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| 4. Mrs. Yasheka Jathn-Thompson | Coo-rd Disaster Preparedness Service |
| 5. Mrs. Paula Bennett          | Actg. Director of Planning           |
| 6. Ms. Angella wright          | Inspector of Poor                    |
| 7. Mrs. Winsome Keane-Dawes    | Acting Matron – Infirmary            |
| 8. Ms. Reishana Dubidad        | Actg. Community Programmes Officer   |
| 9. Ms. Chantae Brown           | Linstead Town Centre                 |
| 10. Mr. Peter Hewitt           | Trade Licence Compliance Officer     |

**Officer who joined Virtually**

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| 11. Mr. Miguel Perrin | Actg. Procurement Officer |
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**Agencies**

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| 1. Mr. Junior Headlam | Parish Development Committee |
| 2. Mr. Daniel Heaven  | NSWMA                        |
| 3. Mr. Farrel Walsh   | NSWMA                        |

**ABSENT WERE:**

**Councillors**

1. Councillor Dwight Burke
2. Councillor Neil Powell
3. Councillor Gary Nicholson
4. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
5. Councillor George Moodie
6. Councillor Herbert Garriques
7. Councillor Fenley Douglas

**1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**2. DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

**3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first General Meeting for the year 2022. He said that he hoped that everyone had a very enjoyable holidays and those who got the opportunity to rest did so, in preparation for the challenges that lie ahead.

**Apologies**

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

1. Councillor Herbert Garriques, who was attending a funeral service
2. Councillor Gary Nicholson, who was having flu-like symptoms
3. Councillor Fenley Douglas, who was having flu-like symptoms
4. Mr. Garfield Thompson, Chief Engineering Officer

5. Ms. Nicholee Henry-Downie, who was dealing with a family related matter.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Ainsley Parkins  
joined the meeting

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2021/**

Councillor Claude Hamilton moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on December 9, 2021, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Alric Campbell and carried.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

##### **a) Odour next to Lot 192 Sydenham**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 9/12/21, page 7 item a, this matter has been deferred, as there was no representative from the Health Department at the meeting.

##### **b) Clarity on the Booster Shots**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 9/12/21, page 8, this matter has been deferred.

##### **c) Odour at the Mussons Factory – Bog Walk**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 9/12/21, page 13, this matter was deferred pending a report from the Health Department.

#### **6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- a. Let me wish all Councillors in the chamber and on line, members of staff and our external experts and the media a wonderful and happy 2022. As 2022 unfolds, we live in anticipation that this will be a better year for you and your families.*
- b. REOPENING OF SCHOOLS  
I am glad that some schools have been reopened since last Monday January 10, 2022. Some weeks ago, while doing an interview with the Media, I pleaded with the government to ensure that test kits are available at schools to facilitate the reopening of schools. The world as well as Jamaica is faced with the mammoth task of bridging the educational gap of no school for two years for some students.*
- c. Councillors are reminded to submit their forms regarding the distribution of lap top and tablets. The records show that twenty one Councillors have not submitted their list which means that only eight Councillors have submitted their list. If you cannot find any students to give the lap tops and tablets let me know as I get numerous requests daily for tablets and lap tops.*

*Kindly submit these forms to Ms Romanya Hanson, my assistant.*

- d. *Registered vendors are reminded to pay their fees and to maintain public order and to vend only in assigned areas. Let me pause to extend condolences to the families of our vendors who have died and who have lost loved ones during 2021.*
- e. *The St. Catherine Municipal Corporation will be launching the Citizens Charter on Friday February 4, 2022 beginning at 10:00 am in the Emancipation Square. All Councillors are invited to participate in this event.*
- f. *In closing let us be reminded that the government has stated that there will be no more lock downs and so I really have to emphasize that we all are responsible for ourselves and others. Please, please wear your masks properly when dealing with others and keep your social distance. The masks MUST cover your nose and mouth when you are near to others. Keep safe.*

### Arrival of Councillors

During the announcement Councillors Keith Knight, Keisha Lewis and Enos Lawrence, joined the meeting

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING

Nil

#### 8. ALGAJ REPORT:

There was no report from ALGAJ.

Councillor Wilson asked if Councillors were still contributing to ALGAJ.

The Chief Executive Officer responded that a decision was taken by Councillors some time ago that the Corporation should cease deducting their contributions.

#### 9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Nil

#### 10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

##### i) Medical Officer's Report

There was no representative in attendance.

The Chairman stated that the Health Department is mandated to be in attendance at this meeting and said that he needs to get a reason for their absence. He said that the Minister will be informed and he expects that a response will come. He said that it could have been illness but he expects that this would have been communicated to the Corporation.

Councillor Wilson said that he was speaking with sadness, because this situation had never occurred with Mr. Hutchinson as the Chief Public Health Inspector. He added that he had asked for him to remain in the parish and it was promised but he still was allowed to go. He said too that the Corporation needs to know what is happening why no Officer was present at this meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer was later informed that there was no one in the department due to illness.

## **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Sydney Rose  
joined the meeting

ii) **Application for Butchers Licences**

Nil

iii) **Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences**

Nil

iv) **Exhumation**

Nil

## **11. REPORTS**

(A) **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

i) **Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting**

This meeting was not scheduled.

ii) **Human Resources Committee Meeting**

This meeting was not scheduled.

iii) **Public Health Committee Meeting**

This meeting was not scheduled.

iv) **Municipal & Commercial Services Committee Meeting**

This meeting was not scheduled.

(B) **MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES**

i) **Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee**

This meeting was not scheduled.

ii) **Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 14/12/2021**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 14/12/2021, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) -

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and

Environment Committee held on December 14, 2021, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

iii) **Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 15/12/2021**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 15/12/2021, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on December 15, 2021, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

iv) **Poor Relief Committee Meeting 15/12/2021**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 15/12/2021, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on December 15, 2021, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

**(C) USE OF COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL**

Nil

**D) REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:**

The report is as under:

*The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead on January 6, 2022.  
Activities done at the Centre for December 2021.*

**Councillors present were:**

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| 1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) | - | Linstead Division (Chairman) |
| 2. Councillor William Cytall           | - | Troja Division               |
| 3. Councillor Leroy Dunn               | - | Guys Hill Division           |
| 4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew            | - | Mount Industry Division      |

**Councillors absent were:**

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| 1. Councillor Neil Powell                 | - | Above Rock Division   |
| 2. Councillor Sydney Rose                 | - | Treadways Division    |
| 3. Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) | - | Ewarton Division      |
| 4. Councillor Peter Abrahams              | - | Bog Walk Division     |
| 5. Councillor Hugh Graham                 | - | Lluidas Vale Division |

**Officers**

- 1. *Ms. Chantae Brown* - *Town Manager*
- 2. *Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris* - *Recording Secretary*

**Representatives**

- 1. *Dr. Cynthia Anderson (J.P)* - *Linstead Ministers' Fraternal*
- 2. *Mr. Godfrey Marshall* - *Linstead DAC*
- 3. *Mrs. Minette Anderson Myers* - *Social Development Commission*
- 4. *Mr. Owayne Weir* - *Taxi Association*

***PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR SALON LICENCE***

*Nil*

***LICENCE ISSUED***

*Nil*

***APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY***

<b><i>Name of Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Address of Burial</i></b>
1. <i>Beneive Campbell</i>	<i>Loretta Campbell</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
2. <i>Beneive Campbell</i>	<i>Roymond Campbell</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
3. <i>Clifford Cameron</i>	<i>Brenetta Cameron</i>	<i>Lucky Valley Bog Walk</i>
4. <i>Hymorette Davis</i>	<i>Leslie Howell</i>	<i>Lucky Valley Bog Walk</i>
5. <i>Donard Walker</i>	<i>Hannafria Walker</i>	<i>Byndloss Linstead</i>
6. <i>Steve Thomas</i>	<i>Alexander Thomas</i>	<i>Orangefield District Linstead</i>
7. <i>Keisha Adlam</i>	<i>Warren Adlam</i>	<i>West Prospect Bog Walk</i>
8. <i>Jennifer Francis-Whyte</i>	<i>Adina Gray</i>	<i>Bonnett District Benbow</i>
9. <i>Evetta Grant</i>	<i>Millicent McDonald</i>	<i>Jubilee Town Redwood</i>

***APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (continued)***

<b><i>Name of Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Address of Burial</i></b>
<b><i>10. Calpernia Harrison</i></b>	<b><i>Thaddeus Harrison</i></b>	<b><i>York Street Linstead</i></b>
<b><i>11. Dadrean Douglas</i></b>	<b><i>Hyacinth Hare</i></b>	<b><i>Lime Walk Spring Vale</i></b>
<b><i>12. Maxine Wright</i></b>	<b><i>Alpheus Wright</i></b>	<b><i>Hampshire District Riversdale</i></b>
<b><i>13. Dannette Lewis</i></b>	<b><i>Ena Nelson</i></b>	<b><i>Palmetto Valley Redwood</i></b>
<b><i>14. Deneise Mattis</i></b>	<b><i>Karl Douglas</i></b>	<b><i>Mountain Pass Karl Douglas</i></b>
<b><i>15. Lorraine Edwards</i></b>	<b><i>Joseph Brown</i></b>	<b><i>Spring Vale Bog Walk</i></b>
<b><i>16. Michael Mitchell</i></b>	<b><i>Romario Mitchell</i></b>	<b><i>Banbury Linstead</i></b>

***PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS***

<b><i>Name of Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Cemetery</i></b>	<b><i>Type of Spot</i></b>
<b><i>1. Delroy Rhodes</i></b>	<b><i>Loretta Perry</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>2. Delroy Rhodes</i></b>	<b><i>Sylvester Cobourne</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>3. Pethrone Jones</i></b>	<b><i>Linette Harrison</i></b>	<b><i>Treadways</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>4. Sunset Funeral Home</i></b>	<b><i>Patsy Wright</i></b>	<b><i>LluidasVale</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>5. Christopher Armstrong</i></b>	<b><i>Marcia Reid</i></b>	<b><i>Treadways</i></b>	<b><i>Tomb</i></b>
<b><i>6. Karleen Lindsay</i></b>	<b><i>Carmen Cato</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>7. Suzette Chin</i></b>	<b><i>Merline Walker</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>8. Charmaine Taylor</i></b>	<b><i>Marthanna Williams</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>9. Shantay Montique</i></b>	<b><i>Antoinette Dunbar</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>10. Shernett Ellis</i></b>	<b><i>Donovan Thompson</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>11. Maureen Morris</i></b>	<b><i>Pearline Gardener</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Tile</i></b>
<b><i>12. Maureen Morris</i></b>	<b><i>Leaceph Gardener</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Tile</i></b>
<b><i>13. RJ Reynolds F/H</i></b>	<b><i>Euda Trowers</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>14. Kemari Campbell</i></b>	<b><i>Azel Duncan</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>15. Lebert Wellington</i></b>	<b><i>Tommy McLean</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>16. Shanalee Blake</i></b>	<b><i>Evon Blake</i></b>	<b><i>Treadways</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>17. Nichola Edwards</i></b>	<b><i>Alanzo Smith</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>18. Beautiful Gates F/H</i></b>	<b><i>George Brown</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>
<b><i>19. Phillips F/H</i></b>	<b><i>Keith Morris</i></b>	<b><i>Commodore</i></b>	<b><i>Vault</i></b>

***Notice to Jerk Vendors***

***There is a concern that a restaurant located at the designated area for jerk vendors in Linstead poses a clear fire hazard that deserves prompt attention. The restaurant in question has several gas cylinders stored in close proximity to the naked flames from the deep fryers. The operators have been given the benefit of operating as jerk vendors but have since expanded and built a concrete structure for the storage of the cylinders; this was not authorized by the corporation.***

***The committee is requesting that a notice be served on the operator calling for corrective action as the degree of risk could result in death and serious injury. The risk is significant and remedy needs to be identified and adapted.***



### **Enforcement Drive for Unlicensed Barbershops and Beauty Salons.**

*There has been a huge lapse in the collection of revenue from barbers and hairdressers in the zone, as such, the team would like for there to be a commencement of the collection in the area. With a collaborative effort from the town centre, trade license and compliance department, we endeavor to conduct an enforcement drive on unlicensed barbershops and hair salons in Linstead. The compliance rate for barbers and hairdressers has dropped significantly over the past few years.*

*We are hoping to start by conducting a sensitization seminar to update them on what the law stipulates and the process of getting certified. During the period, the operators would be given 30 days to get their businesses to operate in accordance with the 2004 Act, which governs the industry.*

### **Town Centre Immersion in Meetings**

*It is strongly recommended that the corporation gives its support to ensure that the Linstead Town Centre is involved in meetings and forums of concerning the zone. It is important that the function of the Town Centre is known and recognized. Extending invitations to the Town Centre manager may bring more awareness to the existence of the Town Centre and its overall roles and objectives. The information received from the forums may also be useful to the committee and its functions.*

### **Street Signs for Linstead**

*In Linstead, like most other places in the parish, getting around town can be somewhat of a puzzle without a firm grasp of knowledge about the town. A great number of streets within the township are without adequate signage.*

*It is against this background that the committee recommends two (2) signs for the following streets:*

- *Gaynor Street*
- *Church Street*
- *Peck Street*
- *Chapel Street*
- *Bronx Street*
- *Hope View*
- *St. George's Street*
- *Gyles Avenue*
- *East Avenue*
- *Grove Road*
- *Gillette Street*
- *Fletcher's Avenue*

*Two (2) One-Way signs are also needed for Fletcher's Avenue.*

### **Linstead Drop-In Centre**

*After months of being approved, we are still anticipating the completion of the drop in centre. However there is need for supplementary funding to do so. As another bold step in community development, the Linstead Drop-In Center upon completion will be used to assist with the social care of many of our homeless and street people.”*

On the motion of Councillor Leroy Dunn, seconded by Councillor William Cytall the report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee was accepted by the meeting.

## **Arising from the Report**

Councillor Cytall informed the meeting that the Advisory Committee had a productive meeting and that a document is being prepared regarding the way forward.

The Chairman remarked that he is happy that the drought has been broken and that they were able to meet, as he had become concerned that such an important meeting was not being held, due to the absence of Councillors. He said that going forward he hoped that Councillors from these divisions will see the importance of the committee and maintain its vibrancy. He added that these are the committees that drive development and that the Portmore Municipality started in this same way.

## **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Jennifer Hull  
joined the meeting

### **12. GENERAL:**

Nil

### **13. MOTIONS:**

#### **a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)**

Nil

#### **b) Notices of Motions:**

Nil

### **14. PETITIONS:**

Nil

### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **a) Treadways Health Centre**

Councillor Rose said that some time ago he had made representation and identified land for a health centre in Treadways and presented documents to the Parish Manager in this regard. He said that the Ministry had several town hall meetings and that there are residents who are willing to give their time and resources and he is also willing to contribute towards this project. He also highlighted the distance residents have to travel to seek health care. He said that even with the effects of the virus, he could not understand how a Minister could have treated this matter so scantily. He added that everything is in place and he is calling on the Honourable Minister of Health to make the funds available, for the facility to be constructed to save the lives of the residents.

## **b) Community Projects for Compliant Communities**

The Chairman stated that the Corporation has started a drive to assist communities, who are compliant with paying their property taxes, by doing beautification projects. He said that so far the compliance rate does not look good and is seeking the input of Councillors, to impress upon the residents the importance of paying their property taxes. He further stated that this revenue stream is used to provide services such as garbage collection and street lighting, but it can also be used for other projects. He said that the percentage collection rate for each community will be made available on a monthly basis through email, so that when the Councillors go to community meetings they can inform the residents.

### **Suspension of the Standing Orders**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Patricia Harris, the standing order was suspended to allow the reports from the agencies.

### **National Solid Waste Management Authority**

Mr. Daniel Heaven introduced himself as the Public Cleansing Manager for the entire parish since the previous week. He also introduced Mr. Farrel Walsh, responsible for operations in Spanish Town Mr. Roy Campbell from the roundabout to Willowdene, Ms. Cheese who operates from there to the border of Clarendon, Mr. Roy Campbell from the Gorge into the northern belt of St. Catherine.

He reported that as it stands there are twenty-five loads of backlog and that garbage which is uncollected after eight days becomes backlog. There are backlogs in some areas while some are on schedule and explained that they are working to clear these.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Keith McCook  
joined the meeting

He said that they have been operating on schedule to maintain the collections in areas where . He added that during the Christmas period they cleaned mini dumps in the parish including one on Nugent Street and it continues to be maintained and the one at Oasis Plaza. The mini dump at French Street is also cleaned during the nights. He commended the Corporation for its assistance with the clean-up of the town during the Christmas season.

Mr. Heaven said that for the new year, the plan is to clean the streets of the town centres before the residents start moving around to reduce traffic congestion.

He said that sometimes it is a struggle due to a lack of resources but they will continue to engage the residents and use the resources available as best as possible..

Councillor Wint said that he is happy that the representative is able to attend the meeting , he had an issue that is creating a problem. He said that there is a stretch from Edgewater to Jermaine Road in Portmore which was recently improved, that has no sweepers nor bins and asked that they be assigned to reduce dumping.

Councillor Lloyd Grant thanked the NSWMA team, and in particular Ms. Cheese for the work being done in his division. He said that this is the best things have been and hoped that it will continue.

Councillor Rose said that in Linstead, it is a disgrace, as the commercial operators are dumping garbage at the front of their establishments, and it is being collected by the trucks that should be collecting domestic garbage. He asked that some joint effort be made with the Corporation to ensure that these business owners pay for their collections, as they can afford to do so. He also asked that the representatives from the Health Department attend the next meeting.

Councillor Dunn said that he is concerned about the frequency with which the officers are changed, as there is not adequate time for these individuals to know the areas and address the concerns. He asked that there be continuity, as there is a Whatsapp group where Councillors were able to communicate with the previous officer. He also asked if the backlog which was reported included the northern section of the parish, how many trucks were available and the expectation for collections in this area of the parish.

Mr. Heaven responded that his department will be having an operation in the town of Linstead. He said too, that some times there are issues with the contractors, however, he will speak to the fleet manager to ascertain the distribution of trucks throughout the parish. He indicated that for the areas that are distant, the contractors are not willing to go into these areas, and sometimes the resources are not available to go as often as they would want to.

The Chairman stated that the customers should not be held at ransom because of the contractual arrangements.

Councillor Lawrence wished everyone all the best for the new year and welcomed Mr. Heaven to the parish. He commended Mr. Walsh for responding to his calls.

### **Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Kenord Grant  
joined the meeting

Councillor Lawrence said that he is concerned about the communities that are not accessible by the trucks, as sometimes the garbage is taken to the pick-up location after the trucks have passed. He asked that a meeting be held to work out a formula for pick up in these locations that are inaccessible by trucks.

Councillor Thompson sought to find out the time frame for the collection and removal of the backlog in the parish.

Councillor Abrahams wished the best for the new year for the Corporation. He said that Mr. Campbell is trying his best, but residents continue to dump their waste all over. He said that there is a new dump site at Church Road and in Princessfield there is a problem of late collections.

Councillor Parkins said that he built receptacles on the Newland Road because of inaccessibility to the lanes, but the collection is not being done and is asking for timely collections.

Mr. Heaven responded that there is a schedule and it will be provided to Councillors. He said that they try to attack mini dumps and that they will try to work on collections as best as possible with the resources that they have.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Heaven for attending and pledged the Corporation's support.

### **Parish Development Committee**

Mr. Headlam read the report from the Parish Development Committee as under:

*“Mr. Chairman, Councilors and other stakeholders greetings. On behalf of the PDC I wish you and your families and constituents all the best for a good 2022.*

*The St. Catherine Parish Development Committee (PDC) continues to meet amid the challenges posed by the Pandemic and the attendant restrictions. However, notwithstanding the best efforts of the organization the effects of the pandemic is having significant effects on its ability to function.*

*It however remains true that, across the DAC citizens continue to find creative ways in keeping engaged with their communities. As it is now, many of the groups are not meeting and those who are meeting are smaller in numbers or are meeting online. Community engagement can be done online only to an extent and the majority of people I know are growing more weary each passing day with the virtual arrangements.*

*I must advise this meeting that at the moment the PDC is in search of a space to establish it's administrative office as it appears the the arrangement at the SDC has come to an end. This is a significant need for the PDC as the DAC and CDC all look towards to PDC for leadership and support. It is also important for this this matter is settled to ensure the safeguarding of PDC properties and the continuation of its administrative arrangements.*

*Mr. Chairman, the issues dominating the community groups discussions remain the same. However, there remains a group of community practitioners who are very committed to making their communities better places. In this regards, this body should be aware of the leadership changes at the Linstead Development Area with the new chairman being Mr. Godfery Marshall. We are currently going through a transition at the Old Harbour DAC and as it relates to the Spanish Town DA this continues to be a work in progress.*

*As customary, I continue to encourage this body of people to support the work and functions of the community organizations. This is especially necessary as the level of suffering of the citizens is more now than before.*

*The year 2021 was a very challenging one for volunteerism in the parish, but we look forward to a brighter future despite obvious challenges to such belief and expectation.”*

The Chairman asked if a written notice was sent from the Social Development Commission to leave the premises and if so he asked that a copy be sent to his office. He promised to speak to the Minister, as both entities fall under the Ministry of Local Government and functions interchangeably. He said he will make an effort to have the PDC remain in the space as the notice to vacate is unacceptable.”

### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Anthony, the standing order resumed.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At this stage (11:55 a.m.), Councillor Anthony Wint moved, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, that the meeting be adjourned.

**CONFIRMED:**

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**CHAIRMAN  
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN**

**DATED.....**

# Action Page

## Action to be taken

## By Whom

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| 1. Page 3 item (a) investigation of odour beside Lot 192 in Sydenham | Health Department |
| 2. Page 3 – clarity on booster shots                                 | “                 |
| 3. Page 3 investigation re odour at the Mussons Factory – Bog Walk   | “                 |





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| 5. Mrs. Denece Douglas         | Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector  |
| 6. Mrs. Paula Bennett          | Actg. Director of Planning           |
| 7. Mrs. Yasheka Jathn-Thompson | Co-ord Disaster Preparedness Service |
| 8. Ms. Reishana Dubidad        | Actg. Community Programmes Officer   |
| 9. Ms. Chantae Brown           | Linstead Town Centre                 |
| 10. Mr. Peter Hewitt           | Trade Licence Compliance Officer     |
| 11. Mr. Omar Mattis            | Office Manager                       |

**Officer who joined Virtually**

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| 12. Mr. Miguel Perrin | Actg. Procurement Officer     |
| 13. Ms. Anakay Clarke | Actg. Senior Internal Auditor |

**Agencies**

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| 1. Mr. Joshua Davis  | Jamaica Fire Brigade |
| 2. Mr. Daniel Heaven | NSWMA                |

**ABSENT WERE:**

**Councillors**

1. Councillor Dwight Burke
2. Councillor Joy Brown
3. Councillor Hawthorne Thompson
4. Councillor Ainsley Parkins
5. Councillor Alric Campbell
6. Councillor Donovan Guy
7. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
8. Councillor Vanrick Preddie

**1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**2. DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Claude Hamilton prayed to begin the meeting.

**3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all Councillors present, Officers, media and agency representatives. Welcome was also extended to the Councillors and Officers who had joined the meeting through the online platform.

He apologised for the absence of the Pastor from Phillip Baptist Church who was scheduled to conduct the devotion, but was called to an emergency. He said that the Pastor was hoping to meet the Councillors of the Corporation, as he was newly assigned to the Phillip congregation.

## Apologies

Apologies were also tendered on behalf of:

1. Councillor Roogae Kirlew whose son was ill and he had to take him to the hospital
2. Mr. Andre Griffiths, CEO who was attending a meeting off site
3. Councillor Vanrick Preddie, who was not well
4. Councillor Sydney Rose, who would be late

## Arrival of Councillor

At this stage Councillor Ainsley Parkins  
joined the meeting

## **4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2022**

### **a) Correction:**

On the list of Officers present, the Chief Engineering Officer who was the Clerk at the meeting in December was listed again as the Clerk for the meeting in January. He was absent from the meeting in January, therefore, the Chief Executive Officer should be listed as the Clerk for the meeting in January.

### **b) Confirmation:**

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on January 13, 2022, BE AND ARE HEREBY confirmed, subject to the correction.**

Seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas and carried.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**At this point the Chairman extended a special welcome to the Medical Officer (Health), Dr. Francia Prosper-Chen to the meeting.**

### **a) Odour next to Lot 192 Sydenham**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 13/1/22, page 3 item (a), Mrs Douglas, representing the Chief Public Health Inspector, informed the meeting that Dr. Prosper-Chen would address item number 2 **“Clarity on the booster shots”**. She went on to say that she was not made aware of these matters and understands the health implications of such, and was making a humble request to have the matters investigated with some alacrity and to provide an update at the next Public Health and Sanitation Meeting.

### **b) Odour at the Mussons Factory – Bog Walk**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 13/1/22, page 3, an update on this is also to be provided at the next Public Health and Sanitation Meeting.

c) **Clarity on the Booster Shots**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 13/1/22, page 3, Dr. Prosper-Chen informed the meeting that the Astra Zeneca vaccine booster shot is available; the Pfizer booster has been available since December last year and added that the Johnson and Johnson is available and is taken two months after the single dose. She said that they have been given approval for Sinopharm and that the Astra Zeneca and Johnson & Johnson is approved as the booster for Sinopharm. In summary, she stated that boosters are available for all vaccines.

**Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Sydney Rose  
joined the meeting

6. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. *Let me welcome all Councillors, in the Chamber and those online, members of staff, the media and our external experts to our February Council meeting. Please note that we continue to use the social distance protocol in the seating arrangements and I urge everyone to follow the protocols*
2. *February is recognized as Black History Month internationally and locally and we celebrate Reggae Month in Jamaica. It is also a month when we celebrate love. So let me encourage you to share love not only with your spouses but with someone who is in need of a little support and encouragement on Monday February 14. Happy Valentine's Day when it comes*
3. *We are glad that school is now open and students can have face to face teaching. I am still lamenting that the schools in St. Catherine are still without the testing kits that were promised to the schools. These are very important to help the schools to monitor possible cases of the COVID 19*

*In closing, I beg of you to remind your constituents to take all the necessary precautions so that they do not spread nor catch the virus. Consequently, the wearing of a mask in public places is a MUST, washing of hands, sanitizing and the keeping of social distance are some of the major means of preventing the spread. Persons who are vaccinated must continue to observe all COVID 19 protocols. He also implored persons to get vaccinated”*

**Arrival of Councillors**

During the announcements Councillor Patricia Harris  
joined the meeting

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING**

Nil

## **8. ALGAJ REPORT:**

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Courtney Edwards, seconded by Councillor Neil Powell, the report was accepted.

Councillor Powell stated that it is his understanding that ALGAJ is a body that was put together to advocate for Councillors. He said that he has been looking at a number of things happening where Councillors are concerned, and he has not heard a voice out of ALGAJ. He added that what amazes him is that at the end of each year Members of Parliament are given allocations. He said that when you look at the large sums; Members of Parliament are elected representatives and so are councillors and thinks ALGAJ should advocate on behalf of its Councillors. He said that he would like to use this forum to send a message to ALGAJ that they need someone to advocate for them in this regard. He went on to say that their constituents are depending on them and the meagre allocation that they receive to treat with the many social issues, is not enough and therefore wants ALGAJ to speak for them.

The Chairman said that he concurred with Councillor Powell. He said that there are Councillors who do not enjoy a relationship with their Members of Parliament and that is why ALGAJ is of importance to Councillors. He said that a request was made some time ago for the President to attend a meeting of the Corporation and was asking that the request be made again, so that Councillors can state their issues.

Councillor Lawrence said that the Corporation has been trying to have representatives from the National Works Agency (NWA) attend meetings here. He said that they need to attend, so they can hear the concerns and update the Councillors, as representatives of the people in this parish. He added that this is another matter which ALGAJ needs to address and also the matter of Councillors not receiving any housing allocation for some time.

Councillor Kenord Grant said he would like to join the voices of his colleagues, as for some time now Councillors have been asking for an update on the discussions regarding motor vehicle upkeep for Councillors. He said that there is also the issue of compensation of the Officers at the Portmore City Municipality, who are required to carry out the same functions as the other municipalities and are paid less than their counterparts in these other parishes.

The Chairman noted the concerns and said he would reach out to the President at their meetings.

Councillor Wilson said that he is happy that the Chairman will be reaching out to the President and asked that he updates him on their dissatisfaction. He said that he did not know if the Chairman would want him to represent him at the next meeting.

The Chairman responded that the meeting will be on zoom and that Councillor Wilson was welcomed to join.

## **9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS**

### **a) Absence of Agencies from the Meeting**

Councillor Cytall stated that he noticed with concern the absence of the agency representatives, in particular, the Jamaica Public Service Company. He said that he

had a number of problems in his division and would like to make enquiries of the management who is responsible for emergency and various matters in Sr. Catherine.

The Chairman stated that JPS prefers if direct requests are made and they respond accordingly. He said that coming out of Covid-19 this is the preferred method, but asked that a reminder be sent to them. He also craved the understanding of the Councillors.

**b) Concerns Regarding the Proposed Portmore Parish**

Councillor Fenley Douglas stated that in 2003, the residents of the Municipality of Portmore got together and decided as a people, that they wanted a municipality where they would have the chance to vote for a directly elected Mayor. He said that based on this model they were the only municipality in the English speaking Caribbean at the time, and that this would have been a model that the other parishes could look at.

Now in 2022, the Government of the day is making a decision to make Portmore into a parish without the participation of the people. He said that this is dangerous grounds, as it erodes the democracy of our country, for political gimmickery and political gains. He said he would like to know where exactly the boundaries are for Portmore and St. Catherine. Also, where the amenities are such as the cemetery, hospital, market prior to this mad rush. He went on to ask if it is that the residents do not deserve a public hospital for Portmore.

He stated too that he would like to ask why it takes at least an hour from Three Miles to get to Portmore, while it takes forty minutes from Portmore to St. Ann. He further asked if it is that they do not deserve a better road network or better representation; also if they will have to continue to go to Coronation Market and risk their lives. He went further to say that they need an Examination Depot and that presently they lack several important amenities in Portmore.

Councillor Douglas also said that he is seeing political hoodwinking. Three zoom meetings were held which did not give the residents an opportunity to participate, yet they are being told that this is the voice of the people. He stated that he lives in Portmore, works and is a taxpayer in Portmore and that the people he represents deserve better. He said that they deserve to have a say in the governance of the municipality and enough is enough, and they are tired of being a part of the political mockery of Central Government.

Councillor Kenord Grant said that he would like to continue on the consideration for Portmore to be the fifteenth parish. He said that while Portmore lacks the amenities, there are two questions he would like to ask; the first is in relation to the legality of establishing a parish. He said that there is one legal consideration that must occur, and that is the establishment of a court, as currently in Jamaica, a crime must be adjudicated where it is committed. He asked how could they move ahead in establishing a parish without a parish court.

He said that he can recall that he had asked where the boundaries would be, and he was amazed by the response of Senator Rodriguez. He said that the response seem solely to centre around political interest and therefore as a Director at the Corporation, he would like to know the resources assigned to Portmore within a specific boundary. He sought to find out what lands will be assigned to Portmore; the communities and the road networks that the new Parish Corporation will be responsibility for. He said that he is also concerned about the social demography and what are the resources that will finance the establishment of the Parish Municipality.

Councillor Rose stated that when he looks on the condition of this present parish in terms of the road network, he wonders why there is such a haste to establish Portmore as a parish. He said that for years they have been asking for certain things to happen in the parish without success, yet they want to establish a new parish. These things include the scheduled and frequent collection of garbage, the road network, proper hospital facilities and health centres to name a few. He asked where are the funds to establish these facilities.

Councillor Dunn asked if all the previous speakers were aware that there was a joint select committee by the previous government to deal with establishing Portmore as a parish and that there were agreements that led to this decision. He went on to say that what the previous government failed to do is being done by this government, where the dream is being realized of Portmore becoming a parish.

The Chairman at this point remarked that Councillor Dunn has been totally misguided and that his information was far from the truth and totally incorrect.

He said that yes, there was a Joint Select Committee under the leadership of former Prime Minister PJ Patterson, and yes, the citizens came together under the Portmore Advisory Council, and this Council voted to give them legs to stand on. He said that at no point was there any argument relating to parish status. He said that the people of Portmore voted for what they wanted then, and coming out of that a pilot was the Portmore Advisory Council and thereafter the Municipal Corporation. He said that it was the people and not the parliament that decided.

He further stated that he would not allow the Councillor to come to the meeting and speak what is not true and asked that he do some research and get the facts.

Councillor Edwards stated that there are several things that have been mentioned as must haves to be a parish and the one that sticks out is a court house. He asked if they are having court in Portmore at present, why was a court being mentioned.

The Chairman clarified that a court house can be any building; the court being held in Portmore, was not a Resident Magistrates (RM) Court. He said that in law a crime must be taken to the RM court before it can go to any other court. The court in Portmore is a part of the present Parish Court and is therefore not a separate RM court.

Councillor Powell sought guidance as to whether the discussion was necessary. He said that they were not creatures of Parliament and it did not matter how much they fought in this forum, as parliament is the ultimate body which is going to decide. He asked that they stick to the business of the parish as it did not make sense, based on the numbers in the parliament. He added that it is still an exercise of democracy, but with the make up of the parliament, it is likely that what is proposed will happen.

The Chairman remarked that as Councillor Powell said, it is in the hands of the sixty-three Members of Parliament, but there are other issues that will result in other actions and will leave it at that.

### **c) Independence Celebrations**

Councillor Steve Graham said that this is the second meeting for the year and five months from the Independence Celebrations and asked what are the plans for this parish.

The Chairman replied that there are some projects being planned by Central Government and at a later date there will be meetings to discuss these.

**d) Road Repairs in Spanish Town**

Councillor Lawrence said that he heard Stephen Shaw from the National Works Agency indicating that there will be some remedial works planned for Spanish Town, which includes overlaying on Burke Road. He said that a timeline is normally given for works, but none was given during the statement that was made. He asked that the Corporation engage the NWA with a view to getting a timeline, in relation to the works to be done in Spanish Town. He said that Burke Road is shared by two Members of Parliament and added that projects slated for Spanish Town usually end up in file thirteen.

**e) Garbage Collection – Waterloo Lane**

Councillor Lawrence said that while he is seeing where the Officers from the NSWMA are trying their best, he is asking that more support be given to them. He reported that the residents of Waterloo Lane have complained that the collectors are soliciting payment for collection of their garbage.

**f) Crime – Bog Walk Division**

Councillor Abrahams said that the crime rate in the northern section of the parish, namely Bog Walk and Linstead has been trending up again and asked that the Chairman use his office to try to have a detective assigned specifically to Bog Walk. He added that patrol officers alone cannot police the area.

**g) Citizens’ Charter**

The Chairman announced that the Citizens’ Charter for the parish was launched last Friday and asked that Councillors get a copy to see what the Corporation is trying to achieve. He said that it is the intention for this Corporation to be the best and this can only be done by providing the best quality service to the people of the parish.

**10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

**i) Medical Officer’s Report**

Dr. Prosper-Chen apologised on behalf of the Health Department for their absence from the last meeting. She said that unfortunately, they were caught up as victims of the virus and expressed regret at not informing the Corporation prior to the meeting.

She extended good wishes for the Corporation that this year will be more peaceful and joyful than last year.

**Covid – 19**

Dr. Prosper-Chen reported that in August the country experienced the third covid-19 surge and saw it peak in September with 2,752 and a massive decline in October until mid December 2021

She stated that the age group of 21 to 30 years recorded the highest and that 67% were symptomatic with the majority being females with symptoms such as cough fever and headaches. Some also experienced vomiting and diarrhea. She said that approximately 120 deaths each month occurred during the third surge, which lasted for about four months.

She said that the month of January 2022 started with a sudden and dramatic increase which marked the beginning of the fourth wave. She said that it started to increase from December 22, 2021 and that the decline in the number of cases started about January 27, 2022, with single digits being recorded. The difference was that 80% were symptomatic, however this variant does not come with loss of taste, but had symptoms of dry cough, nasal congestion and sore throat. The highest number for any month appeared in January 5,627 , with 409 the highest daily number recorded on January 16, 2022 for St. Catherine. She said that many children were affected and have been hospitalised. There was 119 persons admitted to the Spanish Town Hospital in January compared to 40 persons in November and December 2021. She further informed the meeting that the main areas affected within the parish zones were Gregory Park, Passage Fort and Hellshire; Spanish Town; New Harbour Village and Orangefield. The total number of cases for the parish to date is 23,700 and the total death is 800. She said that this is significant for the parish and appealed to persons to practice the protocols and get vaccinated; if they want to go back to normality. She said added that the children are back in school and the adults have to protect them by following the protocols.

### **Vaccination**

In January 13,129 doses were administered and 4,651 boosters given. She said that since March 2021 to December 2021 approximately 169,130 were vaccinated in the parish, which represents a rate of 15%. She encouraged persons and asked Councillors encourage the residents to become vaccinated and informed the meeting that the sites will be maintained throughout the parish. Vaccinations are being done at St. Jago Park, Christian Pen, Greater Portmore, Linstead Anglican Church, Old Harbour Civic Centre, Browns Hall, Guys Hill, Sligoville and Cumberland Road. The Sydenham Health Centre is also being used twice per month on the weekends.

### **Health Report – Acting Chief Public Health Inspector**

Mrs. Henry, representing the Chief Public Health Inspector apologised for her absence and reported as under:

*“Mrs. Winifred Meeks has assume duties as Chief Public Health Inspector in the Parish in December 2021. I will however take this opportunity to apologies on her behalf for her absence as she is unable to attend today’s meeting. She is looking forward to attending next month’s meeting.*

#### ***Prosecution Matter***

##### ***Insanitary Pig Rearing***

*That matter is in the Guys Hill area and the accused/offender did not show up at court. She sent a representative but the judge has ordered that she be present on the next court date which is February 21, 2022.*

#### ***School Inspections***

*Inspection of schools continued during the month a total of 18 schools were inspected in preparation for face to face classes. The category and statuses are as follows:*

- *4 Preparatory and Primary:2 Satisfactory and 2 Unsatisfactory*



- *1 High School: 1 Satisfactory*
- *13 Early Childhood Institutions: 10 Satisfactory and 3 Unsatisfactory*

#### *Food Establishment Closure*

*One Food Wholesale was ordered closed in the Portmore Zone during the reporting period for breaches such as heavy cockroach infestation, food items not stored at the correct temperature (these items were condemned), absence of hand washing facility. The establishment has since made the necessary improvements and thus permitted to reopen.*

#### *Larvicidal Operation*

*Larvicidal work was carried out in all the control areas within the parish for the reporting period. The breakdown of activities and findings is detailed in the table below.*

*Larvicidal work was also conducted in the following areas; however no breeding was found:*

- *Waterford community – 16 tyres found breeding*
- *Mount View*
- *Constant Spring (Linstead)*
- *Seville Meadows 3*
- *Kensington District*
- *Bamboo District*
- *Cross Pen District*
- *Obama Heights*
- *St. John's Road*
- *Union Estate*

*In addition the Greater Portmore Sewage Ponds were checked, no breeding was found.*

*A total thirty-six (36) drains were inspected. Nine (9) drains were positive for breeding of Culex mosquito and none for Anopheles mosquito. The drains found breeding are as follows:*

- *Rose Hall*
- *Ebony Vale Boulevard*
- *Irish Pen, Railway lane*
- *Central Village Big Lane*
- *Cromarty*
- *Windsor Road, Beside Football Field*
- *Portsmouth (Kiddies Park)*
- *Succaba Gardens*

#### **DENGUE INTERVENTION**

*Two (2) dengue notifications were received at the Vector Control Unit for the reporting period. Intervention was carried in the named communities.”*

Councillor Douglas commended the Health Department for its fight against the pandemic, but said that there is a growing concern developing across the parish, where there are a number of satellite sites being erected by private sector groups. He said that some of them are opened as vaccination sites and some of them are under tents, some in make shift buildings and some in containers. He said some have been given the okay to operate as testing sites by the Ministry of Health, but have not been approved by the Corporation. He went further to say that some of them are in crowded plazas and he is concerned. Additionally, he said that they do not have agreed arrangements with any bio-hazard company to properly dispose their waste. The Corporation, he said, does not know the integrity of the buildings, tents or containers that are being used by these individuals. He stated that while the Ministry might be acting in agreement with the law, there are other agencies that are involved in the approval of a plan, and although the locations are small, he is asking that the Corporation be given a chance to protect and safeguard the residents of the parish. He said too that residential buildings are being given the okay to operate as bars which is a breach of the zoning

regulation. He added that there needs to be better communication to protect the rights of homeowners.

Councillor Hamilton said that recently he tried to access his digital vaccination card and it only had the information for one dose, and asked what are the steps to have this rectified. He asked if he had to visit the department to have it done.

Councillor Rose said that travelling for Public Health Officers, has been cut and asked that it be reinstated and upgraded. He also said that he has been looking at some early childhood institutions and there are instances where students are having diarrhea, fever and vomiting and are treated with Panadol. He requested monitoring of these institutions.

Councillor Harris stated that with the opening of schools she has a few observations at Friendship Primary School. She lauded the Health Department for the inspections and testing, but added that there are other issues. She said that the students are tested and sanitized when they enter the institution, but during recess she observed that students were playing with their masks down or placed in their pockets. She said too that some of the pick-up vehicles do not arrive on time and there are times when parents have to be called to collect their children, because they have a fever. She said too that efforts are made to educate them, but with the present situation there will be an increase in the number of children being treated at hospitals.

Councillor Abrahams asked that with the low vaccination rate how do they get individuals out to be vaccinated. He said that with the blitz persons were taken to be vaccinated, but now it is more difficult to get them to the sites.

In response to Councillor Abrahams, the Chairman stated that moral suasion has to be used now to get persons to get vaccinated.

Dr. Prosper-Chen said that she is not aware now of any of those sites mentioned by Councillor Douglas, as there are specific requirements. She said that they recently shut down a tent site and asked that any site that seems questionable should be reported to the Health Department.

The recommendation is that when students are ill they should be sent home immediately and the school must inform the Health Department. They usually go in and do the assessment and take action and the monitoring of schools is ongoing.

In response to the matter regarding the issuing of spirit licence for residential areas, Mrs. Douglas said that the Health Department does not issue that licence, but make recommendations for the licence to be granted.

Dr. Prosper-Chen said that the Public Health Officers are allowed to travel and claim mileage for wherever they need to go. She said a ceiling was established and she wrote to the Parish Manager and asked that they be allowed to acquire more mileage due to the nature of their job.

In relation to the vaccination blitz, she stated that they no longer do them, as vaccinations are being done in routine clinics. The blitz are very expensive, and they are not attracting the number of persons that will satisfy a blitz. She said that persons are encouraged to go to the health centres and there are four major ones and also the rural clinics are doing vaccinations. They are prepared to go into communities but not as a blitz and added that vaccination is also done between the hours of 4:00 to 7:00 pm. at designated sites.

She further said that Councillors can contact the Health Department and make arrangements for community vaccination and they will make the arrangements to do so.

ii) **Application for Butchers Licences**

Nil

iii) **Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences**

Nil

iv) **Exhumation**

Nil

**Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Dougl, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, the meeting resumed.

**11. (A) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

I) **Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 19/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 19/01/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on January 19, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn and carried.

II) **Human Resources Committee 24/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on 24/01/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on January 24, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn and carried.

### III) **Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting 20/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee held on 20/01/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) -

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee held on January 20, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn and carried.

### IV) **Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 25/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 25/01/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on January 25, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn and carried.

## **(B) MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES**

### I) **Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 17/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 17/01/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on January 17, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas and carried.

### II) **Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 18/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 18/01/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on January 18.2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas and carried.

III) **Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 19/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 19/01/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on January 19, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas and carried.

IV) **Poor Relief Committee Meeting 20/01/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 20/01/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on January 20,2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas and carried.

(C) **USE OF COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL**

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Leroy Dunn, approval was given for affixing the Corporation’s Common Seal for application for subdivision, which was approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on February 15, 2022:

*“Application by Venecia Realty Company c/o Frank Otto to subdivide lands at Lot #3 part of Crodel Park, 49 Old Harbour Road consisting of approximately 23,132.252 square metres into twenty-five (25) lots for residential, open space, storm water detention and reserved road purposes.”*

D) **REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:**

The report is as under:

*The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead on February 3, 2022.*



**APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (Continued)**

<b><i>Name of Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Name of the Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Address of Burial</i></b>
4. <i>Sharon Malcolm</i>	<i>Roy Lindsay</i>	<i>Dover Castle Redwood</i>
5. <i>Clayton Hare</i>	<i>Answorth Washington</i>	<i>SpringVale Bog Walk</i>
6. <i>Rosemaureen Fields</i>	<i>Phillip Fields</i>	<i>York Street Linstead</i>
7. <i>Quincey Thomas</i>	<i>Silbert Campbell</i>	<i>Buxton Town Linstead</i>
8. <i>Danessa Richrads</i>	<i>Neil Bailey</i>	<i>Orangefield District Linstead</i>
9. <i>Melvin Dillon</i>	<i>Arthur Grandison</i>	<i>Lime Hall Guy's Hill</i>
10. <i>Marsh Williams</i>	<i>Icilda Campbell</i>	<i>Mount Concord Glengoffe</i>
11. <i>Suzette Wallace</i>	<i>Craig Wallace</i>	<i>Hyde Road Bog Walk</i>
12. <i>Renae McDonald</i>	<i>Linford Anderson</i>	<i>Victoria District Linstead</i>
13. <i>Jacqueline Henry</i>	<i>Pearl Henry</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
14. <i>Hilda Bullock</i>	<i>Leonora Barns</i>	<i>Burton Linstead</i>
15. <i>Fred Nesbeth</i>	<i>Austin Nesbeth</i>	<i>Cambra Wakefield Linstead</i>
16. <i>Talbert Allen</i>	<i>Susan Richards</i>	<i>Moreland Guy's Hill</i>
17. <i>Charmaine Marshall</i>	<i>Clifton Marshall</i>	<i>Orangefield District Linstead</i>
18. <i>Calvin Morrison</i>	<i>Gwendolyn Morrison</i>	<i>Banbury District Linstead</i>
19. <i>Berince Hamilton</i>	<i>Beatrice Forrest</i>	<i>Jubilee Town Redwood</i>
20. <i>Winnifred Whittaker</i>	<i>Clive Dennis</i>	<i>Lime Hall Redwood</i>

**PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS**

<b><i>Name of Applicant</i></b>	<b><i>Name of Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Cemetery</i></b>	<b><i>Type of Spot</i></b>
1. <i>Monica Bryan</i>	<i>Stacy-Ann Bissick</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
2. <i>Richedean Thomas</i>	<i>Albertha Thomas</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
3. <i>Kevin Barns</i>	<i>William Barns</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
4. <i>Sunset F/H Delroy Phillips</i>	<i>Gilbert Reid Oscar Phillips</i>	<i>Lluidas Vale Commodore</i>	<i>Vault Vault</i>

**PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS (continued)**

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>Type of Spot</b>
5. Colin Blake	Harold Blake	Ewarton	Vault
6. Suzette Spencer	Kerisha Taffe	Commodore	Vault
7. Ena Francis	Horace Francis	Ewarton	Vault
8. Kerenia Brown	Sylvester Smith	Ewarton	Vault
9. Roberts F/H	Stenneth Newman	Commodore	Vault
10. Roberts F/H	Samuel Brown	Commodore	Vault
11. Roberts F/H	Nordia Parks	Commodore	Dirt Grave
12. Delroy Redway	Donald Redway	Ewarton	Vault
13. Jessica Johnson	Millicent Modest	Commodore	Tile
14. Aldine Richards	Sonia Martin	Commodore	Vault
15. Eugene Dwyer	Paulette Dwyer	Ewarton	Vault
16. Leon Reid	Enid Brown	Commodore	Vault
17. Amanda Johnson	Ida Smith	Commodore	Vault
18. Frances Wilson	Frank Wilson	Ewarton	Vault
19. Anna-Kaye Wright	Melissa Whitley	Ewarton	Vault
20. Rosemarie Samuels	Stanford Kelly	Treadways	Vault
21. Wilhel Forrester	Headley Forrester	Commodore	Tomb
22. Roberts F/H	Latoya Ferguson	Commodore	Vault

**Total Revenue for the month of January 2022 is as follows:**

<b>Fees</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cemetery Fees	\$ 162,000.00
Private Burials	\$ 50,000.00
Salon Licence	\$ 8,000.00
Cosmetology Licence	\$ 0.00
Barber Licence	\$ 0.00
Barbershop Licence	\$ 0.00
Advertisement	\$ 0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>

**UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) ESTABLISHES INTERNET WI-FI HOTSPOT IN LINSTEAD**

Persons are now able to access free secured internet service in the Rose Duncan Park in Linstead, St. Catherine. The project is part of the free community Wi-Fi launch series being spearheaded by the Universal Service Fund (USF.). The initiative was carried out under the Connect Jamaica Free Public Wi-Fi Project of the USF, an agency of the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology. The Universal Service Fund was established in 2005. Its mandate is to bridge the information gap by providing internet connectivity with special focus on vulnerable groups particularly children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and the financially challenged.

There has been a global trend toward online communication, social interaction and commerce and this trend has been accelerated by the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has exposed that there is within our country a great digital divide. The accessibility to the public will certainly go a long way to reducing this digital divide

With the Rose Duncan Park now a free internet Wi-Fi hotspot, there is need for additional benches and a watchman to monitor the park. The committee foresee the Rose Duncan Park as a place for families to interact and persons to gather for wholesome recreation.

**Notice to Jerk Vendors**

A Fire Safety Notice has been served on the operators of a restaurant located on designated area for jerk vendors in Linstead. The notice calling for corrective action was served by the Jamaica Fire Brigade Prevention department following an inspection. The inspection of the restaurant was done after committee members during January meeting, raised their concerns that the restaurant was a fire hazard. Subsequent to the inspection, the establishment was given 30 days to make the adjustments.



### **Lack of Speed Limit Signs**

*The committee is urging the National Works Agency (NWA) to erect speed limits signs along the Bog Walk to Ewarton main road. Speed limit sign is a regulatory sign that assists to communicate a set legal maximum or minimum speed limit that vehicles must travel. It is necessary to establish a standard caution for drivers to react safely to problems encountered while driving.*

### **Bartenders and Hairdresser Drive**

*The Enforcement Officer and the Office Manager are currently updating the document for Barbers and Hairdresser across the parish. Once the document is completed an enforcement drive will be conducted in short order.*

### **Sigtex Programme**

*The committee is requesting an update on the status of the Sigtex Programme which provides street signs for the corporation. We were informed that the programme is now on paused and so we would like clarity as to when the programme will be resume for us to apply for and acquire the street name signs for the town of Linstead.*

On the motion of Councillor Leroy Dunn, seconded by Councillor William Cytall the report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee was accepted by the meeting.

### **Permission to leave the meeting**

At this point 12:35 pm., the representatives from the Health Department sought and were given permission to leave the meeting.

### **Arising from the Report**

Councillor Cytall informed the meeting that based on the directive of the Chairman they got off to a good start at the Advisory Meeting. He gave a brief review of the discussion, which is detailed in the report, and added that it was a fruitful meeting.

Councillor Garriques noted that some Councillors were still not attending and that the Councillor for Ewarton is away and Lluidas Vale is without a Councillor.

### **12. GENERAL:**

Nil

### **13. MOTIONS:**

#### **a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)**

Nil

#### **b) Notices of Motions:**

Nil

### **14. PETITIONS:**

Nil

### **Suspension of the Standing Order**

**On the motion of Councillor Herbert Garriques, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, the standing order was suspended to take the reports from the agencies present.**

a) **National Solid Waste Management Authority**

Mr. Heaven stated that the report was tabled. He reported that there is 16.25 backlog in Spanish Town, Old Harbour and Linstead are on schedule. He said that they continue with night collections in Linstead and Spanish Town. He said that the Officer for this zone is presently monitoring the units and is trying to get the collections on schedule. He said too that at the last meeting he had reported that they will be dispatching the units earlier and that has started and is going well.

**Arrival of Councillor**

At this stage Councillor Jennifer Hull joined the meeting.

Mr. Heaven said that there were two enforcement drives in Linstead since the last meeting. He said that they are seeing better results as they try to get business operators to comply.

He said that a truck is in Waterloo doing collections as he speaks. He said that no truck is to collect money for collections and added that where there is no receipt, there is deceit.

Councillor Abrahams said that he noticed that in Bog Walk someone was employed to assist Mr. Campbell and that he has seen improvement. He commended Mr. Heaven for the improvement.

Councillor Lewis stated that the area that Councillor Lawrence spoke about is Waterloo Ave but is happy nonetheless that Waterloo Villa is being collected at present. She asked that Mr. Heaven look at the entire area and added that she has always had a good relationship with the agency. She said that her main concern is the sweeping of the Sligoville Main Road. She added that some time ago she had requested that some measure be put in place that this road be cleaned as often as possible. She said that the area is used daily and is the only main road through that area and asked that something be put in place to have the areas swept. She said too that she is seeing the popping up of mini dumps in the area and that she is available for a visit to look at these dump sites at the shortest possible time. She said that she wants to ensure that the area is clean, as a clean community is a healthy community, which is the vision of the NSWMA.

**Fire Department**

The report was presented as under:

<i>STATIONS</i>	<i>GENUINE</i>	<i>M.F. A</i>	<i>F.A.W.G. I</i>	<i>SPECIAL SERVICE</i>	<i>BUSH FIRE</i>	<i>TOTAL CALLS</i>
<i>Spanish Town</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>Waterford</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Linstead</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Old Harbour</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>216</i>

2. **ESTIMATED RISK:** \$1,060,840,000.00  
**ESTIMATED LOSS:** \$044,580,000.00  
**ESTIMATED SAVED:** \$1,016,260,000.00
3. **Structural Fire:**  
*There were twenty-nine (29) structural fires of which twelve (12) adults and nine (9) children were displaced.*
4. **Motor Vehicle Accidents:**
  - *January 4, 2022.... Mandela Highway.....2 civilians hospitalized*
  - *January 12, 2022...Salt Pond Main Road.....1 civilian injured*
  - *January 22, 2022.....Spanish Town Bypass.....1 civilian injured*
5. **Body Retrievals:**
  - *January 9, 2022.... Spanish Town Bridge.....1civilian died*
  - *January 20, 2022.....Dyke Road.....1 civilian died*

The representative asked the Councillors to assist the department by encouraging the residents, especially the farmers to desist from using the slash and burn method to clean their property. He said also that it is a waste of resources to respond to false alarms.

He said that they were having a problem on King Street where access to the back gate is blocked and sought the Corporation's assistance. He asked that a "no parking" sign be placed there as it is blocking access.

The Chairman said that the matter will be looked at.

Councillor Graham sought an update on the Old Harbour Fire Station, as it has been a year since construction started.

The representative responded that the project is 98% completed and in a short while it will be turned over to them.

### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Patricia Harris, seconded by Councillor Steve Graham, the standing order resumed.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **a) Request for Safety Signs at Crescent School**

Councillor Patricia Harris said that the heavy traffic in the school zone at Crescent is causing a problem and asked that a letter be written to the National Works Agency requesting that signs be placed there, warning motorists and for them to slow down. She said that years ago there was a device showing the speed and it is a zone where students are crossing and is asking that the necessary signage be placed there to protect the students.

The Chairman said that it is a school zone and asked that the NWA and the Road Safety Department install signs and repair the speed monitoring device, to caution individuals using the road.

**b) Fees being Charged by Electrical Inspectors**

Councillor Edwards said that he had a concern regarding the inspection fee being charged by the Electrical Inspectors. He said that based on what he was told by a resident, persons who are doing construction are being abused, as the Government Electrical Inspection Department does not operate anymore. He said that the charge has moved from \$15,000 and persons are charging what they want to charge; it is pressuring and a slap in the face to individuals trying to regularise their tenure with the JPS. He suggested that some intervention be done, as there needs to be some standards in terms of what is being charged and asked that the relevant Ministry be written in this regard. He asked that an appeal be made to them to have the matter properly regulated.

The Chairman remarked that as was said by Councillor Powell, it is those sixty-three individuals in Parliament that have control, but the people have a voice and asked that a letter be sent to Minister Vaz. He said that he should be told that this Corporation takes this matter seriously and is seeking his intervention, as it relates to what is happening.

**c) Crime**

Councillor Edwards said that everyone is talking about crime and that it is multi-faceted. He said that his concern is the difficulty that decent law abiding citizens have in acquiring a licenced firearm. He said that while we create these bureaucracies, the criminals out there have free access to firearms whether legal or otherwise. He said that at some point the people of this country should have a fighting chance, as the crime in this country is way out of hand.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At this stage (1:01 p.m.), Councillor Patricia Harris moved, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques , that the meeting be adjourned.

**CONFIRMED:**

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**CHAIRMAN**  
**ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN**

**DATED.....**

# Action Page

<u>Action to be taken</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
1. Page 5 - invitation to ALGAJ President to a meeting of the Corporation	CEO
2. Page 6 – Reminder to JPSCo. to send a representative to the meeting	CEO
3. Page 8 item d – Letter to NWA re road Repairs in Spanish Town	CEO
4. Page 8 item f – Letter to the Police re Assignment of a Detective to the Bog Walk Station	CEO
5. Page 20 - “no parking” sign at the rear access gate of the Fire Department	Chief Engineering Officer
6. Page 20 item a – Request for NWA to erect Safety signs at Crescent School	CEO
7. Page 21 item b – Letter to Minister Vaz re electrical inspection fees being charged	CEO

**ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022**

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, March 10, 2022, commencing at 10:36 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

**a) Councillors:**

1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott - Chairman
2. Councillor Ralston Wilson - Deputy Mayor
3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
4. Councillor Kenord Grant
5. Councillor William Cytall
6. Councillor Patricia Harris
7. Councillor Anthony Wint
8. Councillor Keisha Lewis
9. Councillor Neil Powell
10. Councillor Gary Nicholson
11. Councillor Herbert Garriques
12. Councillor Courtney Edwards
13. Councillor Mark McLean
14. Councillor Sydney Rose
15. Councillor Steve Graham
16. Councillor Enos Lawrence
17. Councillor Joy Brown
18. Councillor Alric Campbell
19. Councillor Donovan Guy
20. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
21. Councillor Vanrick Preddie

**Those who arrived Subsequently**

22. Councillor Keith McCook
23. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant
24. Councillor Leroy Dunn
25. Councillor Renair Benjamin
26. Councillor Dwight Burke
27. Councillor George Moodie
28. Councillor Keith Knight
29. Councillor Lloyd Grant
30. Councillor Fenley Douglas
31. Councillor Peter Abrahams
32. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
33. Councillor Ainsley Parkins

**Those who joined Virtually**

34. Councillor Mark O'Connor
35. Councillor Jennifer Hull

b) **Officers:**

1. Mr. Andrew Griffiths	Chief Executive Officer - Clerk
2. Mr. Garfield Thompson	Chief Engineering Officer
3. Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie	Director of Administration
4. Ms. Winnifred Meeks	Chief Public Health Inspector
5. Mrs. Denece Douglas	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector
6. Mr. Romond Fisher	Deputy Superintendent Roads & Works
7. Mrs. Paula Bennett	Actg. Director of Planning
8. Ms. Telka Holt	Commercial Services Manager
9. Ms. Reishana Dubidad	Actg. Community Programmes Officer
10. Ms. Chantae Brown	Linstead Town Centre
11. Mr. Peter Hewitt	Trade Licence Compliance Officer
12. Mr. Omar Mattis	Office Manager

**Officer who joined Virtually**

13. Mr. Miguel Perrin	Actg. Procurement Officer
14. Ms. Anakay Clarke	Actg. Senior Internal Auditor
15. Ms. Delores Gooden	Chief Financial Officer

**Agencies**

1. Mr. Omar Rhone	Jamaica Fire Brigade
2. Mr. Farrel Walsh	NSWMA

**ABSENT WERE:**

**Councillors**

1. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
2. Councillor Hawthorne Thompson

**1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**2. DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

**3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all the persons who were in attendance and those who had joined the meeting online. Welcome was also extended to the media and agency representatives.

## Apologies

Apologies were tendered on behalf of:

1. Councillor Jennifer Hull who was in an accident and being treated
2. Councillors Jobson-Grant, Burke and Moodie who would be late
3. Mrs. Yasheka Jathan-Thompson who was representing the Corporation at an event.

## Arrival of Councillor

At this stage Councillor Ainsley Parkins  
joined the meeting

## Suspension of the Standing Order

On the motion of Councillor Roogae Kirlew, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, the standing order was suspended to allow for a resolution to be discussed by the meeting.

Councillor Keisha Lewis moved that:

***WHEREAS**, the Government of Jamaica introduced the Hedge Tax in 2015 to provide resources (premium payments) for the government to purchase oil to insure against future spikes in the cost which was anticipated;*

***AND WHEREAS**, the funds were used only once in 2015 to do hedging and it has not been used since;*

***AND WHEREAS**, government has missed several opportunities to do hedging that would benefit the country, the last being when the price of fuel was reduced to below US\$20 per barrel in 2020;*

***AND WHEREAS**, the current price of oil has exponentially risen to over US\$100 per barrel;*

***AND WHEREAS**, the current oil prices are expected to further increase due to the current war in Eastern Europe;*

***AND WHEREAS**, it is immoral and unconscionable that the government is collecting approximately \$7b per annum from the hedge tax, which has not been used in most recent times for its intended purpose.*

***AND WHEREAS**, current retail gas prices are upwards of \$200 per litre, causing significant hardships for the driving and commuting public; and has significantly impacted the high cost of living.*

***AND WHEREAS**, nearly 50 per cent of the price of petrol represents government tax, including the hedge tax*

***AND WHEREAS**, to maintain this tax will be to the detriment of the very people it was intended to protect;*

***AND WHEREAS**, the economic condition of the average Jamaican resident has been negatively affected due to severe financial constraints, and have been further impacted by the outbreak of Covid19*

***AND WHEREAS**, the removal of this tax would not be the ultimate solution to all the hardships being faced, but would significantly alleviate some of the challenges being experienced by our people*



***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the St. Catherine Municipal Cooperation calls on the Government to immediately remove the hedge tax

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that if the Government is not inclined to completely remove the hedge tax – that it be suspended indefinitely until the economy and the cost of living of the ordinary citizens experience reasonable improvement.

***AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that this resolution is to be circulated to all local authorities as well as ALGAJ, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Finance and Planning and Public Service for support.

This resolution was seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose.

### **Arrival of Councillors**

At this stage, Councillors Keith McCook and Keith Knight joined the meeting

Councillor Wilson stated that he was happy to stand in the presence of his colleagues not to politicize the issue, but to say that he has been saying for some time that if the fuel price continues to increase, the country will be faced with serious hardships. He said that he has to be conserving and limits the days he comes to the Corporation, and added that whatever the Government plans to do he would like it to be filtered down to Councillors.

Councillor Kenord Grant declared that he fully supports the resolution and as a part of his contribution he would like to make a few points:

- i) He said that while the Special Consumption Tax (SCT) on gas started in 2015, it was to be used for hedging and road maintenance. He said if that is so, then it was not lawful to use this for anything else and proposed that a legal look be taken into the conduct of the government.
- ii) He said that removing the hedge will have a social impact and specifically looking at the global impact of the war in Ukraine. He said Europe has started to reduced its dependence on Russian oil, and we should anticipate a demand for oil from one of the larger continents to come to the other sources. He said that an increase in demand elsewhere will cause an increase in prices, and with the removal of the hedge tax, this will reduce the level of hardship and cost of living created. Transportation of individuals and of Goods will increase creating a even greater impact.
- iii) He said that the announcement of a \$2 Billion package cannot be imposed in an equitable manner; the removal of the hedge would see more people benefitting.

Councillor Rose said that the Minister of Finance is acting like Brother Anancy, as in his presentation he stated that there will be no new taxes, but with the increase in prices, taxes automatically will be higher. He said that he supports the resolution and is calling on the Minister to roll back this tax.

The matter was then put to the vote: sixteen (16) Councillors voted to support the resolution while ten (10) voted against. There was no abstention.

## Resumption

On the motion of Councillor Fenley Douglas, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques, the standing order resumed.

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2022/

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on February 10, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

#### a) Invitation to President of ALGAJ

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2//22, page 5, the Chief Executive Officer informed that, as the directed at the last meeting, another invitation was sent to the President of ALGAJ. He read the response as under:

*“I am in receipt of your letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, inviting me to attend your next General Council Meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, to update the Councillors regarding outstanding matters in particular Motor Vehicle Upkeep Allowance.*

*On November 19, 2021, members of the Executive of the Association of Local Government Authorities of Jamaica (ALGAJ) met with the Hon. Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Desmond McKenzie.*

*This discussion was in relation to outstanding matters relating to Councillors welfare, allowance/benefits as well as other matters such as to inform the running of the Municipal Corporations.*

*Please note that Mayor Norman Scott, who is a member of the Executive of ALGAJ was also present at a meeting recently where he heard and agreed with me when I was voicing the matter of Councillors welfare to the Hon. Minister Desmond McKenzie.*

*It was a robust meeting and ALGAJ is looking forward to a follow-up meeting which should be held shortly at a date to be confirmed by Minister McKenzie which will see us finalizing the discussion.*

*I am unable to attend your Council meeting because I also have my Council meeting on that day where I have to fulfil my duties as Chairman of the Clarendon Municipal Corporation – my apologies”*

Councillor Wilson said that he was relieved and happy. He added that as long as they are having discussions with the Minister, he knows that they are going to get results. He said too that he is grateful that St. Catherine has been standing and fighting for this cause.

#### b) Reminder for JPSCo. Representative to attend meetings

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 6, the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that a reminder was sent to the Jamaica Public Service Company, for a representative to attend the meeting.

c) **Road Repairs in Spanish Town**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 8 item (d), the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the letter was sent to the National Works Agency, as directed.

d) **Request for Assignment of Detective – Bog Walk Police Station**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 8 item (f), the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the letter was sent and a response is awaited.

e) **No Parking Signs for Rear Access to Spanish Town Fire Department**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 20, the Chief Engineering Officer informed the meeting that his department will be procuring these signs shortly.

f) **Safety Signs at Crescent School**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 20 the Chief Executive Officer stated that the letter was written to the National Works Agency and the Corporation is waiting for a response.

g) **Electrical Inspection Fees**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/2/22, page 21 item (b), the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that a letter was sent to Minister Vaz regarding regularizing the inspection fees that is being charged. He said that as soon as a response is received they will be advised.

**6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. *Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our March monthly corporation meeting. We are now approaching a period of where many bans have been lifted and the number of attendees to regular church church and funerals is now 100*
2. *I am however, calling on the government to immediately lift the ban on the entertainment industry. I am recommending that a protocol be administered to all such reopenings. since the rapid COVID 19 tests are now inexpensive. All promoters are to ensure that every patron does the rapid test with the assistance of a qualified medical personnel.*
3. *The world is now focussed on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and we are praying that this will not escalate to another World War. The international news reports that so many persons from Ukraine have to flee their home land and become refugees in Poland and other neighbouring states.*
4. *Let me pause to give thanks that our students from Ukraine have returned to the island safely with the intervention of Hon Mark Golding Leader of Opposition who contributed funds towards their transportation and basic needs as they travelled from Ukraine to Jamaica. It is my hope that some consideration will be given to them to be able to complete their medical degree locally.*
5. *This conflict, unfortunately will affect the world's economy and we will experience more oil increase which will result in continuous increase in gas prices which will affect*

*everything, such as cost of food, transportation, utilities and basic services and supplies. Just let us continue to pray that good sense will prevail among the leaders who are the cause of this conflict.*

6. *As we come to the end of the financial year we want to remind all vendors that their fees are due by April 1,2022.*
7. *In closing I want to point out that although there is a decrease in the number of reported cases of COVID 19 I would advise that we continue to maintain the protocols of wearing masks, sanitizing, and keep social distance and get vaccinated.*

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING**

Nil

8. **ALGAJ REPORT:**

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the report was accepted.

9. **QUESTION AND ANSWERS**

Nil

10. **LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

i) **Medical Officer's Report**

The Deputy Chief Public Health introduced Ms. Winnifred Meeks, Chief Public Health Inspector to the meeting.

She then reported as under:

***“UPDATE ON PROSECUTION MATTERS***

- *On the matter of the pig rearing nuisance in Guys Hill, wherein residents complained of unbearable odour. The trial date is set for March 21, 2022.*
- *The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth, the next trial date is set for March 15, 2022 where the witnesses' main complainants are expected to be present.*

***SCHOOL INSPECTIONS***

*The department continued with inspection of schools during the period in anticipation of full reopening of face to face school.*

*Five (5) Secondary High Schools were visited and inspected. All were found to be satisfactory. Forty seven (47) Early Childhood Institutions (ECI) was inspected of which thirty seven (37) were found to be operating satisfactorily.*

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

- *The parish has noted a decline in the number of positive COVID-19 cases.*
- *For the month of February 2022 we saw 540 positive cases.*
- *As of today there are 32 active cases in the parish.*
- *Although we continue to perform testing much fewer persons are being tested each day than last month (less than 50 people each day).*
- *On average we record about 5 positive cases each day.*
- *The positivity rate for the parish is at 18% which is higher than the national positivity rate of 10%. However there is a marked reduction when February's rate compared to that of January where it was 75%.*
- *The total number of deaths for last month is 40, which is less than that of January (88).*

**VECTOR CONTROL**

**Dengue Fever intervention**

*Two (2) dengue notifications were received and intervention was carried in the communities.*

**Institutions Monitored**

*During the period several institutions were monitored for mosquito breeding (i.e. trapping, Landing Count, Search and destroy activities). The following institutions were monitored:*

- *15 Health Centres- 2 breeding*
- *2 Markets- 1 breeding*
- *Hospitals- 2 breeding*
- *4 Police Stations- 2 breeding*
- *7 Schools- 1 breeding*

**Tyre Shops**

*Nine (9) tyre shops were visited. A total of six hundred and seven (607) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. None of the tyres inspected were breeding.*

**End of Enhanced Vector Control Programme**

*The Enhanced Vector Control Programme in which sixty (60) Vector Aides were employed to assist the parish in surveillance, mosquito control and education has ended on February 16, 2022.*

**Drain Inspection**

*Larvicidal Activity continued and a total forty-one (41) drains were inspected. This shows an increase of five (5) in the number of drains inspected in February when compared with the previous month.*

*Sixteen (16) of the drains inspected were breeding Culex mosquito and one (1) was breeding Anopheles mosquito.*

*The drains found breeding were treated with oil.*

*The breakdown of areas with these drains is as follows:*

<b>SPANISH TOWN</b>
<i>Spanish Town Bus Park</i>
<i>Brunswick Ave (at Total Service Station</i>
<i>Mustard Seed</i>
<i>Windsor Road</i>
<i>Thompson Pen</i>
<i>Beacon Ave</i>
<i>Greendale</i>
<i>Central Village</i>

<b>LINSTEAD</b>
<i>Montgomery Ave</i>
<i>Coolie Lane, Shenton</i>
<i>Shenton</i>

<i>Portmore</i>
<i>Gregory Park</i>

<i>Old Harbour</i>
<i>Patrick Street</i>
<i>Bannister</i>
<i>Bowers Drive</i>
<i>Africa</i>

## Arrival of Councillor

During the report Councillor Renair Benjamin joined the meeting

Councillor Garriques asked if the inspection of tyre shops and drains was just a sampling, as there are over thirty (30) drains and over twenty (20) tyre shops in his division alone, He said that he knows that there are travelling issues and gas price is also another issue, but in trying to protect the citizens more testing of drains need to be done.

Mrs. Douglas replied that it was not possible to check every tyre shop, so they do test and then move to different areas.

Councillor Cytall stated that it was mentioned in the report that forty-seven (47) basic schools were inspected and ten were not up to the standard of the Health department. He asked what the problems were and if any follow up visits were being done to ensure compliance.

Mrs. Douglas replied that some had food safety issues, absence of handwashing stations and unsatisfactory sanitary conveniences. She said too that follow up will be done and that the inspections were done during the month of February, therefore some of the institutions might be at the required standards at present.

Councillor Harris stated that there is a site on Fordyce Drive off Walks Road which needs the attention of the Health Department and asked that a visit be done at the location.

Mrs. Douglas said that an update will be provided at the Public Health and Sanitation Meeting.

In response to Councillor Lawrence regarding whether or not any of the schools were located in Spanish Town, the Chairman asked that the Councillor speak with the Mrs. Douglas. He said that making this information public could create bias or prejudice against the school.

Ms. Meeks at this point extended appreciation for the welcome received from the Corporation. She stated that she was transferred here in October 2021, but did not assume duties until December 2021. She said that she had an open door policy and will provide her number. She said that she looks forward to working with the Corporation.

Councillor Cytall said that he is expecting the same type of professional exhibit based on her documentation and also by that set by Mr. Hutchinson and added that he looked forward to working with her.

In response Ms. Meeks said that she would follow the trend.

### **ii) Application for Butchers Licences**

Nil

### **iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences**

Nil

iv) **Exhumation**

Nil

**Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Patricia Harris, seconded by Councillor William Cytall, the meeting resumed.

**11. (A) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**I) Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 16/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 16/2/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on February 16, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

**II) Human Resources Committee 21/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on 21/2/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on February 21, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

**III) Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting 17/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee held on 17/2/2022 were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) -

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee held on February 17, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

IV) **Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 22/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 22/2/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Herbert Garriques moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on February 22, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint and carried.

(B) **MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES**

I) **Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 14/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 14/2/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on February 14, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Enos Lawrence and carried.

II) **Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 15/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 15/2/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on February 15, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Enos Lawrence and carried.

III) **Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 16/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 16/2/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:



- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on February 16, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Enos Lawrence and carried.

#### IV) **Poor Relief Committee Meeting 17/2/2022**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 17/2/2022, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Anthony Wint moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on February 17, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Enos Lawrence and carried.

#### (C) **USE OF COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL**

On the motion of Councillor Anthony Wint, seconded by Councillor Enos Lawrence, approval was given for affixing the Corporation’s Common Seal for application for subdivision, which was approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on March 15, 2022:

*“Application by Howard Peart c/o Dawn Gallop to subdivide lands at part of Keith Hall called Jackson, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 6,498.2 square metres into two (2) lots for residential and farmstead purposes.*

*Application by Resilda Stanley et al to subdivide lands part of Bowers Estate, Colbeck (Lot 32A) consisting of approximately 8,205.978 square metres into two (2) lots for residential and farmstead purposes”.*

#### D) **REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:**

The report is as under:

*“The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead on March 3, 2022.*

##### **Councillors present were:**

- |  |   |                              |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) | - | Linstead Division (Chairman) |
| 2. Councillor Leroy Dunn               | - | Guys Hill Division           |
| 3. Councillor Peter Abrahams           | - | Bog Walk Division            |

##### **Councillors absent were:**

- |   |   |                     |
|---|---|---------------------|
| 1. Councillor Neil Powell                 | - | Above Rock Division |
| 2. Councillor Sydney Rose                 | - | Treadways Division  |
| 3. Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) | - | Ewarton Division    |

4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew - Mount Industry Division  
 5. Councillor William Cytall - Troja Division

**Officers**

1. Ms. Chantae Brown - Town Manager  
 2. Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris - Recording Secretary

**Representatives**

1. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC  
 2. Mr. Robert Demetrius - Dixon's Drug Store  
 3. Mr. Owayne Weir - Linstead Taxi Association

**Activities done at Centre for February 2022**

**PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Robert Campbell	\$2,000

**APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT**

Nil

**APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE**

Nil

**APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE**

Nil

**APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name and Address of Business</u>
1. Clarisse Campbell	Junie's Beauty Spot Fletchers Avenue, Linstead

**APPLICATION FOR SALON LICENCE**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name and Address of Business</u>
2. Clarisse Campbell	Junie's Beauty Spot Fletchers Avenue, Linstead

**CLAMPING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Norman Rattray	\$2,500

**LICENCE ISSUED**

Nil

**APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name of the Deceased</u>	<u>Address of Burial</u>
1. Kaydean Mignott	Wenworth Mignott	Treadways Linstead
2. Sharon Stephens	Evelyn Smith	Allman Hill Above Rocks
3. Michael Thomas	Easton Graham	Ellis Hill Redwood
4. Susan Thomas	Naziell Thomas	Treadways Linstead

5. Hazel Menzie	Esra Menzie	Mount Diablo Treadways
6. Dennis Palmer	Lascelles Palmer	Bonnett Guys Hill
7. Jerome Meikle	Vinroy Meikle	Springfield Guy's Hill
8. Monique Winkle	Addassa Smith	Pleasant Hill Bog Walk
9. Dianne Small	Stanley Small	Cheesefield Linstead
10. Donna Jackson	Anola Laing-Brown	Content Dignum
11. Kevon Wellington	Palcheto Powell	Shenton Bog Walk
12. Barbara Stanley	Denton Hamilton	Victoria District Linstead
13. Larkland Pryce	Andrea Allwood	Riversdale Riversdale
14. Darlington Nesbitt	Albert Nesbitt	Mount Matthews Glengoffe
15. Wanita Fender	Daniel Farquharson	Mount Concord Glengoffe
16. Dorothy Parker-Chantiloupe	Lorenza Parker	York Street Linstead
17. Lisa Davis	Loretta Sharpe	Water Level Redwood
18. Balvin Richards	Winston Williams	Nutshell Ewarton
19. Lenece Patterson	Denise Patterson	Palm Treadways
20. Shernett Bell	Cinderella Peart	Palm Treadways
21. Lennon Hutchinson	Desmond Hutchinson	Banbury District Linstead
22. Nerene Massder	Janice Haughton	West Prospect Bog Walk

**PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Type of Spot</u>
1. Andrea Carr	Andre Edwards	Ewarton	Vault
2. Paul Jackson	Phillip Jackson	Treadways	Tile & Tomb
3. Olivene Christie	Myrtle Ellison	Commodore	Vault
4. Janet Hamilton	Joy Jones	Commodore	Vault

<i>Name of Applicant</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Type of Spot</i>
5. <i>Brian Hunter</i>	<i>Phillip Hunter</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
6. <i>Naomi Findley</i>	<i>Charleen Brown</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
7. <i>Rasheda Jackson</i>	<i>Marcus Johnson</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Tomb</i>
8. <i>Dave Mills</i>	<i>Iris Kerr</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
9. <i>Roy Thomas</i>	<i>Monica Thomas</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
10. <i>Ann Marie Long</i>	<i>Racal James</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
11. <i>Lewis Funeral Home</i>	<i>Kenrick Russell</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
12. <i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Edbert Price</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
13. <i>Ingrid Ivey</i>	<i>Granville White</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
14. <i>Latoya McNish</i>	<i>Antonio Gardener</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
15. <i>Roberts F/H</i>	<i>Veronice Parker</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
16. <i>House of Eden F/H</i>	<i>Jermaine Anderson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
17. <i>Shanalee Wright</i>	<i>Audrey McLaren</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
18. <i>Kimberly Thomas</i>	<i>Fredrick Lee</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Tomb</i>
19. <i>Tashana Edwards</i>	<i>Fay Smith</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
20. <i>Annmarie Graham</i>	<i>Owens Grahams</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
21. <i>Diana Davis</i>	<i>Deloris Nelson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
22. <i>Courtney Williams</i>	<i>Rorey Taylor</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
23. <i>Roberts F/H</i>	<i>Euneta Fairweather</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
24. <i>Carmen Lawther</i>	<i>Vernon Lawther</i>	<i>Lluidas Vale</i>	<i>Vault</i>
25. <i>Livingstone Huggins</i>	<i>Carol Brown</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
26. <i>Natasha Bewney</i>	<i>Donovan Roberts</i>	<i>Lluidas Vale</i>	<i>Vault</i>
27. <i>Beautiful Gates F/H</i>	<i>Recardo Robinson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
28. <i>Montclair Porteous</i>	<i>Okino Martin</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>

*Total Revenue for the month of February 2022 is as follows:*

<i>Fees</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Cemetery Fees</i>	<i>\$ 212,500.00</i>
<i>Private Burials</i>	<i>\$ 55,000.00</i>
<i>Salon Licence</i>	<i>\$ 12,000.00</i>
<i>Cosmetology Licence</i>	<i>\$ 9,000.00</i>
<i>Barber Licence</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Barbershop Licence</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Advertisement</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Clamping Ticket</i>	<i>\$ 2,500.00</i>
<i>Public Cleansing Ticket</i>	<i>\$ 2,000.00</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 293,000.00</i>

**NETWORK OF CAMERAS UNDER JAMAICA EYE BEING EXPLORED BY THE LINSTeAD CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE /**

*The Linstead Chamber of Commerce, at their next meeting, will engage the various stakeholder groups and business associations to share camera specifications with JamaicaEye. A presentation will be made to help guide them through the process of acquiring and connecting their systems to the network.*

*The public-private partnership, launched in 2018, is designed to network CCTVs owned by the Ministry of National Security as well as accommodate feed from privately owned cameras. Once the business community in Linstead is willing to participate, members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) will leverage the cameras to assist their investigations of crime and maintaining public order.*

*The feeds will provide useful footage in relation to criminal activity and other emergencies and will be monitored by a team of security professionals.*

*To participate, persons should have:*

1. *Camera systems that are outside their business and facing a public space*
2. *Can be connected to the internet*
3. *Have an Internet protocol (IP)-based system (Persons with older cameras will not be excluded.)*
4. *Have a resolution of two megapixels or higher*

**PARK DAY**

*The committee is pleased to report that the Park Day initiative, held on February 15, 2022, was a success. All taxi and bus operators were asked to give a stronger effort in utilizing the two transportation hubs in Linstead to determine the real issue surrounding its scarce occupancy.*

*The taxi and bus operators were out in their numbers for a trial run in an attempt to ease congestion throughout the town. To enforce the call for the operators of public passenger vehicles to use the transportation centre and taxi stand, several members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force were deployed throughout the town. They were supported by the Transport Authority as well as the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation police. To help get the commuters on in their favor, a sound system was strategically placed in the Rose Duncan Park appealing for support. However, the question remains as to whether the momentum will be sustained*

*The committee is renewing its call for more police personnel for Linstead to continue applying the needed pressure to achieve compliance.*

**Rose Duncan Park to be renovated by the Tourism Product Development Company Limited (TPDCo)/**

*The Rose Duncan Park is set to receive a renovation courtesy of the Tourism Product Development Company Limited (TPDCo). The scope of work will include the repainting of the perimeter wall, installation of park benches, tree planting and general enhancement. As there is now Wi-Fi available in the township for public use, the holistic beautification work would create a more appealing environment for the use of the park.”*

On the motion of Councillor Roogae Kirlew, seconded by Councillor Anthony Wint, the report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee was accepted by the meeting.

**12. GENERAL:**

Nil

**13. MOTIONS:**

**a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)**

Nil

**b) Notices of Motions:**

Nil

#### 14. PETITIONS:

Nil

#### Suspension of the Standing Order

On the motion of Councillor Claude Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, the standing order was suspended to take the reports from the agencies present.

#### a) National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA)

Mr. Walsh reported on behalf of the NSWMA. He reported that there is a backlog of 46.25 loads of garbage in thirty-six communities broken down as under:

- i) St. Catherine A which includes Spanish Town, Keystone and Mt View has three (3) loads which includes five communities;
- ii) St. Catherine B1 which includes Old Harbour Road and off Brunswick Avenue and two communities has two (2) loads;
- iii) Portmore has a backlog of thirty-nine (39.25) loads; and
- iv) Linstead has a backlog of two loads in two communities.

He apologised for the inconvenience caused from the trucks doing night collections, but added that these collections assisted in clearing the backlogs around the parish.

He stated that if persons wanted to contact him, his numbers were 876 – 427 – 6720 or 876 – 960 – 4511. He added that they could report non-collection via the NSWMA app and that the collection schedules were also available there.

Councillor Rose stated that the report seems refreshing, but the reality is different, as garbage has not been collected in the Treadways area and the skips in Linstead are filled with commercial garbage. He said that due to the collection of commercial garbage in the town, residential garbage is not being collected,

Councillor Wilson commended the NSWMA for collections in his division and asked that they take note of the Barry Road from 12 Miles to Guanaboa Vale, as garbage is being dumped in this vicinity.

The Chairman remarked that the situation is very bad, as there is garbage everywhere on that road.

Councillor Lawrence sought a meeting with the NSWMA and the residents of Dallas Lane.

Mr. Walsh responded that the truck went there and was blocked from entering due to vehicles that were parked there. He said as a result a smaller truck will be sent there that will be able to pass if there are vehicles.

Councillor Campbell asked what was used to determine the number of loads, based on what was in the report.

Mr. Walsh stated that they used an estimate based on their record and the size of the units, over a period of time.

Councillor Douglas said that what he understands from the report, is that things are going well in some zones, but it is different in his division, as the truck does not go

into the area sometimes for two weeks or more. He asked what was the schedule; if it is weekly or monthly that the trucks are expected in the communities.

In response to the Chairman, Mr. Walsh stated that the schedule is available online and is up to date.

### **Other Agencies**

The absence of the Jamaica Public Service was highlighted and request was made for them to attend face to face.

Councillor Powell sought to find out if any agency had joined the meeting online, including the National Water Commission.

The Chairman replied no and added that since Covid-19 they have not been attending face to face, but stated that a request can be made for them to attend specific meetings.

Councillor Powell said that within the division that he serves there are some issues that are not normal, as some areas only get two days of water per week, while the others will be without. He said that on February 23, 2022, the electricity went off and there was no electricity to pump the water to areas such as Harmon Hill to Rock Hall. The areas without water would then get water because of the free flow, but he was told by the pump operator that he was instructed by an NWC Supervisor to allow the water to go back in the reverse. He said that he is alarmed that this type of “creature” as a supervisor working with the NWC. He said that the behaviour is atrocious and he knows that it is expensive to treat the water for distribution, but these people pay for their water. He added that there are important institutions in the area; there are two all-age schools, a high school, a clinic, a police station and other institutions, and this warrants an investigation.

The Chairman asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the NWC for an investigation to be done,

### **Fire Department**

The Fire Department was represented by Mr. Omar Rhone, Acting Assistant Superintendent of Fire, who presented the following report:

<b>STATIONS</b>	<b>GENUINE</b>	<b>M.F.A</b>	<b>F.A.W.G.I</b>	<b>SPECIAL SERVICE</b>	<b>BUSH FIRE</b>	<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>
Spanish Town	30	6	5	6	75	<b>122</b>
Waterford	14	5	1	4	26	<b>50</b>
Linstead	17	3	2	7	11	<b>40</b>
Old Harbour	10	2	-	1	17	<b>30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>242</b>

2. **ESTIMATED RISK:** \$593,500,000.00  
**ESTIMATED LOSS:** \$032,370,000.00  
**ESTIMATED SAVED:** \$561,130,000.00
3. **Structural Fire:**  
*There were eighteen (18) structural fires of which four (4) adults and four (4) children were displaced.*
4. **Motor Vehicle Accidents:**  
*There were fourteen (14) motor vehicle accidents. Twenty-eight (28) civilians received injuries of which fourteen (14) were hospitalized.*

The Chairman asked Mr. Rhone to inform his supervisor that he would like to do a tour of the fire station that is being built at Old Harbour. He said that the team would include the Minority Leader and the media, along with the Councillor for the division.

### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, the standing order resumed.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **a) Request for an Independent Seat**

Councillor Cytall at this point, stated that in light of certain developments taking place within his division and utterances taking place across the media about his performance, he has been directed by his constituents to seek from the Chairman an independent chair within the Corporation to represent the Troja Division, as Councillor.

The Chairman responded that as it relates to independents in this Municipal Corporation, they have been elected on their various political tickets and become one when they arrived there. He went on to say that if the Councillor felt disillusioned or uncomfortable, as to where he is sitting, he would invite him to come and sit at the front. He then asked that a seat be made available for Councillor Cytall if he desires to change his present sitting arrangement.

Councillor Cytall then got up and greeted his former colleagues as he told them that he respected their brotherhood and supported them, but because of circumstances he had to go in the interest of the residents and himself.

The Chairman stated that the Councillor had requested an independent seat, but stated that they were elected on a political ticket being a member of a political party and that he did not intend to have an independent seat within the Corporation. He said that by virtue of his indication, it is tantamount that by Councillor Cytall's indication he will now join the ranks of the People's National Party.

Councillor Garriques stated that he is happy for the move and said that Councillor Cytall has been a friend, colleague and brother, whom he has known since they were in their twenties. He said that he had served in his community and he knows of his activities and that he is the kind of Councillor who people across the divide knows and loves. He said that when he listened to how he was asked not to serve, he was disheartened, but is happy that he was welcomed and wish that he will be given the opportunity to continue to serve the people. He said that he knows that the people will be happy if he decides to continue to serve.



The Chairman endorsed the comments of Councillor Garriques and said that this was the sentiments of all his PNP colleagues.

**b) Own Your Own Device**

The Chairman stated that Councillors are required to submit additional information for the Own Your Own Device submissions. He said that this information can be had from the primary schools. He asked that they do so as early as possible, so that the documents can be re-submitted.

**c) Jamaican Students Who were in Ukraine**

Councillor Kirlew stated that he is happy that the students who were in Ukraine are alive, however he is sad about the untidiness with how the situation was dealt with. He said that there are two redflags that he would like to highlight. He said that the issue of a loan and the absence of a registry by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of where citizens of Jamaica are located around the world; there is no database.

He said that a foundation had to be established and commended the Opposition Leader for starting a fund with \$10,000 US to assist the students, who were trapped in Ukraine. He said that it is a shame that the Government could not find the funding for the students to get home and instead were offered loans. He further said that he hopes that this does not happen again, as lot of money has been wasted; yet the government could not find the funds to rescue its citizens, from war in a foreign country. He recommended that a proper policy be put in place for an emergency fund to be established to deal with issues like this in the future.

Councillor Wilson said that he was happy that the matter was brought up at the meeting. He said that one of the individuals who was in Ukraine is a family friend and what he explained about getting away from Ukraine was heart rending. He thanked the Leader of the Opposition and said he hoped that he would continue to be blessed for the effort he made in assisting these students to get home.

**d) Resumption of Face to Face Classes**

Councillor Kirlew said that as a practitioner in the field, he and other principals have been looking at the decline in numeracy and literacy across the schools. He said that the Ministry will have to look at the curriculum and how it is delivered and not continue to teach for examination purposes. He said that adjustments need to be made to fill the learning gaps. He said that some intervention programme must be put in place and that the school boards and the Ministry must now look at the data available and take action.

The Chairman remarked that while the Councillor was making his presentation some were merry making. He said that he wanted it to be replicated, as it is the only way the country was going to move forward. He further said that while others think it was political, what was said is the raw truth.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At this stage (12:14 p.m.), Councillor Sydney Rose moved, seconded by Councillor Fenley Douglas, that the meeting be adjourned.

**CONFIRMED:**

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**CHAIRMAN  
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN**

**DATED.....**

# Action Page

## Action to be taken

## By Whom

1. Page 5 – forward resolution to the Ministry and the Corporations CEO
2. Page 18 – request for investigation regarding water distribution in Above Rocks Division CEO

**ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**

Pursuant to Notice the Monthly General Meeting of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation was held in the Chambers of the Corporation at Spanish Town on Thursday, April 14, 2022, commencing at 10:45 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

**a) Councillors:**

1. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Norman Scott - Chairman
2. Councillor Ralston Wilson - Deputy Mayor
3. Councillor Claude Hamilton
4. Councillor Roogaé Kirlew
5. Councillor Courtney Edwards
6. Councillor Joy Brown
7. Councillor Sydney Rose
8. Councillor Lloyd Grant
9. Councillor Herbert Garriques
10. Councillor Steve Graham
11. Councillor Donovan Guy
12. Councillor Dwight Burke
13. Councillor George Moodie
14. Councillor Beverly Jobson-Grant (online)
15. Councillor Keith Knight (online)

**Those who arrived Subsequently**

16. Councillor Mark McLean
17. Councillor Patricia Harris
18. Councillor Peter Abrahams
19. Councillor Keith McCook
20. Councillor Gary Nicholson
21. Councillor Leroy Dunn
22. Councillor Renair Benjamin
23. Councillor Enos Lawrence
24. Councillor Keisha Lewis
25. Councillor William Cytall
26. Councillor Alphanso Johnson
27. Councillor Neil Powell
28. Councillor Jennifer Hull (online)
29. Councillor Mark O'Connor (online)

**b) Officers:**

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| 1. Mr. Andre Griffiths        | Chief Executive Officer – Clerk      |
| 2. Mr. Romond Fisher          | Deputy Superintendent Roads & Works  |
| 3. Mrs. Melva Carter          | Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector |
| 4. Mrs. Nicholee Henry-Downie | Director of Administration           |
| 5. Mr. Chad Allen             | Director of Planning                 |
| 6. Ms. Angella wright         | Inspector of Poor                    |
| 7. Ms. Reishana Dubidad       | Actg. Community Programmes Officer   |

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| 8. Ms. Chantae Brown           | Linstead Town Centre                  |
| 9. Mrs. Yasheka Jathn-Thompson | Coo-rd Disaster Preparedness Service1 |
| 10. Mr. Peter Hewitt           | Trade Licence Compliance Officer      |
| 11. Mr. Ray Alexander          | Compliance Officer (CSM)              |
| 12. Mr. Miguel Perrin          | Actg. Procurement Officer             |
| 13. Ms. Angella Wright         | Inspector of Poor (online)            |
| 14. Ms. Delores Gooden         | Chief Financial Officer (online)      |
| 15. Ms. Anakay Clarke          | Actg. Snr. Internal Auditor (online)  |

c) **Agencies**

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mr. Junior Headlam | Parish Development Committee |
| 2. Mr. Daniel Heaven  | NSWMA                        |
| 3. Mr. Patrick Callum | Jamaica Fire Brigade         |

**ABSENT WERE:**

**Councillors**

1. Councillor Ainsley Parkins
2. Councillor Fenley Douglas
3. Councillor Kenord Grant
4. Councillor Theresa Turner-Flynn
5. Councillor Vanrick Preddie
6. Councillor Alric Campbell
7. Councillor Hawthorne Thompson
8. Councillor Anthony Wint

**1. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

**2. DEVOTION**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Roogae Kirlew prayed to begin the meeting.

**3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Officers and those who had joined the meeting online. Welcome was also extended to the media, agency representatives and persons in the gallery section.

**Apologies**

Apologies were also tendered on behalf of:

1. Councillor Anthony Wint, who was dealing with some activity in his division;
2. Ms. Telka Holt, Commercial Services Manager, who was not well; and
3. Mr. Garfield Thompson, Chief Engineering Officer who was doing inspections, in preparation for the Planning meeting; due to the long holiday weekend.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2022**

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on March 10, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** confirmed.

Seconded by Councillor William Cytall and carried.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

##### **a) Resolution for the Removal of the Hedge Tax**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/3/22, page 3, the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the resolution was circulated to all the Corporations, the Ministry of Finance and Planning and also to the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

##### **b) Request for Investigation by NWC – Above Rocks Division**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/3/22, page 18, the Chief Executive Officer informed the meeting that the letter was written and the Corporation is awaiting a response from the National Water Commission.

##### **c) Invitation for ALGAJ President to Meeting with the Corporation**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/3/22, page 5 item (a), in response to Councillor Cytall, the Chairman stated that the President had advised that at an appropriate time he would attend a meeting at this Corporation.

##### **d) Other Agency Representatives**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/3/22, page 18, Councillor Cytall stated that Mr. Simon Jackson of the National Water Commission gave an assurance that a representative would attend the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee Meeting the following Thursday, (20/4/22).

##### **e) Garbage Collection – St. Catherine**

Councillor Rose stated that the residents of the parish are living in hell and that the garbage situation has now become a national disgrace. He said that he drove around the town and there is need for urgency to deal with collections, as there are rodents all around. He said that Jamaica is just nasty and dirty and it has reached crisis proportion, and thinks it is time for the responsibility of garbage collection to be returned to the Corporations.

Councillor Garriques endorsed the sentiments of Councillor Rose. He said that he was called by a number of residents and he was helpless. He said that he took some photos and was ashamed that persons were waking up in a town (Linstead) in that state. He said that the photos were sent to Mr. Heaven and he responded. He stated that the sweepers were doing a fine job, but the garbage was not being collected on time. He said that the center of the town is sickening and it is sad that the supervisors were getting basket to carry water. He said it could not be that everyone just sits and not say anything about the situation, which was affecting everyone.

The Chairman, in agreement, stated that based on his observation garbage collection in St. Catherine has become a crisis and is calling on the NSWMA to immediately do something. He said that he has driven through Spanish Town and he has heard people on talk shows bashing him, but when he calls the agency no one answers and he could not go out and pick up the garbage himself. He said that on Manchester Street, inside the No. 5 Cemetery are mini dumps and there are also mini dumps near Nugent Street and King Street, could go on and on naming areas where there is dumping. He said that he was using the opportunity to call on the NSWMA to immediately identify these mini dumps and deal with the collections across the town. He said that it seems that some housing schemes are receiving collections, but the inner cities were not being collected, resulting in the residents disposing their garbage wherever they could. He said that Mr. Gordon needs to get his act together, as the situation is at a crisis stage.

f) **Request for an Independent Chair**

Arising from minutes of meeting held 10/3/22, page 19 item 15 (a), the Chairman read the following letter from the Minority Leader, which seeks to replace Councillor Cytall, who represented to the Jamaica Labour Party Caucus on certain committees:

*“As you are aware Councillor William Cytall is no longer a member of the Jamaica Labour Party and as such I am requesting for him to be removed from two committees that he currently sits on. He currently sits on the Public Health Committee and I want him to be replaced by Councillor Peter Abrahams and he also sits on the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee and I want him to be replaced by myself Councillor Lloyd Grant.”*

The Chairman stated that Councillor Cytall will now be appointed to represent the Peoples National Party on those committees, and accepted the changes made by the Minority Leader.

In response to Councillor Wilson, the Chairman stated that changes can be made to committees, as long as it is more than a year since the committees were named.

**6. CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. *“Let me welcome all Councillors, members of staff, the media, online participants and our external experts to our April monthly Corporation meeting.*
2. *The Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) is no longer enforced and the entertainment sector has been fully re-opened . I just want to use this medium to warn, caution and educate the organizers of these events that they must get permission to stage the events and pay the necessary fee.*
3. *Also the Corporation has noted that there have been several informal shacks and containers erected along the roadways in a number of areas.He said that over the last two years the Corporation may have turned a blind eye. I want to advise all persons that these must be removed and failure to do this will result in these being removed by the Corporation, at a cost to the owners. I am asking for the full cooperation of all citizens in St. Catherine as we must work together to keep our parish clean and in good order.*
4. *I use this opportunity to commend St. Jago High School of St. Catherine for winning School Challenge Quiz 2022. I am indeed proud that excellence is a part of the hallmark*

*of our parish, St. Catherine. On behalf of the St. Catherine Municipal Corporation I will be presenting a plaque to the school and certificates to individual members of the team.*

5. *St. Catherine High Schools played a dominant role at the recently held Issa Grace Kennedy Boys and Girls Champs. Hydel and Jago did well and were placed in the top five. The final points standing saw Hydel Girls team placed second and St.Jago Girls team was third. St. Jago Boys were placed fourth. Well done !*
6. *In closing I want to point out that although there is a decrease in the number of reported cases of COVID - 19, I would advise that we continue to maintain the protocols of wearing masks, sanitizing, and keeping social distance and get vaccinated.*

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF FORMER MEETING**

Nil

8. **ALGAJ REPORT:**

The report from ALGAJ was emailed to the Councillors.

On the motion of Councillor Courtney Edwards, seconded by Councillor Neil Powell, the report was accepted.

Councillor Powell sought to find out how often elections were held to elect the executive of ALGAJ.

The Chairman replied that it is usually a three-year term, but the last election was held about in 2016 or 2017. He asked if the Councillor was asking for an annual general meeting to be held.

Councillor Powell then stated that when he comes to the Corporation he leaves politics alone, until he is back in his division. He said that he came there to operate and function for the people of the parish and therefore if there is a arm that is not functioning, they have a right as government to speak on that issue. He said that they need to do what they have to do, and if the association is dormant, they are not going anywhere. He said that he would like to see his remuneration increased, additional funding in the coffers to serve the people within his division and increase in allowances. He went on to say that Central Government did not recognise councillors, and as a result they need an institution or group or organisation to represent the Councillors of this country. He said that there are a number of things that need representation, even though there are Councillors in the past, who have caused that recognition to go down into the ground. He said however, that he was still pleased with this slate of Councillors, who have been raising the bar higher, and people must know that they are a part of the political system and their functions.

He said too, that they were not recognised by the agencies, as they are often told by them that they do not listen to Councillors. He added that he has often indicated to them that part of their function, as Councillors, is to ensure that the agencies of government are at their optimal level of efficiency in serving the people of this country. He further indicated that Councillors were elected by the people just like Members of Parliament and should be seen in that light, and should have a group that works on their behalf.



The Chairman stated that not because of his position, but he and former Councillor Palmer had always agreed that ALGAJ should be led by the opposition. He said that ALGAJ is a union for Councillors and would be more effective if led by the opposition. He said too that former Mayor JAG Myers' name would live on, because he had to revolt against the Honourable PJ Patterson, to get action for Councillors.

Councillor Wilson stated that he was annoyed that there was no one to represent Councillors and that in the past, if there was a President who was not effective, they would have met and gotten rid of him. He said that there are so many issues, such as the price of gas and now the threat of losing the duty concession.

The Chairman stated that before they discussed the matter of the concession, they should wait and see what is being offered by the Government. He suggested that ALGAJ be asked to get a definitive response in this regard. He further stated that discussions were taking place, in relation to the reclassification of salaries, and by July 2022, they should know what the remuneration will be and it should be retroactive to April 2022.

## **9. QUESTION AND ANSWERS**

### **a) Procedure for Motion to be Passed**

Councillor Edwards asked what the proper procedure was for introducing a motion to a meeting of the Corporation.

The Chairman explained that under item 13, notice is given at the previous meeting and the document is circulated and presented at the following meeting, where it is debated. He also stated that the Councillor could meet with the Chairman, discuss the matter seven days prior to the meeting and the motion admitted at the meeting, based on the discretion of the Chairman.

Councillor Edwards stated that at the last meeting, there was a motion which was brought to the meeting, which did not follow the proper procedure.

The Chairman remarked that the matter was brought on his behalf to bring the matter to the fore, as he was chairing the meeting. He said that if the matter was not brought on his behalf, it could not have gone forward and that it was read on his behalf by Councillor Keisha Lewis.

Councillor Edwards said that if he had not brought the matter to the attention now, no one would have known that it was brought on the Chairman's behalf. He remarked that the matter was fresh in the media and was brought just for political grandstanding.

The Chairman then reiterated that the motion was brought on his behalf and would not have gone forward if it was otherwise. He then asked if the Jamaica Labour Party Councillors were against the motion and remarked that the Jamaica Public Service is not against the removal of the hedge tax.

Councillor Powell remarked that based on his understanding, the Councillor wanted to know whether or not the procedure, was followed.

The Chairman then asked Councillor Powell if he was against the motion, which was passed calling the removal of the hedge tax.

Councillor Powell stated that the Chairman was free to present what he wanted to and would not be an obstacle to that, and added that he could not speak on behalf of his fellow Councillors. He said that he would reserve his opinion, as the Minister of Finance had dealt with the matter in Parliament and that as Councillors they could not effectively deal with this matter.

He said that if they debated the matter now, it would not change what is done in Parliament and therefore they would be wasting their time. He also said that they could express their opinions, but they had other local issues that need their attention. He said he would probably have done the same thing, if he thought the Government was going in the wrong direction in relation to a policy. He added that if the Chairman was doing his job, he would support him.

## **10. LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH**

On the motion of Councillor Roogae Kirlew, seconded by Councillor Sydeney Rose, the Corporation resolved itself into the Local Board of Health.

### **i) Medical Officer's Report**

The Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector apologised for Ms. Meeks, the Chief Public Health Inspector, who was attending a meeting in Kingston. She then presented the report as under:

#### ***“UPDATE ON PROSECUTION MATTERS***

- *On the matter of the pig rearing nuisance in Guys Hill, wherein residents complained of unbearable odour. There was no trial yesterday as the offender sent a doctors' note to the court. However there has been much improvement with the odour nuisance. A new trial date is set for May 30, 2022.*
- *The matter of dog rearing in Portsmouth- The offender pleaded not guilty. The witnesses' /main complainants are expected to be present in court next Friday. The situation has now improved as a new pit was constructed to contain the waste.*

#### ***NEW DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO FOOD HYGIENE***

- *New Hall Dairy operated by Trade Winds Citrus is now operational and is being monitored*
- *Price Smart – New Authorized Economic Operator, they began receiving goods prior to the official opening.*
- *Caribbean Broilers, located at Hilrun have begun operations on a limited basis. Public Health Inspectors are visiting the plant daily for monitoring.*

#### ***SCHOOL INSPECTIONS***

*All schools are now inspected and the department continues monitoring these institutions to ensure that the unsatisfactory ones are improved. For the period 20 schools were inspected of which 17 were satisfactory.*

- *17 Early Childhood Institutions (ECI) was inspected of which 15 were found to be operating satisfactorily.*
- *3 primary schools were inspected of which 2 were satisfactory.*

#### ***PRIORITY SHELTERS***

- *The priority shelter list has been received and inspections of these facilities have commenced.*

#### ***COVID-19 CASES UPDATE***

*The total number of COVID-19 cases for March was 87 an 83.6% decrease in cases compared to February 2022. The number of active cases as of March 31<sup>st</sup> is 13. The average daily positives is 5 (primary care sites) with a steady decrease to 1 by the end of March. The total deaths for March are 15, a 62.5% decrease from February.*

**COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE**

<b>Total doses given</b>	<b>200,113</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>83,055</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>116,956</b>
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	
<b>First</b>	<b>63,816</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>50,358</b>
<b>Difference *</b>	<b>13,458</b>
<b>Pfizer</b>	
<b>First</b>	<b>34,779</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>31,907</b>
<b>Difference *</b>	<b>2872</b>
<b>Fully immunized</b>	<b>98,375</b>
<b>Elderly doses</b>	<b>44,974</b>
<b>First (AZ and PZ)</b>	<b>22,290</b>
<b>Fully</b>	<b>20,679</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>1611</b>
<b>Booster</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Students (12-17) doses</b>	<b>25,842</b>
<b>First</b>	<b>13,445</b>
<b>Fully Immunized</b>	<b>12,396</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>1049</b>
<b>Total doses to shut-ins</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Total doses to infirmary/homes</b>	<b>811</b>

**Plans for Town Hall Meeting**

*The department intends to host a series of town hall meetings in the parish (To commence in June). A formal correspondence regarding this will be sent to the Corporation from the MO(H) as we will be seeking the assistance from the Mayor and Councilors. The Town Hall meetings are intended to promote COVID-19 vaccines and jabs will be offered during the meeting.*

**VECTOR CONTROL**

**Institutions Monitored**

*During the period several institutions were monitored for mosquito breeding (i.e. trapping, Landing Count, Search and destroy activities). The following institutions were monitored:*

- *12 Health Centres- 0 breeding*
- *2 Markets- 0 breeding*
- *Hospitals- 0 breeding*
- *4 Police Stations- 0 breeding*
- *2 Schools- 1 breeding*
- *1 Post Office- no breeding*
- *Infirmary- no breeding*

### ***Tyre Shops***

***Fifteen (15) tyre shops and four (4) garages were visited. A total of one thousand four hundred and fifty-seven (1457) tyres were inspected for mosquito breeding. Two tyres found at tyre shops were breeding none of the tyres at the garages inspected was breeding.***

### ***Drain Inspections***

***Larvicidal Activity continued and a total of 38 drains were inspected. This shows a decrease of three (3) in the number of drains inspected when compared with the previous month. The breakdown of the drains inspected is detailed in the table below.***

#### **Spanish Town Area**

***Martin Street- Breeding***  
***Manchester Street- Breeding***  
***Wellington Street- Breeding***  
***Huckerby- Breeding***  
***St. Jago Shopping Centre- Breeding***  
***Irish Pen at railway Crossing- Breeding***  
***24 Jobs Lane- Breeding***  
***Jobs Lane, Roselyn Lane- Breeding***  
***Willowdene- Breeding***  
***Central Village (Needs Cleaning)- Breeding***  
***Ellerslie Gardens- Breeding***  
***March Pen Road- Breeding***  
***Spanish Town Bus Park- Breeding***  
***Waterloo Lane- Not breeding***  
***Buck town- Not breeding***  
***Prince Avenue- Not breeding***  
***Belmore Lane- Not Breeding***  
***Twickenham Gardens- Not breeding***  
***Union Estate- Not breeding***  
***Hanover Street- Not breeding***  
***Williams Street- Not breeding***  
***Old Market Street- Not breeding***  
***Sunny Side- Not breeding***  
***Tryall Heights- Not breeding***  
***Caymanas Country Club 1- Not breeding***  
***Caymanas Country Club 2- Not breeding***  
***White Chruch Street- Not breeding***

#### **Portmore Zone**

***West Bank- Breeding***  
***New Land Road- Breeding***  
***Washington Mews- Breeding***  
***Naggo Head Taxi Stand- Not Breeding***

#### **Old Harbour Zone**

***Darlington Drive- Breeding***  
***Five Acres- Breeding***  
***Church Pen- Not Breeding***

#### **Linstead Zone**

***Bronx Street- Breeding***  
***Russell Pen- Not Breeding***

***The drains found breeding were treated with oil.***

Councillor Wilson stated that there is a pond at Tawes Pen, which has raw sewage and this is running across the roadway. He said that the situation cannot continue and sought to find out when it will be rectified. He said that there is also the Member of Parliament who is responsible for the town and remarked that he did not want persons to come here to score cheap political points, but to look at the realities and deal with them.

Councillor Abrahams stated that a site visit was done at the Mussons factory in Bog Walk, but there is still an odour coming from the location. He also said that they went to High Mountain where there is a pond and he had expected that this would have been included in the report.

The Chairman said that based on the issue mentioned by Councillor Wilson, at Nicholson Gardens, he was asking the Health Department to move quickly to address the issue. He said that the division is without representation and therefore the onus is on him to ensure that the division is taken care of.

He stated that there is a treatment plant which malfunctions and there are long-term plans for it to be channelled into another plant.

Councillor McLean stated that it presently goes to the Horizon Park Treatment Plant.

The Chairman asked that an Officer do an investigation and advise the Corporation of its findings at the next Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting.

**ii) Application for Butchers Licences**

Nil

**iii) Application for Barbers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences**

The applications for Babers/Hairdressers (Premises) Licences were presented as under:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Shop</b>	<b>Shop Address</b>
Peta-Ann Chambers	Charlemont Farm Scheme	Shanique Creative Unisex Salon	74 King Street Linstead St. Catherine
Jermaine Blair	20 North Street Old Harbour	World Barber Salon	Container Plaza 3 South Street Old Harbour
Marvalee Fraser	Top Mountain District Kitson Town	Perfect Style Barber Shop and Beauty Salon	Top Mountain District Kitson Town
Chantal Darby	9 Redwood Terrace Wedgewood Gardens Old Harbour	Shades of Essence Beauty Salon	Bus Terminus Plaza Burke Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine
Rosetta Perkins	13 Creation Drive Lauriston Spanish Town St. Catherine	Mini Manathan	11 Burke Road Spanish Town St. Catherine
Alicka Brown	Fairfield Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine	Beauty With a Difference Salon	Fairfield Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine
Odain Campbell	5 West Street Old Harbour St. Catherine	Insane Cutz	South Street Old Harbour St. Catherine
Annakay Downer	41 Job's Lane Spanish Town St. Catherine	Tha Extension Hair Studio	1 Fairfield Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine
Triesha Salmon	666 Monza Greater Portmore St. Catherine	Hair By Sexiema-Toprankin	Shop #3 Shadow Mall 19 Burke Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine
Tiffany Alexander	560 Cresta Dr Horizon Park Spanish Town	Just Made Aesthetics	10 Burke Rd Spanish Town St. Catherine
Odyssey Baboram	107 <sup>D</sup> Crescent Park Crescent District Spanish Town St. Catherine	Nail Odyssey	Shop #5 Sydenham Commercial Complex

Michelle Johnson	70 Job's Lane Spanish Town St. Catherine	MJ's Master Stylist Beauty Salon & More	70 Job's Lane Spanish Town St. Catherine
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On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the licences were approved, based on the recommendation of the Health Department.

**iv) Exhumation**

Nil

**Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Patricia Harris, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques, the meeting resumed.

**11. REPORTS**

**(A) MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

**I) Infrastructure and Traffic Committee 16/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on 16/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure and Traffic Committee held on March 16, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

**II) Human Resources Committee 21/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on 21/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Human Resource Committee held on March 21, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

**III) Public Health Committee Meeting 17/3/22**

The meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum.

**IV) Municipal & Commercial Services Committee 22/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal and Commercial Services Committee held on 22/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Sydney Rose moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Municipal & Commercial Services Committee held on March 22,2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew and carried.

**(B) MINUTES OF AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES**

**i) Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee 14/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on 14/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Disaster Planning, Management and Safety Committee held on March 14, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

**ii) Physical Planning & Environment Committee Meeting 15/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on 15/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Physical Planning and Environment Committee held on March 15, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

**iii) Finance & Planning Committee Meeting 16/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on 16/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on March 16, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

iv) **Poor Relief Committee Meeting 17/3/22**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on 17/3/22, were circulated to Councillors beforehand:

- (Copy Minute Book) –

Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved:

“**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Poor Relief Committee held on March 17, 2022, **BE AND ARE HEREBY** accepted.”

Seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques and carried.

**(C) USE OF COUNCIL’S COMMON SEAL**

On the motion of Councillor Sydney Rose, seconded by Councillor Herbert Garriques, approval was given for affixing the Corporation’s Common Seal on applications for subdivision, which were approved by the Physical Planning and Environment Committee at its meeting held on April 19, 2020:

- *Application by Hycilinia Ramsay c/o Sanjay Brown to subdivide lands at part of Cocoa Walk, St. Catherine consisting of approximately 20,252.01 square metres into two (2) lots for residential and farmstead purposes.*
- *Application by Devon Anderson to subdivide lands part of Jackson, consisting of approximately 6,648.59 square metres into six (6) lots for residential and reserved road purposes.*
- *Application by Maxwell Ebanks et al c/o Courtney Francis to subdivide lands part of Kilbies and Church Pen known as 23 Sugar Way (Lot 7) consisting of approximately 20,657.999 square metres into two (2) lots for farmstead purposes.*
- *Application by Joseph Hinds et. al. c/o Samuel Reid to subdivide lands part of Bowers Estate part of Colbeck consisting of approximately 8,121.54 square metres into four (4) lots for residential and homestead purposes.*
- *Application by Lascelles Daye c/o Jessie Ann Salmon to subdivide lands part of Golden River consisting of approximately 4,717.1 square metres into two (2) lots for residential and homestead purpose.*
- *Application by Roslyn Sylvester et. al. c/o Shantelle Hunt to subdivide lands part of Bellevue (Lot 86) consisting of approximately 15,060.89 square metres into nine (9) lots for residential purposes.*
- *Application by Hartel Bryan et. al. to subdivide lands part of Bushy Park now called part of Vineyard (Lot 426) consisting of approximately 15,750 square metres into four (4) lots for homestead and farmstead purposes.*

**D) REPORT – LINSTEAD TOWN CENTRE:**



The report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee is as under:

*“The Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) conference room in Linstead on April 7, 2022.*

**Councillors present were:**

1. Councillor Herbert Garriques (J.P.) - Linstead Division (Chairman)
2. Councillor Leroy Dunn - Guys Hill Division

**Councillors absent were:**

1. Councillor Neil Powell - Above Rock Division
2. Councillor Sydney Rose - Treadways Division
3. Councillor Beverly Jobson Grant (J.P.) - Ewarton Division
4. Councillor Roojae Kirlew - Mount Industry Division
5. Councillor William Cytall - Troja Division
6. Councillor Peter Abrahams - Bog Walk Division

**Officers**

1. Ms. Chantae Brown - Town Manager
2. Mrs. Jodian Thorpe-Morris - Recording Secretary

**Representatives**

1. Mr. Godfrey Marshall - Linstead DAC
2. Mr. Robert Demetrius - Dixon's Drug Store
3. Mr. Owayne Weir - Linstead Taxi Association
4. Mrs. Minnett Anderson-Myer - Social Development Commission
5. Dr. Cynthia Anderson - Ministers' Fraternal

*Activities done at the Centre for March 2022.*

**PAYMENT OF PUBLIC CLEANSING TICKET**

*Nil*

**APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT**

*Nil*

**APPLICATION FOR BARBER LICENCE**

*Nil*

**APPLICATION FOR BARBERSHOP LICENCE**

*Nil*

**APPLICATION FOR COSMETOLOGY LICENCE**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name and Address of Business</u>
1. Sandra Gordon	Essential Beauty Salon 6 Royal Avenue, Linstead

**APPLICATION FOR SALON LICENCE**

<u>Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Name and Address of Business</u>
1. Sandra Gordon	Essential Beauty Salon 6 Royal Avenue, Linstead
2. Leary Martin	Image Beauty Bar 1 Fletcher's Avenue, Linstead

**LICENCE ISSUED**

*Nil*

**CLAMPING**  
*Nil*

**APPLICATION FOR BURIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

<u><i>Name of Applicant</i></u>	<u><i>Name of the Deceased</i></u>	<u><i>Address of Burial</i></u>
<i>1. Dionne Clarke</i>	<i>Lurline Small</i>	<i>Darling Spring Riversdale</i>
<i>2. Charles Bryan</i>	<i>Neville Gordon</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
<i>3. Roy Fraser</i>	<i>Amanda Dixon</i>	<i>Meuse Guy's Hill</i>
<i>4. Rolton Shelly</i>	<i>Jasper Soares</i>	<i>Hill Top Mount Industry</i>
<i>5. Markesha Cameron</i>	<i>Lillian Leslie</i>	<i>West Prospect West Prospect</i>
<i>6. Barrington Lawrence</i>	<i>Sheivonne Golden</i>	<i>Wallen District</i>
<i>7. Mellard Wilks</i>	<i>Evon Wilks</i>	<i>Top Hill Lemon Hall</i>
<i>8. Karen Smith</i>	<i>Everald Smith</i>	<i>Cedar Valley Redwood</i>
<i>9. Lurline Redwood</i>	<i>Francis Redwood</i>	<i>Meuse Guy's Hill</i>
<i>10. Vincent Ellis</i>	<i>Ransford Ellis</i>	<i>Shenton Bog Walk</i>
<i>11. Meada Rhule</i>	<i>Peter Rhule</i>	<i>Pigeon Hill Point Hill</i>
<i>12. Kaydean Edwards</i>	<i>Raymond Edwards</i>	<i>Hyde Lane Bog Walk</i>
<i>13. Nicholas Bryce</i>	<i>Derrick Bryce</i>	<i>Springfield, Guys Hill</i>
<i>14. Michael Joseph</i>	<i>Marlon Joseph</i>	<i>Victoria District Linstead</i>
<i>15. Angella Marshall</i>	<i>Murdeline Francis-Sullivan</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
<i>16. Sharisea Freckleton</i>	<i>Gloria Edwards</i>	<i>Wakefield Linstead</i>
<i>17. Angella Alexander</i>	<i>Melbourne Gray</i>	<i>Bamboo Ridge Mount Industry</i>

**PURCHASE FOR CEMETERY PLOTS**

<u><i>Name of Applicant</i></u>	<u><i>Name of Deceased</i></u>	<u><i>Cemetery</i></u>	<u><i>Type of Spot</i></u>
<i>1. Wentle Lodge</i>	<i>Milton Facey</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>

2.	<i>Everton O'Connor</i>	<i>Jerome O'Conner</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
3.	<i>Ernel McKenzie</i>	<i>Diane McKenzie</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
4.	<i>Claudette Harrison</i>	<i>Jacob Johnson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
5.	<i>Damion Haynes</i>	<i>Granville White</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
6.	<i>Phillips Funeral Home</i>	<i>Eustace Ferguson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Dirt Grave</i>
7.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Noel Thompson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
8.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Roy Bingham</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
9.	<i>Shinika Davis</i>	<i>Nicola Brown</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
10.	<i>Darlington Nesbitt</i>	<i>Albert Nesbitt</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
11.	<i>Headley Coleman</i>	<i>Nathaniel Palmer</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
12.	<i>Rosemarie Facey</i>	<i>Mavis Jackson</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
13.	<i>Beautiful Gates</i>	<i>Norman Samuels</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
14.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Beverly Douglas</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Dirt Grave</i>
15.	<i>Sunset Funeral Home</i>	<i>Oswald Roberts</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
16.	<i>Sandra McLeod</i>	<i>Louise McLeod</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
17.	<i>Dannett Harrison</i>	<i>Daidrene Hasse</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Tiling</i>
18.	<i>Sunset Funeral Home</i>	<i>Allan Franklyn</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
19.	<i>Curtis Whyne</i>	<i>Victor Whyne</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
20.	<i>Kenroy Graham</i>	<i>Zina Graham</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
21.	<i>Andrewdean Fothergill</i>	<i>Shana Ewdards</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
22.	<i>Winsome Lawrence</i>	<i>Vincent Lawrence</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
23.	<i>Neture Blake</i>	<i>Ephrain Henry</i>	<i>Ewarton</i>	<i>Vault</i>
24.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Oral Johnson</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
25.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Verol Gordon</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
26.	<i>Donovan Bennett</i>	<i>Lorrelia Bennett</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Vault</i>
27.	<i>Donovan Bennett</i>	<i>Lenford Bennett</i>	<i>Treadways</i>	<i>Reserved Spot</i>
28.	<i>Aston Bailey</i>	<i>Louise Richards</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>
29.	<i>Roberts Funeral Home</i>	<i>Maria Bogle</i>	<i>Commodore</i>	<i>Vault</i>

### **CLAMP DOWN ON ILLEGAL STOREROOMS**

*Several business operators have been served with notices from the Building Department to remove illegally constructed storerooms from the sidewalks in Linstead. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the structure will result in it being referred for elevated enforcement action. The Town Centre will be enforcing the building codes and any business that is in violation will have their structures demolished.*

### **FOOD COURT IN LINSTEAD**

*The committee is proposing that the corporation transforms the designated area for jerk vendors into a uniform food court. These vendors should be registered with the corporation in order to utilize the designated area.*

*The designated area has seen an influx of additional vendors turning out in increasing number to sell; however, the expansion has been somewhat untidy. The area is now occupied not only jerk vendors but with semi-permanent stalls, some being mobile. The committee is recommending that the corporation further regulates the expansions taking place in the area given and apply the fees where necessary.*

### **LINSTEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PARTNER WITH JAMAICA EYE**

*Following a meeting with the Linstead Chambers of Commerce and representatives from the JamaicaEye, several stakeholder groups and business associations have come on board in support to share their camera specifications with the police. Members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) will be able to leverage the cameras facing public areas to assist their investigations of crime and maintaining public order. Special emphasis will be placed on increasing the number of cameras in the network, whether through the installation of government cameras or the private sector and forging partnership.*

*The system will be monitored by trained, technical members from the JCF from a remote monitoring centre.*

On the motion of Councillor Herbert Garriques, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the report of the Linstead Town Centre Advisory Committee was accepted by the meeting.

#### **12. GENERAL:**

Nil

#### **13. MOTIONS:**

##### **a) Motions (of which Notice has been given previously)**

Nil

##### **b) Notice of Motions:**

Councillor Roogae Kirlew gave notice for a motion which he will present at the next meeting regarding mental health

#### **14. PETITIONS:**

Nil

### **Suspension of the Standing Order**

On the motion of Councillor Roogae Kirlew, seconded by Councillor Renair Benjamin, the standing order was suspended to take the reports from the agencies present.

## **National Solid Waste Management Authority**

Mr. Heaven stated that he did not have a report and would take questions and concerns from Councillors.

The Chairman asked Mr. Heaven if he had travelled through Spanish Town and added that, all the agencies listened to the talk shows and they must have heard him being lambasted. He said that Mr. Heaven would have seen the number of mini dumps and asked what had happened to collections within the inner city areas. He mentioned the Bellevue Division at the entrance to Ebony Vale and many other locations and asked what is happening, as these areas are littered with garbage.

Mr. Heaven said that he agreed that there are a number of mini dumps. He said that every night there are trucks which do night collections and that they have been cleaning these mini dumps. He said that they keep popping up all over and that he would be engaging the Enforcement Team to assist.

Councillor Benjamin stated that the garbage problem is across the parish and is reaching crisis proportion and asked the Corporation request that the Honourable Prime Minister declare the parish a disaster area.

The Chairman remarked that he would not go that far, but asked that the NSWMA set up an emergency collection system where enough resources are deployed to clear the backlog and the mini dumps. He said that the Old Harbour Road Round-a-bout is a disgrace and called on the NSWMA to immediately carry out an emergency operation in St. Catherine.

Councillor Rose remarked that the unfortunate truth is that they also lacked financial resources.

Councillor Wilson said that he noticed, with concern, the problem of the behaviour of the employees, as they collected more commercial garbage than residential. He said that they seem to be hustling on the job.

The Chairman warned the Councillor to be careful, as those are allegations.

Councillor Wilson stated that Old Harbour is clean and if more persons were behaving like M.P. Warmington their area would be clean.

Councillor Benjamin then stated that it should not have to be because of the Member of Parliament, for garbage to be collected.

Councillor Abrahams said that in Bog Walk there is a mini dump on the right hand after the stop light on the by-pass and beside the market in the town centre. He said that they are trying with limited resources.

Councillor Edwards said that he knows that the issue of garbage is a sore point, but commended Mr. Heaven. He said that in Portmore there were eight trucks, then ten and there are now sixteen; also he saw where effort was made that morning to do collections.

Mr. Heaven noted the concerns and said that they will be trying to make efforts. He stated that the supplementary contractors had received a forty percent increase and added that they should be able to get back on track with payments and that the trucks will be out and about, with focus on the town centres.

The Chairman asked that the agency immediately recognise the crisis in St. Catherine and set up an emergency response to have all these areas cleaned over a two week period. He asked that this message be taken to the Directors.

### **Jamaica Fire Brigade**

Mr. Callum presented the report as under:

<b>STATIONS</b>	<b>GENUINE</b>	<b>M.F. A</b>	<b>F.A.W.G. I</b>	<b>SPECIAL SERVICE</b>	<b>BUSH FIRE</b>	<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>
Spanish Town	34	10	2	6	89	<b>141</b>
Waterford	26	3	-	4	29	<b>62</b>
Linstead	10	1	1	4	23	<b>39</b>
Old Harbour	14	4	1	1	29	<b>49</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>291</b>

2. ESTIMATED RISK: \$1,215,310,000.00  
ESTIMATED LOSS: \$034,865,000.00  
ESTIMATED SAVED: \$1,180,445,000.00

3. **Structural Fire:**  
There were eighteen (29) structural fires of which eleven (11) adults and five (5) children were displaced.

4. **Motor Vehicle Accidents:**  
There were three (3) motor vehicle accidents in which three (3) civilians received injuries.

Mr. Callum informed the meeting that the new fire station at Old Harbour will be commissioned on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 and added that the residents will get better service and response. He said that the men will be more motivated to carry out their functions, in a more comfortable environment.

In response to the Chairman, he stated that new fire unit and equipment were received.

### **Parish Development Committee**

Mr. Headlam, in his report, stated that he welcomed the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions and looked forward to seeing the resumption of more meetings. He said that the communities were coming back together in some semblance of normalcy and that community work could not be done effectively online. He said that they had to meet with the citizens.

He said that the issues that continue to come to them remain the same; these are bad roads, feeling of being abandoned, no garbage collection and the lack of potable water. He said that in a meeting a resident spoke about Riversdale where they do not have potable water from time to time. He said that those were the general concerns.

He said that they continue to encourage Councillors to support the CDC's, the DAC's and the PDC, as these groups can function to assist them in their divisions.

He wished everyone a peaceful and blessed Easter Season.

Councillor Cytall said that it came up in the report about Riversdale not having potable water. He clarified that Riversdale gets the most trucked water in the parish and that there are three tanks, there is piped water and a pumping station at Berwick, which pumps water into the community.

### **Resumption**

On the motion of Councillor Claude Hamilton, seconded by Councillor Roogae Kirlew, the standing order resumed.

#### **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **a) Glengoffe Police Station**

Councillor Kirlew again brought up the longstanding issue of the Police Station at Glengoffe. He said that it is sad that the Police have been relocated to Above Rocks for some weeks now, and that no community meeting was held. They also continue to work on the police station, he stated, and hopes that the government quickly completes these works. He further said that where Above Rocks is, in comparison to where Glengoffe is, it means that the residents will not get the best kind of service with the Police being so far away.

The Chairman said that he would want the Councillor to write to the Senior Superintendent of Police in charge of St. Catherine North, to register his concerns and a copy sent to the Commissioner of Police.

##### **b) Celebration of the Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's Ten Year in Office Mayor**

Councillor Lewis stated that over the the years, they do not normally say thank you nor do they give credit or remember the work that has been done by their leaders. She craved the Councillors' indulgence and stated that the Mayor is celebrating ten years as Mayor for Spanish Town and believes it was worth celebrating, as he is the longest serving Mayor in St. Catherine, so far. She said that ten years is a great achievement, serving the people at the higher level, as he has been a Councillor for twenty-four years, but ten years leading the parish which, is a milestone. She then noted his achievement over the years such as:

- i) The establishment of the Linstead Transport Centre
- ii) Upgrading of the Wellington Street Transport Centre
- iii) The renovation of the Spanish Town and Linstead Markets
- iv) The renovation of the Spanish Town Infirmary and overseeing the building of the annex ward to ease the social burdens in the hospital
- v) Overseeing the implementation of the homelessness care in Spanish Town
- vi) Starting the building of the drop-in centre in Linstead which is a major accomplishment
- vii) The development of the Old Harbour Fishing Village
- viii) The installation of CCTV in the market district and in and around Spanish Town
- ix) Establishment of Old Harbour as an entertainment zone
- x) The improvement of potable water systems within the parish
- xi) The extensive improvement of the road network across the parish which is continuous

- xii) Instituting the dray cart system in Spanish Town to ensure that the town is kept clean
- xiii) Establishment of the modern state of the art cemetery at Thetford
- xiv) The marked improvement of property tax through his initiative
- xv) Staff are pleased as the offices have been modernized in this building
- xvi) The maintenance of the open door policy where all councillors are able to come in and sit with him when they feel like, and it is not just not limited to Councillors but to staff as well

Councillor Lewis said that she knows that he is humble and was not expecting anything, and also that he did not do it alone and asked the Deputy Mayor to join the Mayor, as he too was celebrating ten years, as Deputy Mayor. She commended him for the hours he had worked to ensure that business of the Corporation was taken care of, such as signing the cheques and ensuring everyone was on par. She said too that she knows how he fights for the staff of this Corporation and Councillors.

Councillor Harris then presented the Deputy Mayor with a token for his hard work and care for this ten years and also as an expression of their love and appreciation.

Councillor Lewis then invited the Mayor to accept a token on behalf of all the Councillors, especially the PNP Councillors for being the leader he is, and thanked him for the sterling leadership he has given to the Corporation over the past ten years as Mayor. She said that the work continues and the love is real and they will work with him to ensure that St. Catherine becomes the parish that they all envision, where their families can live, work, play and do business.

Councillor Harris, in presenting the token, stated he is Mayor extraordinaire in more ways than one and that she was sure that all of them, Councillors on both side and staff members can say that this Mayor is the best they have seen for some time.

Councillor Lloyd Grant said that on behalf of himself and his Councillors, he wanted to congratulate the Mayor on this ten year achievement. He said that he has done well and he is also his friend, but there are times when things do not go right between them and he had to speak up, because he is a demanding Mayor and at times he had to step on his toes. He congratulated him and the team that works with him to help him to achieve what this parish has achieved.

In responding, Mayor Scott said that he was not sure he could respond, as he did not know he was loved like that. He said that they have had good times and bad times but one of his hallmark of leading this Council is that they would go out and campaign for their parties, but when that was over and they entered the precincts of this Council, they were not PNP or JLP, they were Councillors of this Corporation; hence they were their brother's keeper. He said that he has a little more responsibility and that is why when something is going wrong in a division or with a Councillor, the media does not ask if it is a JLP or PNP Councillor, they will say it is a St. Catherine Municipal Corporation Councillor. It is therefore incumbent on all of them to be their brother's keeper.

Councillor Wilson said that he wanted to say how happy he was to receive a gift and added that it was not an easy job to sit in his office, and that some times when he feels the pressure he had to call the Chief Executive Officer. He said that he enjoys working with the Mayor and if he had to do it again, he would do it the same way. He said that the most important thing, and was saying that from his heart, that the Chairman has enjoyed a good relationship with the present Minister of Local Government and wished that it continues.



Councillor Enos Lawrence said that he admired the fact that Mayor Scott kept the Secretary that worked with his predecessor, when he took office.

In response to Councillor Dunn, the Chairman stated that the celebration will continue and will include the Councillors.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

At this stage (12:50 p.m.), Councillor Roogae Kirlew moved, seconded by Councillor Sydney Rose, that the meeting be adjourned.

**CONFIRMED:**

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**CHAIRMAN  
ST. CATHERINE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
AND MAYOR OF SPANISH TOWN**

**DATED.....**

# Action Page

## Action to be taken

1. Page 10 - investigation re sewage flowing in the vicinity of Tawes Pen
2. Page 18 – emergency operation to clear Garbage throughout the parish

## By Whom

Public Health Dept

NSWMA