

TOWN OF GREENSBORO

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING HALL AT 111 S MAIN

November 20, 2025

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Invocation

There was no invocation due to the absence of a pastor.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ernest motioned to approve the agenda as it is. Noon seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Approval of Minutes, 11-6-2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on November 6, 2025, were reviewed and approved without amendments.

Noon motioned to approve the minutes of 11-6-2025. Harrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Presentation/Public Hearing

5.1 Ordinance 2025-O-09

Public hearing on the ordinance to adopt civil penalties for citations from a speed monitoring system. Chief Lennox provided a detailed explanation of the new fee structure, complying with Maryland legislation, and highlighted that this compliance is necessary to maintain operational speed cameras.

Public Comment:

Paula Turner of 113 Maple Avenue:

- Requested better explanation, which Town Manager provided.

- Expressed concerns about transparency and the need for public awareness.
- Cindy Harrison: "This is mandated by the State of Maryland to continue with speed camera operations."

5.2 Ordinance 2025-O-11

Public hearing on the switch of water and sewer billing from quarterly to monthly. Discussion included feedback on the financial impact on residents.

Public Comment:

Liva Taylor of 407 Mallard Drive:

- Expressed concerns over budgeting challenges.
- Questioned if delinquency periods will change with monthly billing.

Bill Shaffner of 22 South Main Street:

- Inquired about the cost implications of switching billing frequencies.

Donna Clay of [Address]:

- Provided examples of possible financial pitfalls in overage charges if billing starts on a monthly basis.

5.3 Resolution 2025-R-05

Hearing on changing trash billing from quarterly to monthly, aligned with water billing discussions.

6. Public Comment

General public comments were made including those not related to agenda items:

Bill Shaffner of South Main Street:

- Commented on local electoral participation.

Shaffner: "I'm grateful for the 156 people who bothered to come and vote."

7. Department Reports

Police Department:

Reported 377 speed violations for October, with ongoing investigations and no new training or grants for the month.

Public Works and Town Manager:

Report included updates on the boat ramp grant, ongoing projects at Jessie Sutton Park, and upcoming community events.

8. Old Business

8.1 Vote on Ordinance 2025-O-09 Speed Camera

The ordinance was approved after public hearing and board discussion.

Noon motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-O-09. Harrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

8.2 Vote on Ordinance 2025-O-11 Water/Sewer Billing

Rejected after concerns about billing impact.

Brelia motioned to deny Ordinance 2025-O-11. Ernest seconded. Motion passed to reject the ordinance 5-0.

8.3 Vote on Resolution 2025-R-05 Trash Quarterly to Monthly

Denied following similar discussions as with the water/sewer billing.

Brelia motioned to deny Resolution 2025-R-05. Harrison seconded. Motion passed to deny the Resolution 5-0.

9. New Business

9.1 2026 Holiday Schedule

The proposed schedule was presented and approved.

Noon motioned to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Harrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

9.2 Office Policies

Resolution 2025-R-06: Email Use and Recordkeeping - Adopted as proposed; reviewed by town attorney.

Ernest motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R-06. Brelia seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2025-R-07: Social Media Conduct Guidelines - Adopted as proposed.

Brelia motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R-07. Harrison seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2025-R-08: Media and Public Statement Policy - Adopted as proposed.

Harrison motioned to approve Resolution 2025-R-08. Ernest seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

10. Council Remarks

Council members thanked attendees for their participation and input, wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

11. Adjournment 7:03 pm

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Noon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ernest seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Signatures:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Spencer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Spencer, Mayor

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Yost, Town Manager