

DAMASCUS TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes for June 6, 2022
7:00pm Regular Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Mitchel Greer, Beaty Jackson, Tom Hayes, Tony Doss, Susan Coleman, and Charles Fields

Absent: None

Also Present: Katie Lamb, Mayor
Tuesday Pope, Town Clerk
Kermit Turner, Police Chief & Fire Chief
Gavin Blevins, Town Manager
Trent Crewe, Legal Counsel

7:00pm: Mayor Lamb called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance; Ms. Coleman gave the invocation.

Mayor Lamb asked for approval of the May 2, 2022, Regular Called Council Meeting Minutes.

- Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Mr. Greer 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Mayor Lamb asked for approval of the agenda, as presented.

- Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Coleman 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

- I. Mayor Lamb opened a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget Synopsis, as follows:

DAMASCUS, VA
 PROPOSED BUDGET SYNOPSIS
 FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023
 - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -

The Town Council of Damascus, VA will hold a public hearing for the purposes of public information and fiscal planning regarding the proposed Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The hearing will be held on June 6, 2022, at 7:05 p.m. at the Damascus Town Hall, and is open to the public.

The public hearing is held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and is for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on the proposed budget. All citizens have the right to attend the public hearing and to share their views on the proposed budget within such reasonable time limits as shall be established by the Town Council.

The proposed property tax levies for Damascus, VA for the 2022-2023 tax year that would be necessary to fully fund the proposed budgets if approved by the Town Council are as follows:

A Town unit levy for general Town purposes of forty-six cents (\$0.46) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and fifty-two cents (\$0.52) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all mobile home, public utilities, personal property, and machinery and tools at one hundred percent (100%) of fair market value.

The proposed budget is available at Town Hall for review.

TOWN OF DAMASCUS BUDGET SUMMARY

REVENUE	BUDGET	BUDGET
Sources	2021-2022	2022-2023
Lodging Tax	\$85,000.00	\$95,000.00
Meals Tax	\$180,000.00	\$190,000.00
Real Property Tax	\$225,000.00	\$232,000.00
Personal Property/License Fees/State Car Tax Refund	\$37,000.00	\$42,000.00
Other Taxes	\$214,250.00	\$215,201.00
Trail Days	\$70,000.00	\$80,000.00
Downtown Revitalization/Trail Center Grants	\$214,432.83	\$45,246.00
Reserves	\$162,004.95	\$328,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$96,444.00	\$156,942.00
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$402,038.00	\$802,076.00
DHCD Housing Project Grant	\$771,300.00	\$764,350.00
TOTAL	\$2,457,469.78	\$2,950,815.00
EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	BUDGET
Activity	2021-2022	2022-2023
Administration	\$380,401.95	\$410,340.00
Downtown Revitalization/Trail Center Grants	\$214,432.83	\$0.00
Police	\$310,412.00	\$331,866.00
Fire & Rescue	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
Public Works	\$208,565.00	\$341,385.00
Parks & Recreation	\$107,690.00	\$223,068.00
Pool	\$36,630.00	\$51,730.00
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$402,038.00	\$802,076.00
DHCD Housing Project Grant	\$771,300.00	\$764,350.00
TOTAL	\$2,457,469.78	\$2,950,815.00

Mayor Lamb opened the floor for Public Comments.
 There were no Public Comments to be heard.
 Mayor Lamb closed the Public Hearing.

II. Mayor Lamb opened a Public Hearing regarding the proposed TACS Ordinance, as follows:

TO: Town Council

FROM: Treasurer

SUBJECT: Request to advertise an ordinance to be added to the Town Code to provide for administrative fees and collection agency and attorney's fees to be added to delinquent bills.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed ordinance to the Town Code after holding a public hearing.

ISSUE: Should the Town Code provide for a fee charged to delinquent citizens for administrative costs and for attorneys and collection agency fees actually incurred?

BACKGROUND:

Section 58.1-3958 of the Code of Virginia provides that the governing body may impose administrative fees to cover the costs of collection and may also add collection agency or attorney's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed 20%, to the delinquent bill. This proposal recognizes that the costs of collection of delinquent accounts should be borne by those who have failed to meet their obligations and not by the general citizenry. These fees would cover the costs of collection in the event the account is assigned to a collection agency or attorney.

Staff: Treasurer

Reviewed by Town Attorney's Office: 05/12/2022

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

§ 22-124. Payment of administrative fees, attorney's fees, and collection agency's fees to cover the costs associated with the collection of delinquent taxes.

Any person liable for local taxes or other local accounts who fails to pay the amount due within 30 days after notice of the delinquency has been sent shall, in addition to all penalties and interest, pay a fee to cover the administrative costs associated with the collection in such amount as allowed by Section 58.1-3958 of the Virginia Code, as amended, or such other Virginia statute regulating the amount of such fees or covering the subject of fees in such

cases. In addition to the administrative fee, any collection agency's fees or attorney's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the delinquent bill, may also be added to the delinquent bill.

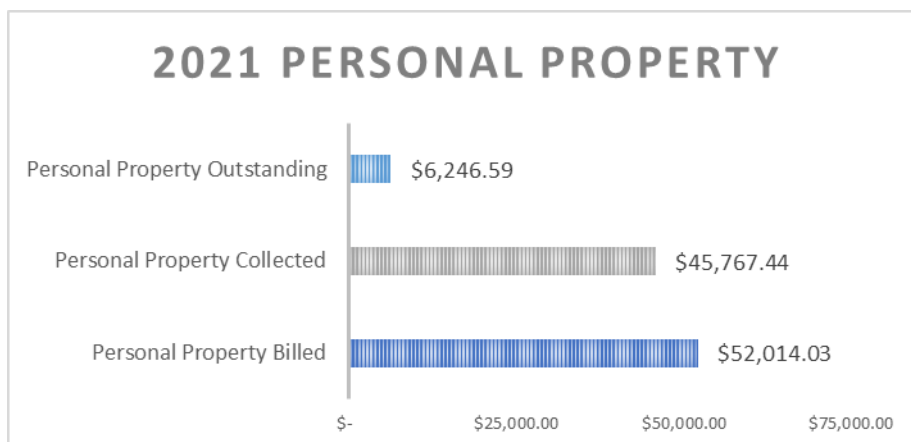
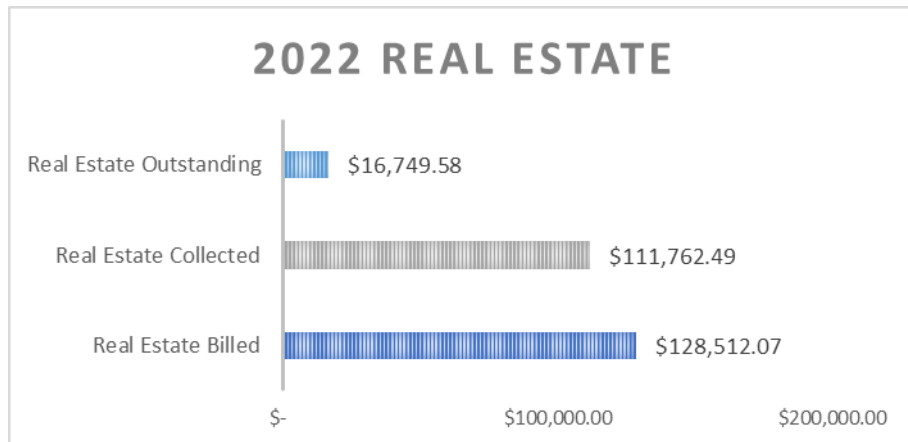
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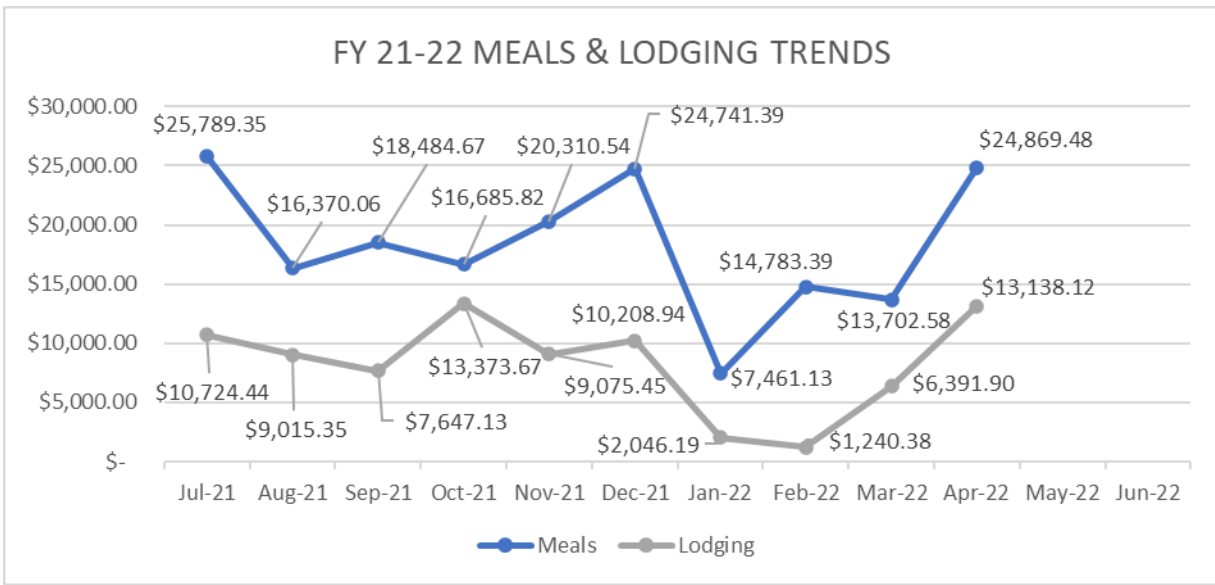
Committee Reports

Budget, Finance, and Administration:

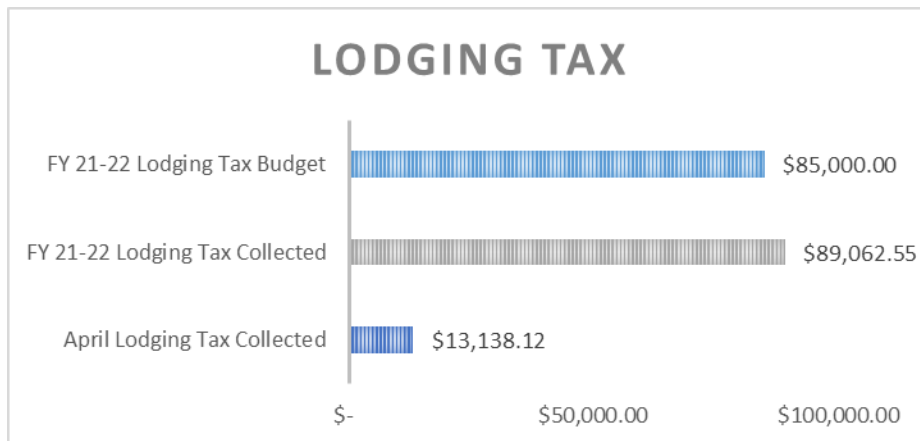
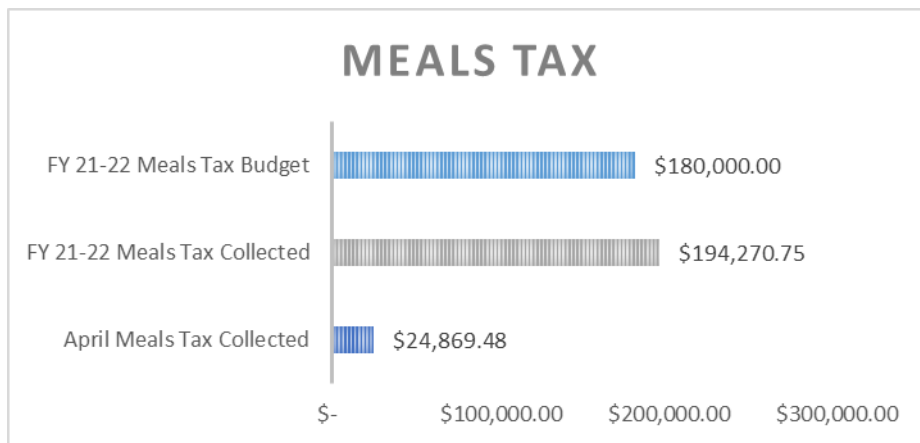
Town Treasurer, Elena Smith, submitted the following report for the previous month, which was read by Mr. Blevins:

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes: The collection rate for 2022 Real Estate taxes is at 86.97% and the collection rate for 2021 Personal Property is at 87.99%.





Meals & Lodging Tax: We collected \$24,869.48 in Meals Tax and \$13,138.12 in Lodging Tax during May, reflecting sales for April.



Town of Damascus Virginia Investment Pool (VIP)	Account Balance	FYTD Income
VIP Stable NAV Liquidity Pool	\$550,843.78	\$599.15
Subaccounts	-	-
RESERVE FUND	\$53,928.77	\$58.69
EARMARK POLICE VEHICLE	\$15,259.81	\$16.75
SEWER FUND CD	\$26,215.52	\$28.52
ANTHEM RECOVERY	\$43,814.17	\$47.54
ADDITIONAL WORKING CAPITAL	\$1,714.79	\$1.71
TRAIL DAYS RESERVE	\$7,434.54	\$7.76
TOD ARPA 2021	\$402,476.18	\$438.18

Streets, Lights and Maintenance:

Mr. Greer reported no major issues right now. The department will be working on some right-of-ways in the upcoming future. Sweet Plumbing will be installing the bathroom fixtures at the Laurel Creek Park, and Meade Tractor has a set of 48in forks for our John Deere tractor which is priced at \$880.

- Mr. Hayes made a motion to allocate up to \$3,000 for the plumbing services at the Laurel Creek Park. Ms. Coleman 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).
- Mr. Jackson made a motion to allocate \$880 to purchase forks for the tractor, as requested. Mr. Doss 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Parks and Recreation:

Ms. Coleman reported on the following:

- Trail Days went off amazing and everybody really enjoyed it. The committee had a debriefing afterwards to discuss things that can be done differently for next year. This included the need to hire staff to keep the trash cans emptied in the Town Park and at Tent City during the event because the two Public Works employees we have need to be available to do maintenance things; and the biggest complaint the Police Department had was people openly drinking alcohol in the Town Park.
- Town Pool Status Update – The American Leak Detection people came out and the pool has leaks in every one of its returns. They fixed them all with epoxy that will hold until a pool company can repair them permanently after the swim season is over. We are planning to open this weekend, and we need to have a water heater replaced. Southern Plumbing has quoted this at \$1,100.

- Mr. Fields made a motion to approve the water heater replacement, as requested. Mr. Greer 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Mr. Greer asked about the status of the chlorinator that isn't working properly

Ms. Coleman replied that a technician is coming out within the next two weeks to look at it, and the health dept said now that the leaks are fixed it is fine to continue hand chlorinating, as long as they make sure to stay on top of it, until we get the chlorinator repaired.

Ms. Coleman stated that pool co-manager John Dancer has went above and beyond his call of duty and worked really hard to get the pool up and running for the season.

- Playground Equipment Inspection – Ms. Coleman had an inspector from Playground Specialists Inc. come out and look over our Town Park playground and he said overall it was well maintained, but a few items need some attention. Mulch needs to be added to make it deeper; the tire see-saw will need to be replaced or removed; the handicap swing has some parts that need to be replaced; a rubber mat under one of the swings needs to be replaced; and all of the equipment needs to be power-washed.

Planning Commission:

Nothing to report at this time.

Police and Fire Advisory:

Chief Turner presented the following P.D. activity report for the previous month:

Operations: *May 2022, Damascus Officers had 117 calls for service. We have taken 13 investigative reports and made 10 arrests. We work 1 reportable accident.*

Traffic Enforcement Activities: *We issued 9 citations along with 7 warnings.*

Speeding complaint areas include: *S Shady Ave & Laurel Ave*

Special Report: *We have completed our annual Trail Days event. We had a very busy weekend and during the event we made 3 arrests. We had several complaints about drinking and that has been discussed with the committee.*

Special Notes: *We have ordered and received the new hand cuffs and they have been issued out to each officer.*

Police Vehicles: *The 2013 Ford Explorer the parts have been ordered for it and as soon as they come in the garage will be taking it to get it fixed.*

Auxiliary: Nothing new at this time.

Damascus Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Turner presented the following report for the previous month's activities :

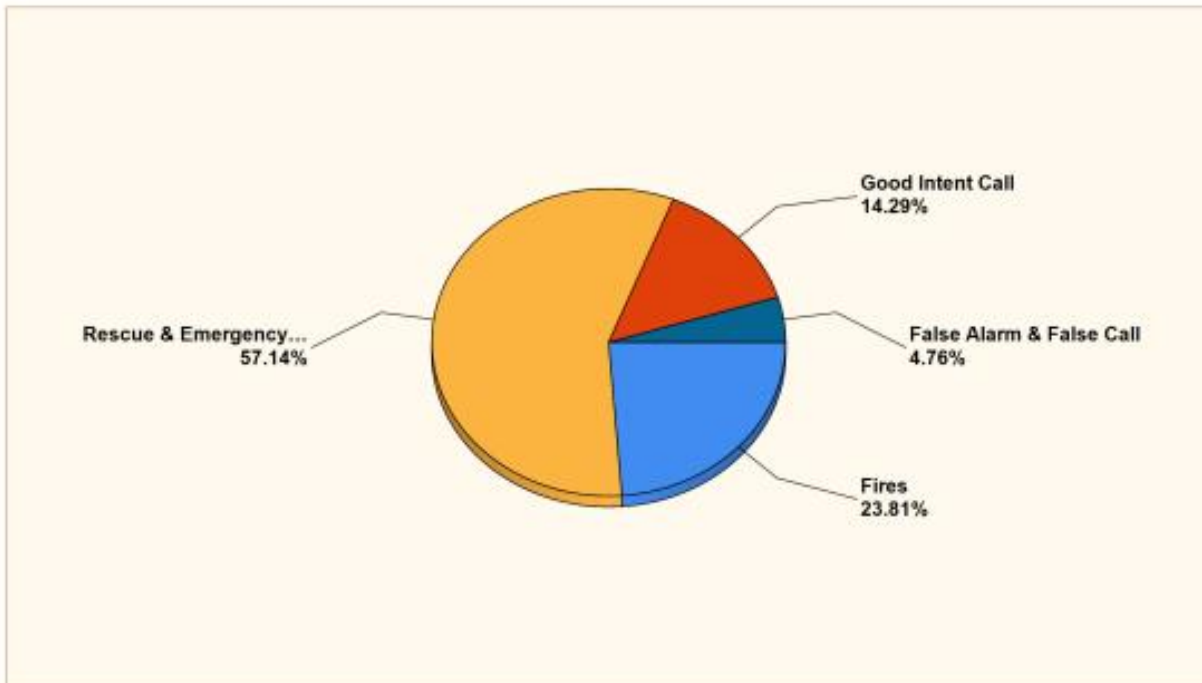
Damascus Fire Department

Damascus, VA

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 05/01/2022 | End Date: 05/31/2022



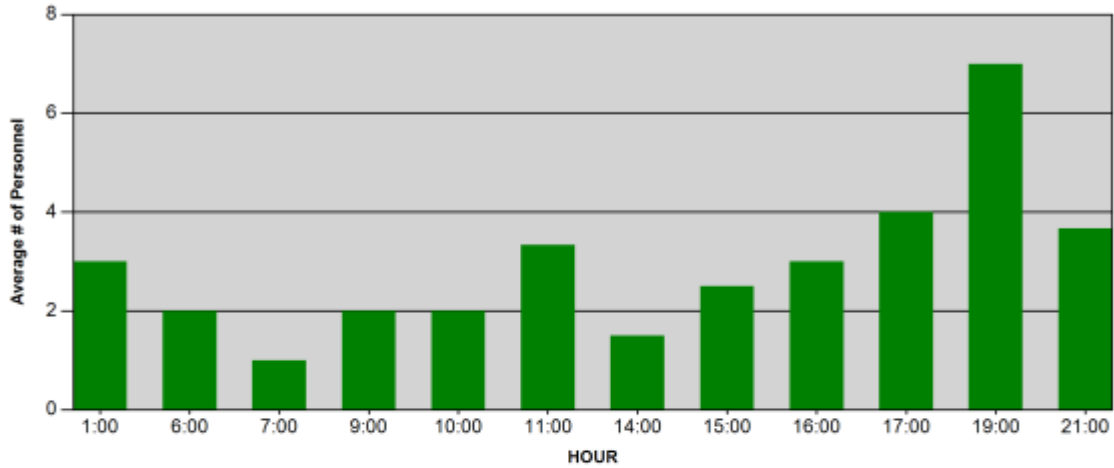
MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	5	23.81%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	12	57.14%
Good Intent Call	3	14.29%
False Alarm & False Call	1	4.76%
TOTAL	21	100%

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	4.76%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	4.76%
150 - Outside rubbish fire, other	1	4.76%
153 - Construction or demolition landfill fire	2	9.52%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	9.52%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	4.76%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	9.52%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	5	23.81%
341 - Search for person on land	1	4.76%
361 - Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	4.76%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	3	14.29%
730 - System malfunction, other	1	4.76%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	21	100%

Average Number of Responding Personnel per Hour for Date Range

Start Date: 05/01/2022 | End Date: 05/31/2022



HOUR	AVG. # PERSONNEL
01:00 - 01:59	3.00
06:00 - 06:59	2.00
07:00 - 07:59	1.00
09:00 - 09:59	2.00
10:00 - 10:59	2.00
11:00 - 11:59	3.33
14:00 - 14:59	1.50
15:00 - 15:59	2.50
16:00 - 16:59	3.00
17:00 - 17:59	4.00
19:00 - 19:59	7.00
21:00 - 21:59	3.67

Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 05/01/2022 | End Date: 05/31/2022

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		12	
FIRE		9	
TOTAL		21	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
TOTAL			
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
\$0.00		\$0.00	
CO CHECKS			
TOTAL			
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		1	
Aid Received		1	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
0		0	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Station 1400	0:13:25	0:16:18	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:14:17	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Station 1400	0:05:09	0:07:41	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:05:48	
AGENCY		AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)	
Damascus Fire Department		76:01	

Personnel Hours for Incidents for Date Range (Not Payroll Related)

Start Date: 05/01/2022 | End Date: 05/31/2022

PERSONNEL	TIME SPENT ON INCIDENTS (Hours:Minutes Dispatched to Cleared Scene)
Blackburn, Douglas	3:00
Burnett, Michael	2:39
Campbell, Dalton	12:20
Feliciano, Yamir	3:00
Johnson, Michael	5:58
Jones, Andrew	3:00
Jones, Dave	3:00
Justice, Jason	12:16
Minton, Jared	8:22
Mullins, Troy	5:32
Phipps, Jennifer N	3:08
Phipps, Michael	12:55
Turner, Kermit	17:29
Turner, Walter B	18:43
Widener, Anthony	5:17
Total:	116:40

Response Percentage per Station per Personnel for Incident Types for Personnel

Personnel: All Personnel | Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 05/01/2022 | End Date: 05/31/2022

Personnel	Calls Attended	% of Calls for Selected Incident Types
Station: Station 1400		
Blackburn, Douglas	2	9.5%
Burnett, Michael	2	9.5%
Campbell, Dalton	6	28.6%
Feliciano, Yamir	1	4.8%
Fletcher, James R	2	9.5%
Hurd, Emilee	1	4.8%
Johnson, Amie	1	4.8%
Johnson, Michael	12	57.1%
Jones, Andrew	3	14.3%
Jones, Dave	12	57.1%
Justice, Jason	14	66.7%
Minton, Jared	2	9.5%
Mullins, Troy	7	33.3%
Phipps, Jennifer N	7	33.3%
Phipps, Michael	15	71.4%
Reid, Michael D	2	9.5%
Stewart, Timothy	1	4.8%
Turner, Kermit	12	57.1%
Turner, Walter B	15	71.4%
Widener, Anthony	13	61.9%
Total Incidents for Station Station 1400	21	

Total Incidents for all Stations

21

Special Committees

- Damascus Farmers Market – Donna Foltz stated that the Market hours were extended until 1 in May but will now be going back to closing at noon. Ms. Foltz requested that a new Farmers Market street banner be ordered, and that we change the starting month to May next year. Also, it would be nice to have a market committee or other volunteers instead of being the only one. Ms. Foltz’s neighbor Lafawn Farthing has agreed to help, so that is great. There is regular music at the market each Saturday, which is a great addition. Ms. Foltz reported planning a winter Shop Til You Drop Christmas event at the Old Mill during the first weekend in December, and would like to somehow tie in to the Town’s parade event.
- Damascus Christmas Tree Market – Tom Foltz reported we will be able to get more trees this year, depending on how many the Council wants to get, and that Scouts will be helping at the tree lot this year. Also, he has found a farm that will donate a 25ft tree (approximately) for the Town to place at the Laurel Creek Park, and we can hopefully work a tree lighting in with the parade and Shop Til You Drop events.

3. Run Damascus' Trail Days 5k report and request for 2023 – Buddy Albro reported having a great first event this year, with really good reviews. There was a 5K at 10am, and then a (free) kids' K at 10:30. We Run Events, the best event/timing company in the area, was hired to manage the race, and Osprey Packs wants to be the main sponsor of the event next year. This was a great Sunday event for Trail Days, and Mr. Albro submitted his application to host this again next year.
- Ms. Coleman made a motion to approve Mr. Albro's event application for 2023, as requested. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).
4. Damascus Trail Center – Mayor Lamb read the upcoming Pop-Ups and Summer Events Schedule for the DTC.

Manager's Report

Mr. Blevins submitted the following report for the previous month:

Downtown + Laurel Creek Park & Trail

- *Interior finishing on the bathroom is still underway, big thanks to Mitchel – most of the paint and finish work is complete, we are now coordinating finish electrical and plumbing installs.*
- *We are working on replacing dead plants in the Laurel Creek Park prior to the June 18th dedication event and memorial ride fundraiser in the park – this is being coordinated with town volunteers to clean up the landscaping and park for the event.*
- *Still shopping for sets of matching park amenities (benches, tables, bike racks), and are looking at placing some additional trees around the picnic area with our next street tree order.*

TRRC – Trail Center

- *Landscaping efforts continue, and we are scheduling interior and exterior garage finishes – the goal is to have the garage completed before the grand opening in August.*

Scattered Site Housing Rehab Project

- *The first housing rehab board meeting was held in May, and meetings are being set up with the applicants to collect necessary documents in order to start construction on two of the substantial reconstructions and the three demolitions.*

- *The town will be advertising this month for prequalification of contractors to aid in procurement of the contractors for the rehabilitations, reconstructions, and demolitions throughout the project.*

Mr. Blevins presented the following DHCD contract execution invoice for Phase 1 services rendered from the Mt Rogers PDC:

INVOICE
16-May-22

Town of Damascus
P.O. Box 576
Damascus, VA 24236

Pay to: Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission
1021 Terrace Drive
Marion, VA 24354

RE: Damascus Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation, Phase I (#21-21-10)

Services Rendered:	
DHCD Contract Execution	<u>\$6,950.00</u>
TOTAL DUE MRPDC:	<u>\$6,950.00</u>

NOTE: Payments received after billing date are not reflected on this statement.

If you have any questions regarding this invoice, please contact Rocky Warren via email (rwarren@mrpdc.org) or phone (276) 608-4134.

- Mr. Greer made a motion to approve the invoice for contract execution, as presented. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Miscellaneous

- *Following the required strategic planning process, Drive 2.0 grant submission forms have been completed for how the Town will distribute and allocated the awarded \$10,000.*
- *The fiscal year 2023 budget was completed the week of Trail Days – this was an extensive process, and the inclusion of the planning for expenditure of the ARPA funds is still ongoing following a general approach toward infrastructure.*

- *Jason and I are coordinating design and permitting for streambank restoration projects along Beaverdam Creek – these will be extensive, but we are planning to use a natural rock vane design.*
- *Request from Mr. Craig to grant permission to use the town-owned IDA property as a staging area to fly out timber from his land-locked property in Taylor's Valley.*

* It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Blevins to collect more information on this matter and report back.

- *Julie and I have been coordinating with a local stump carver for the Laurel Creek Park.*
- Mr. Greer made a motion for the Town Manager to move forward in contracting with the stump carver. Ms. Coleman 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).
- *Jason and I are coordinating with the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy to do repairs to the historic red caboose in the Town Park.*

* Materials needed – Smart siding for the Trail Center garage (a little over \$900), and updates and corrections to the caboose in the Town Park (repairing water leaks, replacing the old plexiglass, etc. around \$1,500).

- Mr. Greer made a motion to approve the purchase of the needed materials, as requested. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

➤ Mowing and Landscaping Services – an RFP was advertised to solicit bids for mowing services on public lands, and one bid/response was received. The bid was put in by Randy's Lawn Service, which is the company used in 2021.

- Ms. Coleman made a motion to use Randy's Lawn Service again this year. Mr. Greer 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Old Business

Nothing at this time.

New Business

- * Reschedule the July Council Meeting – The 1st Monday falls on a Holiday

- Ms. Coleman made a motion to reschedule the Regular Called Council Meeting to Tuesday, July 5th, at 7pm. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).
- * Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy (VCTC) Report – Lisa Quigley announced that the VCTC is moving to Damascus, with the current plan to open in the caboose long term to provide visitor services and information, as well as sell merchandise. Work on cleaning and updating the caboose will begin later this week. They will also be collaborating with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to participate in some of the pop-ups, events, stewardship classes, and other things at the Damascus Trail Center. Additionally, the VCTC will be using the library's visitors center for office space until a permanent office space can be established. Ms. Quigley stated that they will be bringing back the VA Creeper Fest this fall, which will now be held in Damascus, and she also passed out copies of the Creeper Trail's completed Master Plan to the Mayor/Council.
- Mr. Greer made a motion to formally move forward with the partnership of the VA Creeper Trail Conservancy moving to Damascus, as well as utilizing the caboose for visitor services. Ms. Coleman 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Mayor & Council Members Reports

Mayor Lamb thanked everyone involved with the Trail Days festival, which was amazing, organized, and smoothly ran. She thanked Ms. Coleman and John Dancer for getting the pool ready to open this weekend, as it is a huge plus for the kids. She thanked Donna and Tom Foltz for their many volunteer hours and hard work.

Mr. Jackson reported that a citizen has asked him about reviewing and possibly changing the sign and kiosk in front of Town Hall so that they will be ADA compliant for their height because they are currently too tall for him to read easily. Mr. Jackson also reported that he and the Mayor have started having coffee talks to see what issues they can be working on together, and he is going to start hosting small monthly talk sessions with diverse groups of citizens to better understand their needs and views on what goes on with the Town, and suggested the other Council Members do the same. We've got to grow the Town together.

Ms. Coleman mentioned that the soft opening of the dog park was phenomenal, kudos to Richard Smith and Susan Seymore. It has been really exciting to see the dog park take shape right beside trestle 17, and it is great to have that asset.

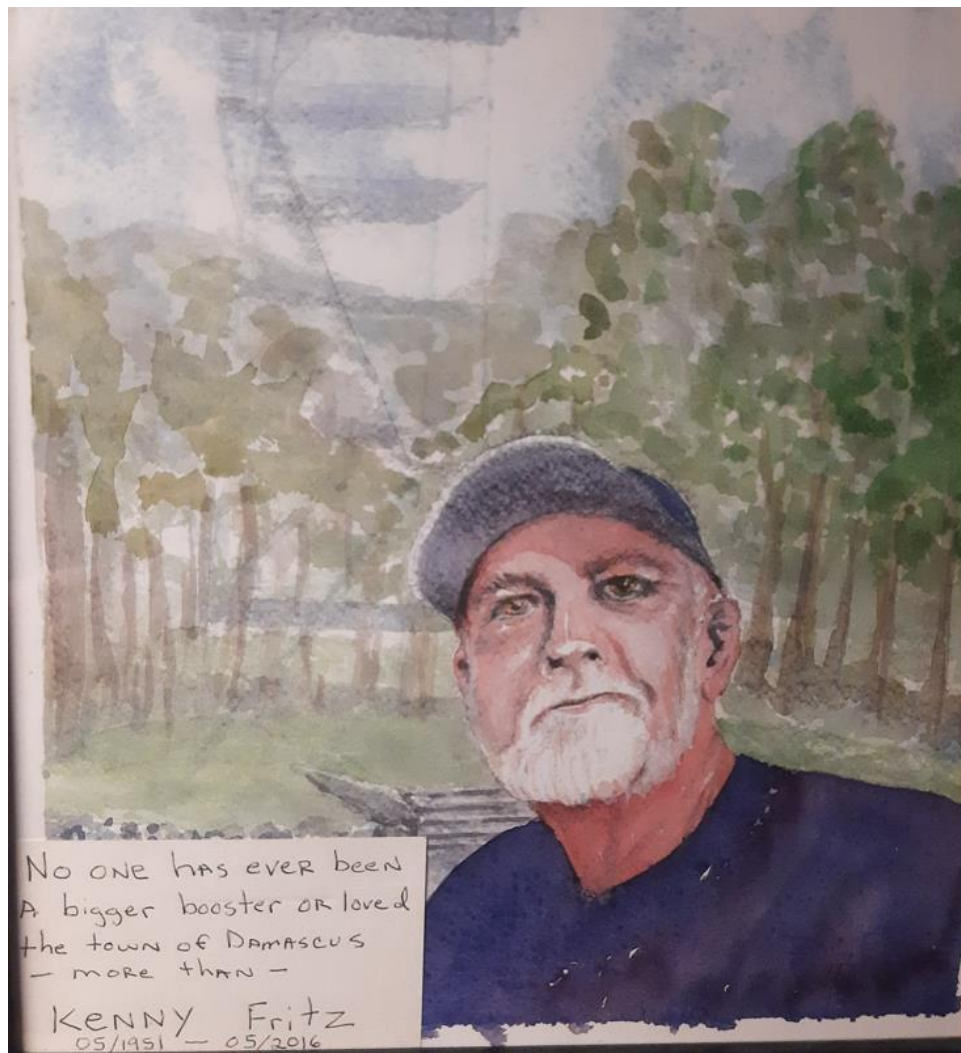
The volunteer beautification committee is looking for a new leader. So far herself and Elizabeth McCartin have been taking charge of that and would like to see someone step up to coordinate and oversee this group.

Mr. Doss commended Chief Turner and his departments for all they do. They are very much appreciated.

Mayor Lamb extended her welcome to the Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy to Damascus.

Citizens Comments

Tim Brown, owner of Damascus Motor Sales, presented the Town with this very nicely done portrait of Kenny Fritz to be displayed in Town Hall in his honor and memory. The portrait was done by Susan Guinn, and the Guinn family wanted to share it with Damascus. Kenny was a major supporter of this Town, the residents, and the schools. He loved this community so much and told everyone he met how great Damascus is.



Along with Mr. Brown, Neil Guinn was also one of Kenny's very close friends, and he spoke of his fondness for Damascus, and how even back in the 60s Kenny would talk about what great potential Damascus had and that's what led him to open Cowboy's Market.

Anthony Westmoreland, S. Beaverdam Ave., agreed that there are so many folks that aren't with us anymore who played a big part in Damascus, particularly before the Creeper Trail. Jesse took some wonderful photos during Trail Days, including one of Don Foster and Dave Buckley. Kenny Fritz and Allen Fritz are part of the reason he decided to spend the second part of his life in Damascus, and he wishes we could honor all of the people who did something to make Damascus a better place and didn't ask for any adulation. There has never been such momentum around revitalization and main street is looks better than it ever has, and he is very happy that the VA Creeper Trail Conservancy is coming to Damascus. He agreed with Mr. Jackson that inclusion and keeping an open line of communication with the residents is needed. He said he can document back to 1986 that the Town has been anti small business, and since then small business owners have struggled with the Town and with zoning, and there's a bunch of transference that's going on. What's going on with Paula and Scott's food truck needs to be revisited. People like Don Foster and Tim Williams should be honored also. People need to remember that Katie is an artist, not a politician, and she is serving as Mayor because she loves Damascus. We need to all come together as a community and take advantage of the forward momentum. Mr. Westmoreland also gave kudos to Kermit and the other Damascus Police Officers, stating they couldn't have treated the hiking community better during Trail Days, and as the friendliest town of the trail, that's what we need to be. This has been a very positive meeting, and thanks to everyone for their services.

Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- * June 4 – Dam Yeti 50 Miler
- * June 10 – Mountain Movers Movie in the Park
- * June 17 – Beaverdam Friday Jam in Town Park 7-9pm
- * June 18 – John P. Seymore III Scholarship Fund Memorial Ride and Laurel Creek Park Dedication
- * June 19 – One Way Ministries' Fire by Night in the Park
- * June 20 - Town Hall CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth
- * June 25 – Iron Mtn. 100k Bike Race
- * July 3rd – Independence Day Celebration in Town Park 6-10pm
- * July 4 - Town Hall CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

*For information on upcoming events, go to our website visitdamascus.org. For citizen info go to damascus.org, and don't forget our social media presence on **Facebook** and **Instagram!***

Consent Agenda

- Mr. Jackson made a motion to pay the bills for invoices exceeding \$500, 2nd by Mr. Hayes. The motion passed (6-0).
- Ms. Coleman made a motion to pay the bills presented as well as the standard and/or recurring bills that will come in before the next Council meeting. Mr. Jackson 2nd the motion, which passed (6-0).

Ms. Coleman presented an additional invoice from the Damascus Volunteer Rescue Squad for being on standby during Trail Days, which totaled \$720. She stated this was a discussion during a budget meeting, brought forth by Sammy Campbell who suggested the Town pay for the DVRS to be on standby during Trail Days, but the Council never agreed or voted to do this. Discussion followed.

- Mr. Fields made a motion to pay the invoice from the DVRS, as presented, 2nd by Mr. Doss. The Council voted (3-3, with Mr. Hayes, Mr. Greer, and Ms. Coleman opposed. Mayor Lamb acted as the tie-breaker, voting in favor of paying the invoice).
- Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Greer. The motion passed (6-0).

Katie Lamb, Mayor

Tuesday Pope, Clerk