

YANCEYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 7th, 2026, 6:00pm

The meeting of the Yanceyville Town Council was held in the Town Council Chambers at the Yanceyville Municipal Services Building located at 158 East Church Street, Yanceyville, NC on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Council Members present: Mayor Alvin Foster, Mayor Pro Tem Darrell McLean, Kenneth Darnell, Stephanie Williamson, and C. Keith Tatum,

Staff present in person: Kamara Barnett-Town Manager/Clerk, Miranda Harrelson- Deputy Clerk, Lee Farmer-Town Attorney and Kathryn Hinton-Administrative Assistant

Item 1: Call to Order

Mayor Alvin Foster called the Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00pm. The meeting opened with a prayer. He asked all to stand for the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Foster also stated that the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures reflect the revisions of the North Carolina open meeting law of the North Carolina General Statutes, a copy of the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures are available upon request. Yanceyville Town Council also has rules and procedures for electronic meetings that reflect the revisions of the North Carolina open meeting law of the North Carolina General Statutes, a copy of the Yanceyville Town Council rules and procedures are available upon request. Mayor Foster stated that it is the policy of the Yanceyville Town Council to allow 15 minutes during each regular scheduled monthly meeting for Public Comment. Individuals are limited to a maximum of three (3 minutes) and will be called in the order to sign up. Each speaker will speak from the podium. Comments will be directed at the Town Council. Speakers must be courteous in their language and presentation. Personal attacks are not allowed. The Yanceyville Town Council or Town Administration will not provide comment/responses during Public Comment or in the same meeting.

Item 2: Review of Agenda

After reviewing the agenda, Mayor Foster stated that there are no additions or deletions to the agenda

Item 3: Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from March 10th, 2026, Town Council Meeting

Mayor Foster asked Town Council to review the Consent Agenda. After a short review, Councilwoman Williamson made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Darnell and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 4: Public Comment

Mayor Foster asked whether anyone had signed up for public comments. Mrs. Kathy Hinton, Administrative Assistant, reported that Mrs. Drucilla “Gail” Davidson had signed up. Mayor Foster invited Ms. Davidson to the podium and asked her to state her name and address for the record. Ms. Davidson stated that she resides at 278 Old NC Hwy 86 N, Yanceyville, NC 27379.

Mrs. Davidson stated, Mayor, Councilmembers and all present thank you for allowing me to come speak to you today. I am here to speak regarding the amendment that you passed at the March 10th, 2026, meeting on the pressurized sewer pumps. This is a difficult one for me because I have one of those things and I don’t like it much. When I purchased my home in 2019, I was told that there was a device in my backyard that the town owned. It went off a few times and every time I would contact the town, and someone would come to take care of it. I didn’t know much about it but once I was told that the town owned it, I did look it up in the ordinance and the ordinance did say that the Town was responsible for it.

I have a few reasons for objecting to this lovely gift. One of them is that if I wanted to sell my property now as of matter of conveying that property to another person, I’m pretty sure I’d have to disclose the fact that the property owner is responsible for this device. Which reduces the desirability of my property and anybody else’s who’s got this thing. If I don’t disclose that information, then I may have a problem down the road with that once the owner would find that they have something there that could’ve been a deal breaker for them. As for myself it probably would have been for me because I think I would have looked somewhere else. The other thing is this could be a real financial hardship for myself and however many other property owners that have this device. I have been looking at some of the cost for these things and they vary my problem is that I don’t even know what it is. I know it’s a pressurized sewer pump but there are many different kinds available and the prices can be tremendous. The next thing is there was a deficiency in the process that was taken for this. I would have hoped that there would have been some news about this rather than just finding out. I was out of town at the time; I might have sent someone else to the meeting for her. I thought I would have been notified and there would have been a discussion among anyone who wanted to be present for that but that was not so. If I am going to be responsible for this thing then the next thing is I would want to have some more information about it. Just to say hey, this is yours now, after all this time doesn’t sit well with me. I would want to know about the installation, the installation process, when it went it. I would like to know about servicing it, what is necessity to service it on a regular basis. I would like to know about all the failures. I really want to know about the history of the thing and even if there are different brands out there and there are all kinds of things that keep me from knowing which device it is. I know it’s a pressurized sewage pump, that’s what the letter indicated, it doesn’t state anything about the alarm which my alarm hasn’t worked for a very long time. In fact, the last time I had someone out to look at it I was under the impression that the next round was going to be a replacement. So, mine has been a problem forever, since I have been there anyway. I can understand as new homes go in as a part of the process that owners have comply with the code and the code would state that if your area is lower than whatever the main line is that you might have to do that. But I don’t have that option because I’ve already bought the property without

knowing that this thing was going to be mine. I would like to recommend to the Council that you consider grandfathering all those homeowners who already have these things and if not at least have heard from the people who have these devices at their home so that we kind of get a better understanding of what we have and what we've been given here.

That's all I have to say. Thank you again for your attention.

Mayor Foster thanked Mrs. Davidson for her comments and stated that the Town Council would take them under advisement.

Item 5: Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Update: Ben Sears, Clearwater Solutions

Mayor Foster introduced Mr. Ben Sears to the Town Council. Mr. Sears then presented the monthly report, with a focus on updates related to the Town's Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Update Greenleaf Filter Project:

Progress: Solenoids have been received from the manufacturer and successfully installed on the vacuum tank.

Pending actions: Currently awaiting McCall Brothers to finalize the vacuum tank plumbing (acquiring stainless steel threader) and install the surrounding catwalk

Next Steps: Upon completion of the plumbing and catwalk, Perkinson will install the valves and Sandford Electric will finalize the electrical work.

Equipment: We are awaiting delivery of the Trac Vac system parts to initiate that phase of the project.

Maintenance & Repairs

Flocculator Mixers: CR Underwood has removed the remaining two leaking mixers; these have been sent out for professional service.

Clearwell Updates: McCall Brothers have completed internal inspection and cleaning.

Exterior pressure washing is underway, with a plan to paint the structure white upon completion. An interconnect line is being installed from the supply water main to the Clearwell to facilitate final cleaning before the unit returns to service.

Dewatering Equipment: Inspection confirms all equipment is operational. Standard maintenance is being performed to ensure the dewatering tank and drying beds are ready for use.

Compliance & Lab Operations

Plant Startup Prep: The crew is actively performing Jar Testing on source water to ensure precise chemical dosage for the upcoming startup.

DBP Testing: Quarterly results are excellent.

TTHM Trends: Numbers are trending downward, largely due to increased flushing protocols during MRT sampling. CWS anticipates returning to full state compliance by next quarter.

Water Treatment Plant: Look Ahead

Brenntag Chemical Evaluation: A representative will be on-site shortly to conduct a comprehensive chemical evaluation of the source water and plant processes.

Disinfection: McCall Brothers will disinfect the interior Clearwell walls. Once complete, we will conduct Bacteriological testing to officially return the Clearwell to service.

Cleaning: Sedimentation Basin #2 and the Flocculation basins are scheduled for pressure washing and cleaning in preparation for startup.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Operational Highlights

Compliance: All monthly reporting indicates the facility is in full compliance.

Influent Chamber: The chamber has been cleaned, with appreciation to the Towns Public Works Department for their hard work.

Programming: Advisement updating the PLC programming. These fixes resolve previous issues requiring manual resets after power surges or outages, ensuring much smoother automated operations.

Mechanical Infrastructure

Mixers: CR Underwood successfully installed the SBR #2 mixer. However, the SBR #1 mixer was removed and sent back for repair following a mechanical failure.

Digester Valve Upgrade: CWS is currently sourcing new valves for the digesters. We are transitioning from plug-type backflow valves to specifically eliminate rag buildup and chronic leakage issues.

Upcoming Preparations

Flushing: Before starting of the WTP we are going to implement the system flushing plan that was provided by the town. CWS will coordinate with public works to accomplish this.

Turbidity Calibration: Once we get closer to start up, we will have Carolina Technical Solutions come to calibrate all the turbidity meters for the filters.

EMA Solids Handling: We will be getting a quote from EMA for dry solids handling.

Drying Beds Membrane and Sand: Investigate drying beds membrane and sand replacement and drain cleaning.

Mr. Sears asked if there were any questions. Mayor Foster thanked Mr. Sears for providing a detailed monthly update to the Town Council.

Item 6: Town Manager Update- Kamara Barnett

Town Manager Barnett indicated that she had several updates and reminders for Town Council. The 2026 Caswell Farmers Market season is scheduled to run every Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, beginning Thursday April 23, 2026, through September 17, 2026, here at the Yanceyville Pavilion. The market features local produce, meats, crafts, live music.

Please join us for the kickoff of the 2026 First Friday Series May 1st, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Enjoy live entertainment from the Heart and Soul Band, check out the cruise-in, and grab a bite from a variety of food trucks. There will also be activities for the kids, so bring the whole family. Come out and support a great evening in the community!

Quick reminder that our May Town Council meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, due to the North Carolina League of Municipality City Vision Conference that the Mayor, Councilmember and Town Manager will be attending.

Town Manager Barnett proposed an update to the FY 2026–2027 Budget Calendar and Development Process, including the addition of a budget workshop on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00pm, if needed. A motion will be required to approve this addition.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

May 12: Staff will present the preliminary budget and Budget Message to Town Council and receive input

May 19 at 6:00 PM: Budget Workshop I-Staff will review preliminary budget changes identified by Town Council

May 26 at 6:00 PM: (If needed) Additional Budget Workshop. Following May 26: Staff will incorporate Council's input into the final budget

June 2: Public Hearing

June 23: Consideration of adoption of the FY 2026–2027 Budget

Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion. Councilman Darnell made a motion to add Tuesday May 26, 2026, to the Budget Calendar/Development Process if necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed with a unanimous vote.

Town Manager Barnett provided an update on the Black Mountain Software Conversion update. She noted that we are still working through a few remaining issues, but overall, the system is now up and running. A special thank you to staff for their hard work and perseverance during this transition. We will continue to receive support from the North Carolina League of Municipalities through our accounting specialist, Gwen French, who has been phenomenal to work with.

Town Manager Barnett also provided an update from the NC Fire Chief Consulting Firm. She indicated that the NC Fire Chief Consulting Firm has completed its first initial review of the Yanceyville Fire Department and identified several operational deficiencies that need attention.

The most immediate concern is the lack of clarity in the current resolution tied to the FEMA SAFER Grant. Specifically, the resolution does not clearly define the scope of services related to fire calls, heavy equipment, and rescue operations. The firm strongly recommends revising the resolution to explicitly outline these service areas to ensure compliance, transparency, and alignment with previous grant expectations.

In addition, the firm advises that the Town formally request Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) data from the County Dispatch Department to provide documentation, reporting, and operational analysis. A comprehensive CAD system will provide Incident Details: Call type, location, timestamps, and dispatcher remarks. Unit Data: Real-time status personnel assignments, and apparatus tracking.

The current resolution will need to be formally reconsidered by Council. If approved in revised form, a corresponding budget amendment will be necessary to support implementation and operational costs. The firm noted that while this type of situation is not uncommon, funding structures of this nature are not typically based solely on call volume, reinforcing the need for clear justification and documentation.

As Town Manager, I want to highlight the importance of maintaining strong financial and operational oversight. We must remain vigilant to avoid the risk of being placed on the Local Government Commission Unit Watch List or violating the Fiscal Control Act. Over the past several years, the Town has made significant progress in strengthening compliance and financial management practices, and it is critical that we continue to build on that foundation.

a. Consideration of Town of Yanceyville Travel and Expense Policy

Town Manager Kamara Barnett stated that the agenda packet included a copy of the updated Town of Yanceyville Travel and Expense Policy. She noted that the policy was last updated in 2002. Staff have revised the policy to clarify and reflect current practices related to travel and reimbursement.

Town Manager Barnett also reported that updated forms have been developed to accompany the policy, including a Travel Request Form, Mileage Reimbursement Form, and an Expense Form.

Mayor Foster requested a motion from Town Council. Councilman Darnell made a motion to approve the updated Town of Yanceyville Travel and Expense Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tatum and passed unanimously.

Item 7: Town Attorney Update

a. Corporate Town Limits Maps

Attorney Farmer reported that the North Carolina Secretary of State has been notifying the Town, prior to Brian Collie's employment, of the need for an updated corporate limits map. A revised version has been prepared and available for review at tonight's meeting.

Attorney Farmer explained that one issue identified by the Secretary of State's office is the presence of gaps within certain areas of the Town's corporate limits. The only way to address these gaps is through annexation proceedings. Under current law, involuntary annexations are difficult, as they require a referendum and can be costly. An alternative option is voluntary annexation, where property owners request to be incorporated into the Town.

A third option is to request annexation through legislative action. However, at this time, the Town does not have representation in the State Senate due to a vacancy. During the short session, the Town Council may consider requesting legislative action if so inclined.

b. Update on Litigation – Quality Construction of Danville

Attorney Farmer reported that efforts are ongoing to resolve matters related litigation involving Quality Construction of Danville. Attorney Farmer indicated that he hopes to provide a definitive recommendation to Town Council during the May Town Council meeting.

Item 8: New Business

No new business discussed

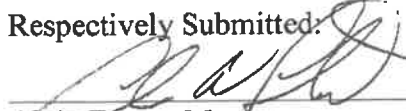
Item 9: Adjournment

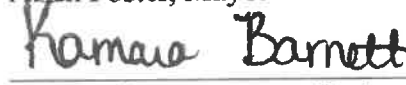
Mayor Foster asked Town Council for a motion. With no further discussion, Councilman Tatum made a motion to adjourn the April 7, 2026, Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Darnell and passed with a unanimous.

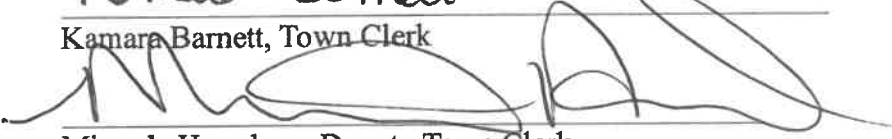
The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

These minutes were prepared by Kamara Barnett, Town Clerk, and Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Town Clerk. They provide a summary of the matters discussed and actions taken during the meeting

Respectively Submitted:


Alyin Foster, Mayor


Kamara Barnett, Town Clerk


Miranda Harrelson, Deputy Town Clerk



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Public Comment Sign in Sheet

Public comment is encouraged and appreciated. Except for public hearings, this is the only opportunity for the public to address Town Council on agenda items or any other Town related business. To accomplish all business on the agenda and be respectful of everyone's time, Town Council will not be able to engage in dialogue with individual members of the audience and no immediate action will be taken on any public comment issue. When your name is called, proceed to state your name, for the record and limit your comments to **three** minutes. **April 7th, 2026.**

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31 March 2026

Town Council
Yanceyville, North Carolina

Drucilla A. "Gail" Davidson
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RE: Formal Objection to the 10 March 2026 Amendment to Town of Yanceyville Water & Sewer Rules and Regulations

Town of Yanceyville,

I am writing to formally object to the recently enacted Amendment to Town of Yanceyville Water & Sewer Rules and Regulations requiring homeowners to assume financial and maintenance responsibility for pressurized sewer pump units.

I request that this objection be entered into the public record and addressed at the next scheduled council meeting.

Sincerely,



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