Council Meeting June 10, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The Council Meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members Carrow, Flatter, Paisley, and Pedigo. Mayor Smith was presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Ryan Quackenbush, Cindy Lane, Deborah Daugherty, Chris Simms, Kevin L. Wilson, Rodney Whalen, D J Cox, Alison D. Pedigo, Jenn Pase, and Andrew Mays were also in attendance.

- 1. Call to Order Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge to the Flag Mr. Pedigo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **3.** Presentation to Town of Clayton Employees Frank Sacco, Kevin Crews, and Jake Lucas Mr. Smith stated this will be presented at the Clayton Fire Company meeting on 06/11/24.
- 4. Swearing in of New Council Member Marvin Pedigo was sworn in by Judge Kevin Wilson.
- 5. Determination of a Quorum Mr. Smith determined a quorum was present.
- 6. Approval of Minutes -

Mr. Carrow made a motion to accept the Council Meeting minutes of 05/13/24 and the Law & Legislature Committee Meeting minutes of 05/29/24 as presented in their written form. Mr. Flatter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Income and Expense Report -

Mr. Paisley made a motion to accept the May 2024 Income and Expense Reports as amended in its written form. Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **8.** Communications Mr. Pedigo read a letter from Cygnus Home Services LLC d/b/a Yelloh dated 5/28/24 and an email from Laura D'Ottone praising Cpl. Fox.
- **9. Report of the Chief of Police** Mr. Smith stated the police department is attending a funeral this evening. A written report has been submitted.
- 10. Report of the Town Solicitor Mr. Chambers had no report.

11. Reports from Members of Council

- a. Report from Electric Committee Mr. Paisley stated he will give his report under DEMEC.
- b. Report from Street Committee Mr. Pedigo had no report.
- c. Report from Sewer & Stormwater Committee Mr. Carrow stated the sewer project has started about a week ago. It started on Hudson Street, and they are on Main Street now in the area of Reed Street. As we go through the next couple of weeks you will see different places in town where they will be working. It will be inconvenient during the daytime, but the streets will be back to normal at nighttime. Mr. Smith stated it is going as scheduled at this point. The locations and times will vary depending on availability to them and weather obviously. We are trying to post on Facebook every day, every morning, to where they are going to be that day and on the website.
- d. Report from Equipment Committee Mr. Pedigo had no report.
- e. **Report from Public Safety Committee** Mr. Smith stated Public Safety has changed to the PAC at this time.
- f. Report from Budget Committee Mr. Smith stated we will call a meeting in August.
- g. Report from Economic Development Committee Mr. Carrow had no report.
- h. Report from Downtown Development Rebate Mr. Paisley had no report.
- **Report from DEMEC** Mr. Paisley stated he has his orientation on the DEMEC Board of Directors tomorrow. We have Chris Simms our town utility consultant with us this evening to discuss the DEMEC rate increase effective May 1st. DEMEC increased the town's electric rate 3.4%. This is not unique to DEMEC. It is basically the entire Delmarva Peninsula. What happened is we have PJM and their job is to connect all the people that supply power, generate power like power plants things of that nature. Part of PJM's role is three years in advance to calculate a projection of the amount of power that will be needed on this peninsula. Unfortunately, when they did that for the year beginning on May 1st they did so incorrectly. That resulted in a massive increase on our electric rates on the entire DPL's zone which is basically most of Delmarva. DEMEC increase was significantly mitigated because DEMEC has the power to generate electricity via its Beasley Power Station. So, while DEMEC's increase was 3% you have other institutions like Delmarva Power which have already increased by over 5%. More will be coming but that is the preliminary information.
- j. Report from Board of Adjustments Mr. Smith stated a meeting is scheduled for 07/02/24.
- **k.** Report from Planning & Zoning Committee Mr. Smith stated the next scheduled meeting will be on 06/26/24.
- **l.** Appeals Board Mr. Smith had no report.

- m. Law & Legislature Committee Mr. Paisley stated the committee met on 05/29/24 to consider four different ordinances. All the ordinances passed including one with an amendment. They are all on the agenda for discussion and vote tonight. One of the ordinances was from the police title that was referred back into Law & Legislature Committee for further review. After further review, that was recommended for adoption.
- **n.** Building Committee Mr. Carrow stated last month we discussed the project manager for the proposed Town Hall and Police Department. We are in the process of making a request for a bid package written up to put out to individuals who might be interested in coming on board as the project manager for the project. We are still working on that. As soon as I get that information back, we will have to look at it and make sure everything looks good for approval. We will have to put it out to bid, get those back, and make a decision on where to go from there. That is what we are working on, but it is going slow though.

12. Public Forum

Deborah Daugherty – asked if we could get the police department to have people slow down. She stated she got cussed out on her way over here. Somebody was speeding and she motioned for him to slow down. It is all day long. It is horrible. She does not want kids, elders, and pets getting hit out there. Sometimes it is the same cars the same day. Mr. Smith asked about a specific time. Ms. Daugherty gave no specific times. It is all day. Today it was around noon. It was a work truck, a silver/grey Tahoe. He had been doing at least 50 down our street. Mr. Smith stated he will let the Chief know.

Rodney Whalen – He is a resident and President of the Clayton Fire Company. He would like to thank the town for allowing the town crew to go to fires. It is going to be our honor to have you at our meeting tomorrow night. He stated as a resident he thinks that the truck traffic in town is really getting crazy, especially going down Reed Street and Rodney Street. When he was on council truck traffic had to come down Route 300 and up School Lane. He sees trucks coming right through town and heading towards Maryland. The other day one went straight into Metal Masters. It is a problem that we need to work on. Little kids have electric bikes. He said something to Mr. Scott but he said they were electric. There was nothing he could do. Mr. Whalen stated he would hate to have to pull up on his rescue truck at the firehouse with a kid run over in the middle of the street and there is nothing we can do. I wish the town would at least talk to parents or try to do something so we do not go to a dead kid getting hit. Mr. Whalen then spoke about the street sweeper. He talked to Mr. Ross about this before. My street is dirtier after it comes by than it was before it came. His suggestion is to budget for a new sweeper. When he spoke to Mr. Ross and he stated they needed one.

Alison Pedigo – Asked if a 35 mile an hour sign could be installed back near Clayton Courts. It has been missing there for a while and rumor has it that it is a town sign. I do not know if that is something we need to coordinate. The sign has been missing for several months now. Mr. Smith asked if that was the side of the entrance. Ms. Pedigo stated no. It is when you are heading toward the high school from Clayton. It is on the right-hand side just before. She stated it is 35

after the ice plant toward the high school. It is 35 going that way. It is 35 then it is 25. So adjacent to the 25-mph sign that faces the east as you are travelling there should be a 35-mph sign facing west.

Andrew Mays - Mr. Smith stated he is on the agenda. If he speaks now he can only speak for three minutes.

13. Unfinished Business

a. Discuss and Vote on Approval of Planning & Zoning Committee Appointment. (NS)

Mr. Smith stated he appointed Richard Pratt. He was at last month's meeting and attended the Planning & Zoning meeting. He is looking for council approval.

Mr. Paisley stated in accordance with the Zoning Ordinance found in the Clayton Municipal Code, I move to nominate Richard Pratt to the position of Planning & Zoning Committee. Mr. Flatter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discuss and Vote on Electric Rates. Presentation by Chris Simms. (NS)

Mr. Simms stated Councilman Paisley gave a good introduction to it. The only thing that he added was when PGM conducted their auction for the capacity three (3) years ago, they noticed before they published the results that something was over. The number did not come out to what they expected it to be. It was \$400 a MW. It is typically around \$180 or so. That is why they went to FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and said look we had this odd result from the auction and we want to basically adjust the value on that. They just knew the results were erroneous so the FERC actually approved it three years ago. That is why everybody was operating under the assumption that those rates would lower it down to \$180 a MW. It made it to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Earlier this year, just a couple of months ago, they actually overturned the first decision which is extremely rare. So, the fact that there is very little time between when that decision was overturned to the start of the delivery year when those rates would need to be in effect they effectively PJM decided not to take it any further and they had to utilize those initial results that they know were false. That is just a one-year occurrence they had. He laid the auction for next year until they can get changes in the rules in place to avoid this same thing from happening again. It is very short lived. It is everybody on the eastern shore that were affected. So, the increase we are going from a \$91.21 per MW hour DEMEC rate up to \$94.29. I know it does not make it any better, but I will say that this is effectively only 1% higher than what the peak was back in 2010. We have seen a significant spike in the power supply calls over the last three (3) years, but it is effectively getting us back to where we were about a dozen years ago. We are going to look at two different options because the delivery year for this capacity starts on June 1st and it goes through May 31st. DEMEC could actually revise their rate for 2025 as well, but we found out just last week that DEMEC may not have a lot of confidence in that calculation. What was Option 1 was where we could adjust our rate and include the increase for 2025 in the hopes that we

could keep rates stable for customers through the end of 2025. Since they do not have confidence in that, what I am recommending is we just go to this second option which is adjust the PCA solely to collect the actual change in the DEMEC rate that we just experienced. It would take the PCA from .0259 per kWh to .0338 per kWh. That is a 2-1/2% increase on the customer's average bill. That is about \$4.20 per month that will take us through the rest of this year unless there is some other unforeseen event. In all likelihood, which will take us through to the end of this year. It is a question mark as to what the rate will need to be in 2025. If their initial projection was correct, it would be another 2% increase. DEMEC does not vote on their final rate until the middle of December and sets the rate for 2025 so we will know in December what the rate will be. In all likelihood, we should be prepared that it is going to be another increase. Mr. Smith said when you say it is \$4.20 a month on the average bill, what is the average usage? Mr. Simms said I always quote about 1,000 kWh a month. It just makes it easier because when you do price comparisons to other utilities, everybody uses 1,000 kWh. That is the standard. Mr. Paisley stated he completely agrees with Mr. Simms because if there is so much instability in the GPN energy, he doesn't think it is wise to go anything above what our cost increase and keep it there until rates become more stable and we have a more clear image of how this is going to move forward. Mr. Smith stated last week DEMEC stated they underestimated what they were going to get back. Once that formula plays out it should lessen the impact on any January increase. Mr. Smith stated he would take a motion to increase the rate. Mr. Paisley stated would it be just to increase the PCA 2-1/2%? Mr. Smith the rate would be .0338.

Mr. Paisley made a motion to adjust the Town of Clayton's PCA by increasing the rate to .0338. Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith stated he would need some clarification on what month we start that. Mr. Simms stated the DEMEC rate already increased for May 1st usage. So, the bill that we received last week already has the increased DEMEC rate. So as soon as you can get it in place. Mr. Smith stated I need council to approve when it is active in this motion. There is going to be a month overlap. Mr. Paisley stated so it would be to further keep the electricity consumed in June insofar and going forward to be billed in July. Can I just amend the motion to reflect that? Mr. Flatter asked if that was going to create any issues. Is it going to be effective today? Mr. Smith stated essentially. Mr. Flatter stated so being the 10th of June so we are only going to count 20 days in June? Can we either retroactively go back to 1 June or we would have to do 1 July starting with the August bill. Mr. Smith stated you should start billing in August. We cannot split it from this date.

Mr. Paisley amended the motion to start with July 1 usage to be billed in August. Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Simms asked the mayor about the net energy metering. Mr. Smith stated he is going to request Vice Mayor Paisley to get with Mr. Simms on scheduling an Electric

Committee Meeting to go over some upcoming issues that he sees that we might want to get ahead of.

 c. Discuss and Vote on Ordinance 2024-12 – An Act to Amend Article 3.2-1 of the Clayton Municipal Code Related to Making, Creating, or Permitting of Unnecessary Loud, Disturbing or Unnecessary Noise Prohibited and Amendment #1. (RP)

Mr. Paisley stated this ordinance was from our revision of the police title. This was introduced on April 8th, considered in Law & Legislative Committee on April 23rd, and was up for Council consideration last month. The council referred that back into committee to consider the amendment at the most recent Law & Legislative Committee meeting. This ordinance was reconsidered with the proposed amendment both of which were recommended by the committee to adopt.

Mr. Paisley made a motion for Council to adopt Ordinance 2024-12 An Act to Amend Town of Clayton Ordinance Article 3.2-1 Making, Creating, or Permitting of Unreasonably Loud, Disturbing, or Unnecessary Noise Prohibited. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discuss and vote on Ordinance 2024-14 – An Act to Amend Article 2.2-2 of the Clayton Municipal Code Related to Handling and Disposition of Garbage, Trash, and Rubbish. (RP)

Mr. Paisley stated he wanted to commend the Code Enforcement Officer who is with us tonight. He worked very hard on this ordinance trying to get it updated for some of the issues we are experiencing in town. This ordinance was introduced at the May meeting and passed. It went to the Law & Legislative Committee on April 29th and was approved by the Town Solicitor's Office on April 26th.

Mr. Paisley made a motion for Council to adopt Ordinance 2024-14 An Act to Amend Town of Clayton Ordinance Article 2.2-2 Related to Handling and Disposition of Garbage, Trash, and Rubbish. Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Discuss and Vote on Ordinance 2024-15 – An Act to Amend Article 4.1-6 of the Clayton Municipal Code Related to Mobile Food Vendors. (RP)

Mr. Paisley thanked the Code Enforcement Officer for his very hard work on this. This ordinance codifies some provisions we have regarding mobile food vendors and making sure that the town is taking the steps it needs to take to ensure that they are properly insured and licensed. This ordinance followed the similar progression of being introduced in May, passed through committee with a few amendments on May 29th, and approved by the Solicitor on May 2nd. Those amendments the committee made was to institute an effective date of January 1st just to give some food vendors we have already in town some time to prepare to comply with the article.

Mr. Paisley made a motion for Council to adopt Ordinance 2024-15 An Act to Create Town of Clayton Ordinance Article 4.1-6 Related to f. Discuss and Vote on Ordinance 2024-16 – An Act to Amend Article 4.1-7 of the Clayton Municipal Code Related to Peddling and Soliciting. (RP)

Mr. Paisley stated we did have a section of code related to solicitors, but it was in great need of updating and that is what we are doing here. We are also moving it to a new section of the code book. This gives the town a little bit more enforcement ability than it previously had. I know this is an ongoing issue we are having in developments where unlicensed solicitors are coming through. It followed a similar progression of being introduced at the May Council meeting, passing through Law & Legislative Committee, and was approved by the Town Solicitor's Office on June 5th.

Mr. Paisley made a motion that Council adopt Ordinance 2024-16 An Act to Create Town of Clayton Ordinance Article 4.1-7 Related to Peddling and Soliciting. Mr. Flatter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. New Business

a. Request to be Put on the Town Council Agenda - Andrew Mays

Mr. Mays stated he does a little bit of business here in town mostly out of Philly from Jersey. He is right next door to us in Kent County. He stated he is very observant and in the military for 13 years, a Staff Sergeant. He stated he is just paying attention. He appreciates what we are doing in town. He is paying attention and doing some research about some things. The first thing is respect. Respect goes both ways. Everybody knows you have kids; you have people that are in the military. You want your kids to respect you. I do pay attention to the Town Hall page. I do pay attention to my surroundings so I am just here right now. I would like to say more of feedback. I have recently been stopped not saying here or there. We are all familiar with this. That curve is relatively dangerous. With that being said, kind or rather hard to come around it. I know why I got a ticket, but I just think it was not respectable and I think we all want to be respected. When we come into certain situations, you know, we want to make sure that we are actually helping, protecting, and serving. That is what we all know that the cops are standing. It is not a bone I am picking with the cops or the town, but I am a neighbor here. I do want to stand for respect as well as get perspective. I am a relatively new resident, been here about a year and a half. When I turned that corner, it was late. I came from helping someone and I explained that to the officer. I think it was Officer Fox. I get it. We want to share the most positive things about everyone, but sometimes we get to shed some light on the darkness. I have already spoken to Mayor Smith about some situations. I do not want to lie to you guys. I can tell you the exact time, but I do have a videotape of speaking with an officer coming in and asking questions. I do believe that is his job. That is what he signed up for. I am just going to say for the better lack of words we could have worked better together if we had a better understanding. Another thing is so I hear a lot of different things in here about, you know, how our community could be better. And again, that falls on respect, community service. We want to make sure that everything that we are doing is in community

service. I like to tell people back in the day when you went to someone's house if you were disrespectful they whip you then send you back to your parents and you get it again. Cannot do that anymore. But what I am saying is we can all look out for each other. That is one way we can kind of minimize the stuff that I am hearing, you know, the craziness with the guys and the kids running around with the electric motorcycles and stuff. Oh, the speed limit posting, I get it. The speed limit – the town needs money and the speed limit is posted. There have been times I have been chased, you know, and they do not stop you all the time or they do stop you. I got it. They got their story together, but I am actually having my radar with the app showing me my speed limit and I get pulled over and they already got the ticket written. I know how the game goes in the military. We all get together. We talk hee-hee ha-ha that is fun. But again, I feel like I am a little bit behind the eight ball. I am trying to talk and be respectful and then you know, and I am not being heard out. I am just thankful to be here, and you know I praise God. I think some of this stuff needs to be addressed. I remember I was born in the 80's so I do remember going to the neighbor and helping. You know she needed help moving her plants. I would go over there and help, and I still do that to this day. If Mr. Smith needed something around his house. Hey, we know that as men you know I do not want to be disrespectful, but we have a hard time in communicating when we need help. I want to be that person that is near or far. I will come and help you or you do not even have to call me if I see you out here and there is trash all over. You would think it is common sense, but I am starting to think that you know that people are in certain situations cops different people in different. I am just going to keep it like that because I do not want to throw any darts or offend anyone. I think just like adults, we forget that we were kids at one time. But do not forget why you are doing the job. We want to see a positive change. If the positive change means, hey, I told you three times about speeding I am giving you a ticket. That is what it is. Again, we have discipline. Disciplinary actions in the military as well, so I understand that completely, but at the same time we are not making money off the backs of our own people. I mean if it is and that is how you guys do business or if that is how, excuse me, that was kind of offensive. So, if that is how business is done here in Clayton, then I understand and I will try to stay away. I am just a good-hearted genuine person and that is why I came today because I thought that we could all get on the same page. And again, if you need my hand, I will come and help you. I do not know everyone's name but that is why I am here to come and see y'all businesses through. So, I appreciate it. Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Smith stated we spoke, and I spoke to the officers after our conversation. I do want to, for the record, as far as our fine amounts we do not factor that even in our budget because we do not concern ourselves with it. It is a nominal number that we normally do not even meet each year so there are no type of quotas that are held in the Town of Clayton. Not at all. I appreciate your time and your concern.

b. Discuss and Vote on a Resolution to Adopt Irrevocable Trust. (NS)

Mr. Smith stated at this time there are some more adjustments that need to be made. The Vice Mayor and I reviewed this. There are references to the Board of Trustees so I will take that up with the other attorney that handled that as well. I am not comfortable with voting on that at this time.

c. Discuss and Vote on the Approval of the Annual Comp Plan Report. (NS)

Mr. Smith stated this is something else we will not be voting on today. The annual comp plan is being prepared by the University of Delaware. It does need to be submitted by July 1st. If the comp plan is given to me prior to the Planning & Zoning meeting it will be presented to them. I am just bringing it forward to the council that I will be submitting that by July 1st because that is the cut-off date it needs to be turned in by. He is just waiting to receive it from the University of Delaware. We will present council with that report next month.

d. Discuss and Vote on a Resolution Declaring a Public Nuisance at 221 Clayton Avenue in Response to a Public Complaint. (NS)

Mr. Smith stated our Code Enforcement Officer has done his due diligence here. He will bring up pictures on the screen. Mr. Quackenbush stated the Department of Code Enforcement has been receiving complaints regarding 221 Clayton Avenue since 2023. The first one came across my desk in November. They continue to come in verbally. A few citizens have filled out written complaints all the way through May and I understand there has been some previous history to the property as well. As part of my job, I do not just take what a citizen says as a complaint. I actually investigate the complaints. That means actually going out and talking to the property owner and finding out what is going on. Sometimes there are underlying issues. If the town can, with the property owner, we do that rather than just handing out citations. We have been unable to make contact with the property owner until just recently. What he wanted to share was that all of these complaints that have been coming in have been for various property maintenance code violations. What that is, as you can see by the photos here, there are actually a lot. There are a lot of household items on the front porch, trash cans, lawnmowers, things like that. Obviously, these things do not belong on the front porch, or they do not belong in the front yard. A lot of this is curb appeal related. It is actually very difficult to even tell what is on top of the porch because there is so much junk that is there. What I can say is that when I do go by the house, it has increasingly gotten worse since last November all the way to this date. When we look at property maintenance violations, there is a lot more that goes into it (accessory structures, sheds, fences, things like that). The code requires that an accessory structure has to be maintained. As you can see, the fence is broken here all along the whole property. This is the backside of Peach Alley. There are a whole bunch of sections that are broken. It is dilapidated meaning there are a lot of items that are sticking out of the fence. It seems like a lot of household junk is actually being pushed in the holes, just kind of plugging holes. If you go by the house, it is not a normal situation. Obviously, it is enough that citizens have been complaining about it. It is sitting on one of the most beautiful streets probably in Clayton. There is a lot of history on that street. It is right across from the Military Academy, so it is a very noticeable property. Mr. Quackenbush showed photos of the side of the house. There are a lot of vegetation issues. The photo was from December 2023. The code requires bushes to be maintained. He showed photos of the fence that runs along Duck Creek Parkway. He showed a picture of an air conditioner unit laying out the windows. He showed another picture from January 2024. He showed another picture from May 2024. The vegetation growth has continued, but the grass has been cut. A second story window is broken. It is a code violation and a safety issue. He showed a picture of the shed. This

is considered an accessory structure. This also has to be maintained. We are not trying to knit pick. Nothing is going to be perfect. We know over time these things deteriorate and paint peels. Weather can enter through the open window and start harboring rodents. Mr. Quackenbush does not know if there is a dog on the property. He is going to meet with the property owner tomorrow. Mr. Smith stated the reason this is being presented is because there is with so many issues some of it is tough to put in black and white in the ordinance violation. When you have so many residents that come up to us, and I know a lot of us have been approached in reference and code enforcement has been approached many times about a specific property it falls under this section to where council can declare it a nuisance property which then enables code enforcement to take it as a whole. This is just a declaration on our behalf, but we would leave it to code enforcement to approach the situation as he sees fit without objection to the resolution today. Mr. Smith had the vice mayor read the resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Flatter made a motion to accept the Resolution Declaring a Public Nuisance at 221 Clayton Avenue in Response to Public Complaint. Mr. Paisley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Introduction of Ordinance 2024-17 – An Act to Create Title 11 of the Clayton Municipal Code Related to Rental Properties. (RP)

Mr. Paisley thanked the Code Enforcement Officer. He has been meeting with a lot of different colleagues from around the state to help us codify into the ordinance some provisions around rental properties. This ordinance will address all of that. Mr. Paisley would request that Ordinance 2024-17 be considered introduced and referred into Law & Legislative Committee for committee review.

f. Discuss and Vote on a Resolution Appointing a New Town of Clayton Downtown Development District Administrator. (RP)

Mr. Smith stated this particular position is a state position that is appointed by the council, and it is appointed by name, not position. It was held by past councilmember DeBenedictis. This is resolving that. Vice Mayor Paisley will take that position as the Downtown Development District Administrator. Mr. Paisley stated he believes the resolution needs to be read. It is fairly straightforward. Mr. Paisley read the resolution in its entirety.

Mr. Paisley made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-4 appoint a new Town of Clayton Downtown Development District Administrator. Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to Consider Personnel Matters Pursuant 29 Delaware Code §10004(b) (1) (8) and (9)

Mr. Flatter made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Mr. Paisley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion to Reconvene into Regular Session

Mr. Paisley made a motion to adjourn back into Regular Session. *Mr.* Flatter seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and Vote on Action Taken in Executive Session

Mr. Smith stated we are not taking any action to reduce scores. Everything will come back to him and then he will send out the results. He will have to call a special meeting, or he will send out an email and responses go directly to him. It will not be sent reply all.

18. Adjournment

Mr. Flatter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paisley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey