

SWANSEA  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14 2019

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Jerald Sanders  
Councilwoman Linda Butler  
Councilman David Martin  
Councilman Michael Luongo

**MEMBER ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Woodrow Davis

**GENERAL MEETING**

The Swansea Town Council held its monthly meeting at the Swansea Municipal Building 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Jerald Sanders, confirming the media was notified and the agenda had been posted at town hall and the police department. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. We were then led in prayer by Councilman Luongo.

Mayor asked, if there was a consideration to approve the (1) Special Call Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019 and the General Meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup> 2018. It was moved via Councilwoman Linda Butler and second by Councilman Michael Luongo.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

John Brown Town Auditor was introduced to council and shared the Towns Audits. He share with the Mayor a draft of the 2017 and 2018 audit report before a final is present.

Carlton Moore reported on his monthly work activities for the month of December 2018.

**POLICE REPORT.**

The month of December issued 55 tickets, served 7 warrants, 10 arrests, etc.

People are operating without a Business License for one thing and using it for another.

Mayor presented First Reading Series Ordinance providing for the Issuance and Sale of Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bond for Swansea SC. Mayor asked, if there was a consideration for the First Reading, a motion was put on the floor via Councilman Luongo and second by Councilman Martin. It was unanimous in favor of the reading.

It was an adoption of Amended Ordinance.1821. It was a consideration for a motion to adopt second by Councilwoman Butler. It again was Unanimous in favor.

A motion to go into Executive Session, first via Councilman Luongo and Second via Councilman Martin.

There we no votes are actions taken in executive session, therefore, there was a consideration to come out with a motion made by Councilman Martin and Second by Councilman Luongo. It was unanimous. There was no further business before council; therefore a motion was made by Councilman Martin and second by Councilman Luongo to adjourn. It was a unanimous vote to close the session.

Respectively Submitted,

Margaret Harvey  
Clerk Treasurer  
Town of Swans  
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The audits changed from a Calendar Year to a Fiscal Year, first year June 30, 2017 and second June 30, 2018.

He read through the records of the town that was provided. There are reports an auditor can give of an audit qualified, unqualified and disclaimer of an opinion. The Town report is going to receive a disclaimer of opinion because, the previous auditor, without criticism.

He indicated in the notes of your 2016 audits which were done before him, had been reported. The accounts were out of balance since 2003 for 14 years. The General Funds to the Proprietary funds did not balance and always suggested you get that fix. In his opinion something like that needs to be fix before a clean audit could be issue for the town. This was one of the reasons for the disclaimer for one of his opinions. (2) Adjusting entries that needed to be made for the accounts to balance were not made. Bookkeeping functions that needed to be made to ensure the accuracy of the accounts were not done. Through discussion with town personnel and the attorney herself. He was informed there was pending litigation going on with the town. I asked, the attorney for a legal representation letter, for which he has not received to date. This is another reason for the disclaimer of his opinion.

However, he does not feel anything is going on in the mist of your town records from 2016 to 2018, June 30. The Town is growing; The Cash Balance Increase by 187,432 and the receivables went down by 24,000, which is a good thing. We do not have as much money owed to the town and it is coming in on scheduled.

He provided the Mayor with a Copy of the Audit Report from June 2017 and 2018.

The floor was then open to council for any questions to Mr. John Brown. Councilman Luongo said he had none at this time until he had an opportunity to review the report.

### **WATER AND SEWER**

NO REPORT (Rick not in attendance)

### **STREET MAINTENANCE**