have asked via petition that a “Slow-Children” sign be placed on the street; and

WHEREAS, by a letter signed by Debra Babcock Habel on August 8, 2009 the residents have accepted the responsibility for the estimated \$210 cost of the sign and these monies have been delivered to the Town and placed in escrow ; and

WHEREAS, § 33.1-210.2. of the Code of Virginia states:

The governing body of any county or town may by resolution request the Commissioner to install and maintain, at locations specified in such resolution, signs alerting motorists that children may be at play nearby. Upon receipt of such resolution, the Commissioner shall, within thirty days, respond in writing to such governing body granting or denying the request. Such signs requested by and installed in any town shall not require the approval of the county within which such town is located. The cost of installation of signs approved by the county or the town and installed shall be paid, at the option of the county, either (i) out of the secondary system construction allocation to the affected county, (ii) from direct contributions or grants made for such purpose to the governing body, or (iii) from such other source as may be provided by the governing body and the cost of maintaining such signs shall be paid out of the secondary system maintenance allocation to the affected county.; and

WHEREAS, the VDOT Watch For Children Sign Program policy states as follows:

The Watch for Children Sign Program is prescribed in § 33.1-210.2 of the Code of Virginia and provides that a county or town may by resolution request that VDOT install and maintain signs alerting motorists that children may be at play nearby.

These signs are generally placed on secondary routes within residential areas.

The code section stipulates that the county or town formally submit a resolution to the Transportation Commissioner that identifies the proposed location(s) for the signs. The resolution should be directed through the VDOT Resident Engineer and should identify the source of funds.

The code section further requires that the Transportation Commissioner respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of a request granting or denying approval. VDOT’s response will generally be through the VDOT resident engineer and, if the request is granted, will include any recommended changes to the signing plan proposed by the county or town.

VDOT will review the request to ensure the proposed signs will be effectively located and not in conflict with any other traffic control devices. VDOT reserves the right to make the final determination as to the exact number and location of signs.

All signs installed by VDOT under this policy shall be designed in accordance with VDOT standards.

The code section specifies that funding for the installation of signs can come from any of the following:

- 1. The secondary road system construction allocation.*
- 2. From direct contributions or grants made for such purpose to the governing body.*
- 3. From such other source as may be provided by the governing body.*

The code section also states that the costs of maintaining such signs shall be paid out of the secondary road system maintenance allocation to the affected county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby endorses the request for the requested sign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby requests that VDOT install a "Watch for Children" sign on Briarherst Drive near its intersection with Waughs Ferry Road; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby agrees to reimburse VDOT the estimated \$210 cost of installing the "Watch for Children" sign; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Residency Administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation for forwarding to the Commissioner as an official request for the installation of the signs.

This resolution was adopted on August 19, 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER.

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst intends to apply for funding for various drinking water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water is able to provide funds for the planning of drinking water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst has determined that this type of funding would be appropriate for the work that is being considered;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Amherst hereby authorizes the Town Manager to seek planning funds from Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is directed to pursue such funding and be authorized to sign any and all documents to accept such funding contingent upon review and concurrence by the Town Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst on August 19, 2009.

Mayor Jacob P. Bailey

Attest:

Clerk of Council