REGULAR MEETING OF THE KEYSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2025

The regular meeting of the Keysville Town Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Keysville Town Office. Present were Mayor Robert J. Schaefer, presiding, and Vice Mayor Anthony Ferranto and Council Members Wendy Gallion, Scotty Jackson, and Rhonda Benn. Council Members Tom Fisher and Danny Cooper were absent. Staff present included Sherry Marker, Town Clerk, and guests in attendance were Eric Traywick and Patrick Shay.

Mayor Schaefer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Council Member Benn offered the invocation.

Public Comments:
Mr. Shay introduced himself with the Charlotte County Youth Soccer Team and wanted to thank the town for its support.

Minutes:
Motion to approve the July 14, 2025 minutes was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion to approve July 14, 2025 Public Hearing minutes was made by Council Member Benn and seconded by Council Member Gallion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Financials:
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the July 2025 financials and pay the bills. Motion was carried unanimously.

Committees

Street and Library
VDOT Update:
Council Member Benn provided an update on her contact with VDOT. She reported that the status has changed from "looked at" to "referred to local VDOT."

Water
Grant Funding:
Mayor Schaefer stated he has made progress in pursuing grant funding to get the three wells back online which had originally be tried in the past. He also requested an assessment of the intake from the reservoir.

Wastewater
Grant Funding:
Mayor Schaefer reported that it looks like the generator will be obtained through the grant.

Old Business
Nothing to report.

New Business
Lawnmower Repair:
Vice Mayor Ferranto mentioned that the lawnmower used for the soccer field needs attention, as it is not cutting properly.

Mayor's Report
Upcoming Events:

- Walk-4-Life, September 13th – Osborne Park
- Blair Trent – Fundraiser Concert for some of the Charlotte County Volunteer Fire Departments – October 4th – King Street

Christmas Parade: Mayor Schaefer asked Council if they agreed to provide the same cash prizes and donations to the bands, the Shriners, and other recipients as in the previous year. Council members unanimously agreed.

Keysville Hotel: REMAX has the old hotel up for sale for $290,000.

Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Schaefer requested CRC assistance with updating Keysville's Comprehensive Plan. The existing plan expires this year.

Fire Alarm – Library: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the amount of $1443.00 for the replacement of the fire alarm at the library. Motion was carried unanimously.

War Memorial – Brick Repair and Water Foundation: A Memorandum of Understanding was located regarding the library, which transferred responsibility for maintaining all monuments located at Memorial Park to the American Legion at their request in 2012. The American Legion is aware of the deterioration of the brick walkway and has expressed their willingness to pay for the repairs. They have, however, requested assistance in finding a contractor to complete the work.

Mayor Schaefer stated that he will make a formal request at the American Legion's next meeting. He also noted that he would inquire about the possibility of the Legion funding a drinking fountain.

Carbon Build-up Water Plant: Mayor Schaefer said we need to investigate the carbon buildup in the waste basin at the water treatment plant.

Engineer – Wastewater Plant: Mayor Schaefer said the Town needs to explore a wastewater plant engineer, possibly from VDH or DEQ, to inspect the plant and recommend any repairs or upgrades.

Grants:

- Applied for the Army Corps of Engineers to inspect water and wastewater facilities.
- BOOMS – Building Opportunities on Main Street
- VDEM Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Emergency standby generator for wastewater plant.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Gallion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Robert J. Schaefer, Mayor