

*"Preserving Our Heritage,
Shaping Our Future"*

Historic Home of Gravel Hill
Est. 1815

Paul Hawkins, MAYOR



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**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2025 AT 4:30 PM
FLEMINGTON CITY HALL
156 OLD SUNBURY RD**

Present at City Hall: Mayor Pro Tem David Edwards
Councilman Larry Logan
Councilwoman Gail Evans
Councilwoman Leigh Smiley
Councilwoman Rene' Harwell
Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk
LT Anthony Gallob, Liberty County Sheriff's Office ("LCSO")

Present via Phone: None

Absent: Mayor Paul Hawkins
Councilman Hasit Patel
Craig Stafford, City Attorney

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Flemington was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem David Edwards on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 at 4:31 p.m. in the Council Room at Flemington City Hall. A quorum necessary to conduct business was visibly present.
2. The invocation was given by Tim Byler and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
3. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the August 16th & August 19th minutes as written. Councilwoman Smiley seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*
Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve the August 29th, 2025 CPA/Auditor proposal. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.
4. LT Gallob with the LCSO gave a report on law enforcement activities for the month of August 2025. Stop signs are helping. Radar was shot at top speed and only 2 violations in 4 hours.
5. Financial Report for August 2025 update given by Jenelle Gordon, City Clerk. Capital Outlay for land? Yes
6. Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission came before Council with the Joint Comprehensive Plan Adoption. All corrections made. *Councilwoman Smiley made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

Katelon Estes – Sign Permit for Flemington Animal Hospital 4x8' sign. 8' tall + 4' block = 12'. *Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.* She also spoke about Old Savannah House Holiday Permits, "Victorian X-mas w/ Santa" – Old Savannah House 11/28 & 12/13 Map. 69, 3 food trucks. Councilman Logan concerned about parking and Councilwoman Smiley was concerned about Parking @ OSR (on old Savannah) Approve w/special condition of off-duty officer on-site, parking on property only. Food trucks getting permit from COF. No parking on Old Savannah Rd. *Councilman Logan made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.*

7. Business in Progress-Status update

- CPA/Auditor bid comparison,
- Books are ready to go
- Councilwoman Harwell feel City needs an out. Maybe a year?

8. Auditor

Councilman Larry Logan stated the low bidder scares me. Leans towards Mauldin & Jenkins based on others in the county using them. Councilwoman Harwell considers the lowest bid due to budget. *Councilman Logan motion to hire VAAS as Auditors. Councilwoman Harwell seconded the motion.* Pending CS approval, but shorter-term clause possibility.

Work in Progress

- Meeting re: Godwin
- Herty: Slow to drain – working w/M. Sack
- Solid Waste: w/ Craig
- Street names: Consensus that it's ridiculous! 911 has to approve names. Try "McLarrys."

Engineering Report – Randy Boyles for M.E. Sack OSR

- Almost finished paving
- Tons of work to do
- Aware of lots to be done before final payment is issued
- Council will have to agree the work is complete before retainage released

Sidewalk

- Repair done
- Cut grass
- More hydroseed
- Clean out ditches

Executive Session – Personnel

Councilwoman Harwell motion to begin. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion @ 5:31 pm

Open Session resumes @ 6:01 PM.

- Personnel hiring & salary

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Logan seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.