

November 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LaWanda Tatum called the regular meeting of the Lawrenceville Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. Present: Council Members, Jeanette Grimes, Robert F. Pecht, III, Alice Talbert, Teya Whitehead, and Anne Williams.

Absent; Council Members, Dora Hardy, Scott Martin and Town Attorney, W.C. Outten, Jr.

Also present: Town Manager, Randy Lynch, Town Clerk, Patti Lewis, Special Projects Coordinator, Kimberly Martin, Police Chief, Clay Clary, Leonard Rose, James Wesson, Timothy Puryear, Michael Tatum, Kristin Taylor, citizens, and press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tatum opened the Joint Public Hearing. The Planning Commission denied the Special Exception (1) waiver for Tax Parcels 52A2-9-13 and 52A2-9-14, to install a manufactured home in lieu of standard stick-built construction. Special Exception (2) waiver was denied for decreasing the side setback requirement. Special Exception (3) the Planning Commission recommendation shall be to waive the 60ft. setback line requirement, allowing the proposed structure to match existing setback line of the adjoining property. Mayor Tatum asked if the citizen had been notified, per The Town Manager, he phoned but no answer and unable to leave a voicemail, he will reach out tomorrow. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Council will accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mayor Tatum declared the Joint Public Hearing Closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tatum opened the Public Hearing. Town Manager, Mr. Lynch, provided the Article 18 District and asked for approval and adoption of the updated Flood Plain. On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Council moved to adopt Article 18 Flood District. Mayor Tatum declared the Public Hearing Closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Talbert, seconded by Mr. Pecht and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 14, 2025, as received, suspend the reading and file.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to approve the agenda as presented.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

LEONARD ROSE

Mr. Rose spoke about social concerns, traffic safety, and litter within the town limits.

KRISTIN TAYLOR-GUIDING LIGHT FAMILY SERVICES

Ms. Taylor has expanded her community-based service business to the Town of Lawrenceville, at 203 N. Main Street, GUIDING LIGHT FAMILY SERVICES is now open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9a.m.-5p.m., there is also an office in Emporia, VA at 420 S Main Street, Emporia, VA. She provided informational flyers, which described the services offered, from mental health, anger, and stress management, virtual and in person sessions are available. Mayor Tatum and Council welcomed Ms. Taylor and GUIDING LIGHT FAMILY SERVICES to Lawrenceville.

BRIANA BADGETT WILLIAMS-1002 FIRST AVENUE

Expressed her concern of having her water cut off for non-payment in October 2025 and complained of the customer service she received.

RENEE MURPHY-CLARK-1002 GROVE AVENUE

Expressed concern of discolored water in October 2025 and stated she has called the Town Office to

report and has received no response other than it is her pipes. Mr. Lynch explained the valve failure issue at the water plant on/ around October 15, 2025, that caused the discoloration issue throughout the system.

LAWRENCEVILLE EDA
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tatum attended the Southside Planning District dinner and stated it was nice, with a great attendance. She also stated that the Trunk or Treat on Main Street was a major success, with over 400 bags given out within an hour, she thanked Mrs. Martin, Special Project Coordinator. Mayor Tatum announced that December 13, 2025, 5-9pm, will be the Christmas Event with vendors, food trucks, Santa, and Christmas Carolers. She will provide flyers with more information. Also, December 20, 2025, 11am "Giving from the Heart" an event sponsored by DOC & CCAP, will consist of vendors, music, food, and a Toy Drive at 3pm.

REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY
No formal report.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONSIDERATION OF ACCOUNTS

Mrs. Lewis reported the bills total \$140,322.15. On a motion by Mr. Pecht, seconded by Mrs. Talbert and carried by all ayes, Town Council voted to pay the bills in the amount of \$140,322.15 and post to the proper accounts.

REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER
PARK STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT #24-03 CDBG Contract Letter
Mr. Lynch provided the contract letter for informational purposes.

TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL RAMP PROJECT UPDATE
Clary Construction Company has been awarded the contract in the amount of \$1,005,692.99. The Town has received tentative approval from VDOT regarding an additional funding request.

SHARP STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE
The next step will be acquiring additional right-of-way and temporary easements for this project.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings will be on Monday, November 24, 2025 and Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lawrenceville Town office meeting room. The flyer is in the packet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pecht mentioned the Lawrenceville Correctional Center is still at low-population due to construction at the facility.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

In the month of October 2025, The Lawrenceville Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine (23) calls. Of the total, four (4) were in the town limits, nineteen (19) were outside of the town limits. Also of the call total, fourteen (14) were within Lawrenceville Fire's 1st Due, with nine (9) being mutual aid to other agencies. Approximately, one hundred fourteen (114) man hours were expended. The following is a breakdown of incidents. Alarm Activation No Fire (1) Brush Fire (1) Cooking Fire (1) Disregard (4), False Alarm/Call (2) Medical Assist (1) MVC w/injuries (3), MVC w/o injuries (2) Power Line Down (1) Smoke Scare (2) Smoke Detector Activation (1) Structure Fire (2) Tree Down (1) Vehicle Fire (1)

1st Due-14
Mutual Aid-9
In Town-4
Out of Town-19
Total calls-23
Total man hours expended-114

PERSONNEL

On motion by Mrs. Talbert and seconded by Mr. Pecht and carried by all ayes, Town Council

approved the Employee Christmas Bonus. (23) Full time and (4) Part Time employees to total the bonus amount of \$12,500.00. Openings are listed in packet; A new Employee will begin Monday in the Public Works Department. Supervisors are still reviewing applications, in water, wastewater and police.

POLICE

Chief Clary's report is in the packet, LPD officers responded to 554 calls for service, issued 61 Virginia uniform traffic summons. Chief Clary also stated the new stop light is up and operational.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

No report.

STREETS, LIGHTS & CEMETERY

Public Works Director, Mr. Michael Brown provided a detailed report in reference works and duties completed since last council meeting. Christmas Decoration installation has begun.

TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Comp Plan meeting dates are in the packet.

WATER/WASTEWATER

Per Mr. Pecht reports the numbers within water and wastewater reporting were good and in compliance. Discussed protocol for communications to customers when issues within the system arise.

HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Per Town Manager, Mr. Lynch he has reached out to building owners for two buildings within the town limits in reference to the building conditions. He successfully contacted one owner and the owner has requested pictures and no contact has been available from the other building owner.

PARKS/RECREATION

No report.

WELLNESS

Ms. Whitehead shared that November is Diabetes awareness month, she provided an informative slideshow and her own personal struggles with Diabetes. Mayor Tatum added the Town's access to the Tobacco Heritage Trail, to promote exercise not only for Diabetes, but overall, well-being.

FARMER'S MARKET

In conjunction with Mayor Tatum's Christmas Market, December 13, 2025; 5-9pm, food vendors may arrive earlier.

LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

See Joint Public hearing, November 12, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blueprint to Homeownership/ Brunswick County- Thursday, November 13, 2025 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Brunswick Health Ambassadors-Saturday, November 22, 2025 10a.m.-12 p.m.
Comp Plan Committee Meetings- Monday, November 24 & Thursday, December 11, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Tree Lighting Ceremony-Wednesday, December 3, 2025 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Parade-Friday, December 5, 2025 7:30 p.m.
Employee Christmas Luncheon -Wednesday, December 17, 2025 12p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Williams stated there are five items to discuss;

- 1-Redistricting
- 2-Progress of the LOVE SIGN
- 3-Repair to the Caboose
- 4-Southern States building, need to put signage for sale or lease
- 5-Parking concerns at the "Peebles" and "Sledge & Barkley" Buildings

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tatum adjourned the meeting.

LaWanda Tatum, Mayor

Patti Lewis, Clerk