

At a meeting of the Town Council held in the Mayor's Office,
January 14th, 1927.

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.
Councilmen: W. U. Brodie, W. W. Hill, A. R. Watts, W. H.
Wood and O. V. Hanger.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by A. R. Watts, Mr. Thomas Whitehead is instructed to draw proper ordinance to get buss tax.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill, W. M. Gannaway is instructed to law balance of the two inch pipe towards Drummond's on Clifford road.

On motion of W. U. Brodie, seconded by W. W. Hill, the bill of Liggan & Holt for the sum of \$13⁰⁰ is ordered paid.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by W. U. Brodie, the water bill of Miss Margaret Voochiers and Miss Marion Ellis and in Mays store is to be paid by L. H. Shrader, Treasurer out of the funds of the Town of Amherst on the J. R. Goodwin account.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by W. U. Brodie the bill of Fred Terrell for \$190.00 is ordered paid.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by O. V. Hanger, the Treasurer is ordered to make out a list of unpaid taxes and hand same to Sargeant and if same cannot be collected to hand same over to the Mayor for action.

On motion of A. R. Watts, seconded by W. H. Wood, the treasurer is directed to place new tax tickets in the hands of the Sargeant for collection during the week beginning January 15th, 1927.

On motion of W. U. Brodie, seconded by O. V. Hanger, the finance committee is instructed to make arrangements to settle all interest on coupons when same are presented for payment.

On motion of A. R. Watts, seconded by W. H. Wood the Mayor is requested to appoint a committee to request county to put in water in Court House.

The bill of \$10.25 due W. M. Gannaway for office desk was ordered paid.

The council adjourned.

Peyton Evans
MAYOR

L. H. Shrader
CLERK

At a called meeting of the Town Council held Monday night February 14th, 1927.

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.
Councilmen: W. U. Brodie, W. W. Hill, A. R. Watts,
W. H. Wood and O. V. Hanger.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, the council appropriated the dog tax due the town of Amherst to the Amherst High School.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill, P. R. Evans, Thomas Whitehead, and Lucian Shrader were appointed a committee to formulate a new criminal code.

On motion of the finance committee and the town Attorney were appointed a committee to prepare a budget and report to the meeting of the town council.

Whereas it is reported to the town council by the chairman of the water committee that N. M. Hudson has paid the sum of \$138.00 for the extension at the town water main on the Clifford road to his property therefore on motion of O. V. Hanger seconded by W. W. Hill, the town is to repay this amount out of the water rent received by the town from the consumers supplied by this extension.

On motion the street committee was instructed to get parking signs and the Sargeant is directed to place some of these signs in front of the Episcopal church where parking is restricted to one side of the street.

On motion the following bill was ordered paid

W. H. Rucker -----\$1.50

The council adjourned.

Raymond Evans
MAYOR

L. H. Shrader
CLERK

At the regular meeting of the Town Council held Friday night, March 11th, 1927, in the Mayor's office.

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.

Councilmen: W. W. Hill, A. R. Watts, O. V. Hanger and W. U. Brodie.

On motion of W. U. Brodie seconded by O. V. Hanger, the following bills were ordered paid:

A. R. Watts rent for office -----	\$97.50
Yancy -----	.75
Brown-Morrison tax tickets -----	14.00
" " license tickets-----	
W. W. Hill -----	14.03
Amherst Pharmacy -----	1.80

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill, the town Mayor is hereby voted a salary of \$150.00 per year from date to be paid in twelve equal installments on the 11th of each month, and the Mayor is hereby instructed and directed to turn over with the Treasurer with all fines all fees heretofore chargeable or may hereafter^{be}/chargeable at the trial of all cases which are collected by the said Mayor.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill the following ordinances were unanimously adopted.

Any vagarant who shall be found in the Town of Amherst upon conviction thereof may be fined not exceeding \$50.00 or be condemned to work upon the public works of the town or be sent to the jail or county or state road force or county poor farm for a period not exceeding three months and if sent to such county or state road force, jail or county poor farm he or she shall be required to perform such labor as the superintendent or keeper may direct.

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The following persons shall be deemed vagarants under the above ordianace.

First- All persons who shall unlawfully return into any county or corporation whence they have been legally removed.

Second- All persons who, not having wherewith to maintain themselves and their families, live idly and without employment, and refuse to work for the usual and common wages given to other laborers in the like work in the place where they then are.

Third- Persons wandering or strolling about in idleness who are able to work and have no property to support them.

Fourth- Persons leading an idle, immoral, or profligate life, who have no property to support them, and who are able to work, and do not.

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Fifth- All able bodied persons found begging for a living or who quit their houses and leave their wives or children without the means of subsistence.

Sixth- All persons who shall come from any place without this Commonwealth to any place within it and shall be found loitering and residing therein, and shall follow no labor, trade, occupation, or business, and have no visible means of subsistence, and can give no reasonable account of themselves or their business in such place.

Seventh- All persons having a fixed abode who have no visible property to support them, and who live by stealing or by trading or bartering stolen property.

Eighth- All persons who are able to work and who do not work, but hire out their minor children and live upon their wages.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill, Mr. Thomas Whitehead the Town Attorney is hereby authorized and instructed to take proper steps with the Board of Supervisors to secure the road tax.

Their being no further business before the council the council adjourned.

L. H. Shader
CLERK;

Ceylon Evans
MAYOR

At the adjourned meeting of the Town Council which adjourned to meet on Thursday night, April 21st, 1927, in the Mayor's office.

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.

Councilmen: O. V. Hanger, A. R. Watts, W. W. Hill, and Wade H. Wood.

Mr. Edward Meeks appeared before the Town Council on behalf of the citizens in the north end of Amherst and asked for several fire plugs to be placed on water mains in his section.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. H. Wood the Mayor is hereby instructed and authorized to declare a week as clean up week for the Town of Amherst, the said week to be designated in conformance to the wishes of the ladies club of the Town of

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Amherst and W. H. Wood and A. R. Watts hereby agree to donate the use of their trucks with the drivers for one day to be used under the supervision of the ladies club and the sum of \$7.50 is hereby appropriated for their use in cleaning up the streets of the Town of Amherst.

The clerk is hereby instructed to write the Appalachian Power Company to send a check to the Town of Amherst at the rate of \$5.00 per month for the use of W. M. Gannaway's services.

On motion of W. H. Wood seconded by A. R. Watts the following water rates were unanimously adopted.

Water by 1000 gallons	Rates.
3/4 inch meters first 3000 gallons-----	\$3.00
2 inch meters first 5000 gallons-----	6.00
From 3000 and 5000 as above to 25M @40¢ per M.	(\$8.00)
From 25M to 50 M. gal per month @30¢ per M.	(7.50)
From 50 M. to 75 M.gal per month @25¢ per M.	(6.25)
From 75M to 150 M. gal per month @20¢ per M.	(15.00)

There being no further business before the council the council adjourned.

L. H. Shades
CLERK.

Raymond Evans
MAYOR

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At the meeting of the town council held in the Mayor's office Thursday night, May 19th, 1927.

Present:- O. V. Hanger, A. R. Watts, W. U. Brodie, W. W. Hill, and W. H. Wood.

In the absence of the Mayor, P. R. Evans, O. V. Hanger, President of the council presiding.

The ordinance levying the licence tax for the year of 1922 and 1923 be and the same is hereby renewed for the year ending June 30th, 1928.

On motion of W. U. Brodie, seconded by W. H. Wood, the town adopted the following ordinance: "Be it ordained by the town council of Amherst that a levy of 70¢ on the one hundred dollar value be made upon all property real and personal in the corporate limits of the said town of Amherst which is subject to tax and 50¢ on each person over twenty-one years old for the year beginning September 1st, 1927, and ending August 31st, 1928, and be it further resolved that a meeting of the town council be called for Friday night June 24th, for the purpose of having a public hearing on the question as to whether or not the said rate of 70¢ shall prevail that being an increase of 10% over the 60¢ levy as at present, and that a budget be drawn up and published in the Amherst New Era Progress for one time to this effect.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. W. Hill, L. H. Shrader the town treasurer and clerk, is hereby instructed, directed, authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the town of Amherst an indemnifying bond to the Bank of Amherst to save the bank harmless from any cost or trouble by issuing to the said L. H. Shrader, Treasurer or Clerk of said town a duplicate check for the sum of \$100.00, to replace a \$100.00 check issued by the said L. H. Shrader, Treasurer of the Town of Amherst to the State Highway Department which check has been lost or destroyed and after diligent search cannot be found.

On motion of W. H. Wood, seconded by W. W. Hill, the Chairman of the water committee, Mr. O. V. Hanger, is hereby instructed, empowered and directed to inter into a proper contract as he may deem advisable looking towards putting water to the property of Thomas Whitehead III, and Mrs. M. F. Peytons.

On motion of W. H. Wood, seconded by W. W. Hill, the following ordinance was adopted: "Be it ordained by the council of the Town of Amherst that the Sergeant of the town of Amherst be and is hereby instructed and directed to place a sign on the fence between the property of W. H. Rucker and the Amherst Hotel known as the James E. Wood estate to the effect that no people shall be allowed

to hitch, tie or in any way place animals in and along this fence on the side of the state highway and any person, firm or corporation who shall violate this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding \$5.00.

On motion of O. V. Hanger, seconded by W. H. Wood, L. H. Shrader, Treasurer of the Town of Amherst is hereby directed and instructed to pay to N. M. Hudson \$27.00 as water rent due him on the water line running towards the Hudson property and the said Treasurer is hereby instructed at the end of each month to pay the water rent that is received by the town from the line as paid for by N. M. Hudson to pay the said rent to the said N. M. Hudson until his account has been paid in full.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by W. U. Brodie, the chairman of the water committee, O. V. Hanger, is hereby instructed, authorized and empowered to purchase for the town of Amherst all necessary hydrants, pipe fittings and any supplies that he may deem necessary for the Town of Amherst to be used in connection with the town water system at present and L. H. Shrader, Treasurer, of the Town of Amherst is hereby directed, empowered, authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the Town of Amherst a note for an amount necessary to pay for the said material. The said note to be o. k.'d by the chairman of the finance committee, W. W. Hill, the said note to be signed by the Town of Amherst by L. H. Shrader, Treasurer, and under the corporate seal of the Town of Amherst.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

O. V. Hanger
~~Clerk~~ as Mayor

L. H. Shrader
~~Clerk~~
Acting as Mayor

At the special meeting of the Town council held in the Mayors Office on the 24th day of June 1927 as advertised, the following members were present.

P. R. Evans, mayor presiding, councilmen, O. V. Hanger, W. U. Brodie, W. W. Hill, A. R. Watts, and W. H. Wood.

After the public hearing, the Town Levy of 70 cents with the following budget, was unanimously adopted by the council.

BUDGET ADOPTED.

Interest on bonds-----	\$2,200.00	2200	
Salaries-----	1,500.00	1700	
Lights-----	770.00	800	
Pumping-----	480.00	600	
Sinking fund-----	1,000.00	1000	
Streets-----	200.00	200	
Miscellaneous-----	300.00	300	500
Outstanding obligations--	1,496.58	Total-----	\$7,946.58. 1300

The bill of Amherst New Era of \$4.00 was ordered paid.

The council adjourned.

L. H. Shrader Clerk

W. W. Hill Mayor.

The regular meeting of the Town Council held in the Mayor's Office, Friday night, August 12th, 1927,

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.

Councilmen: A. R. Watts, W. W. Hill.

On motion of W. W. Hill, the council adjourned to meet Saturday evening at 5 o'clock, August 13th, 1927.



MAYOR



CLERK

At the adjourned meeting of the Town Council held in the Mayor's Office, Saturday evening, August 13th, 1927,

Present: P. R. Evans, Mayor, presiding.

Councilmen: W. W. Hill, A. R. Watts and W. U. Brodie.

The following bills were ordered paid:

W. H. Miller	-----\$1.00
J. W. Shrader	-----\$2.00
A.R.Watts, rent at	\$8.00
per month.	

On motion of A. R. Watts, seconded by W. W. Hill, W. M. Gannaway is authorized to get signs and place along the fence besides the Wood's hotel, prohibiting horses from being tied there, and also signs in the Town of Amherst, showing the speed limit.


On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by A. R. Watts, the Chairman of the water committee is directed to proceed to ascertain the water rates charged by the Town of Altavista, Chatham, Boynton and any other places he may find and report back to the council so that the council may look into a new water rate proposition with the Amherst Ice Company.

On motion of W. W. Hill, seconded by A. R. Watts, W. W. Gilbert is hereby appointed temporary police justice for the town of Amherst for such time as the said P. R. Evans, Mayor may be absent from the Town of Amherst.

The council adjourned.



MAYOR



CLERK.

At the special meeting of the Town Council held in the Mayors Office
 October 24, 1927 at 8 O'clock P.M. present, O.V.Hanger, presiding, W.W.Hill,
 W.H.Wood, W.U.Brodie, and A.R.Watts.

On motion the town Sargeant's salary was fixed at \$120.00 per Month
 beginning August 1st 1927.

On motion the Town Treasurer was directed to pay the Fire
 Department electric bill each month.

The bill of J.C.Talbot was ordered paid \$12.00 for printing
 8 signs.

The bill of A.R.Watts, for \$11.61 was ordered paid.
 as mayor

The resignation of Peyton R.Evans/was presented and accepted.

W.U.Brodie nominated W.H.Carter for Mayor which was seconded by
 W.W.Hill, the roll called with the following result. Ayes, Brodie, Hill, Hanger,
 Watts and Wood--5. Noes --0.

W.H.Carter having received the majority votes of the council
 was declared duely elected Mayor for the unexpired term occassioned by the
 resignation of P.R.Evans.

W.W.Hill and W.H.Wood was appointed a committee to notify W.H.Carter
 of his election.

The Chairman of the water committee was authorized to put in the
 two fire plugs,

There being no other business the council adjourned.

L.H. Shuder Clerk

W.H. Carter Mayor.