Pearisburg Town Council met in Special Session on February 23, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Present for the meeting was Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. Also present was Town Attorney Hartley; Town Manager Vittum, Town Clerk Harless and Zach Guynn, Virginian Leader.

Vittum explained the plat submitted by Shannon Lucas to divide a lot in Briarwood Subdivision into two lots for purpose of sale. He stated that the Planning Commission had met and recommends approval of plat as submitted. He stated that a few years ago there was a similar plat approved for duplexes. Lucas was requesting approval so he could sell the property. The Planning Commission recommended the plat be approved as presented and forwarded to Town Council for final action.

Munsey made a motion that Council approve the plat for Shannon Lucas to divide a lot in Briarwood Subdivision into two lots for the purpose of sale. Eaton seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mayor Dickerson; Council Members Williams, Munsey, Journell, Harrell, Clark and Eaton. The motion carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mayor Dickerson stated that Council has a copy of the latest correspondence on getting out of the VFRIFA. Munsey asked what Hartley thought about the letter. Hartley felt that Pearisburg should be treated as other localities have in the past. He does not see a reason to approve their agreement. He stated that if VFRIFA would cooperate with Pearisburg then we can cooperate with them. He stated that Vittum should convey the letter as antagonist at his next Virginia's First meeting. Mayor Dickerson stated that they did not mention Wythe County having to pay to get out. Vittum did not think Wythe County was in the Red Sun Farm portion. He stated that Wythe County is in arrears with their payments. He stated that legal for the Authority is looking at collecting.

Vittum stated that originally there were 15 members. He stated that Narrows was several years behind and used refunded dues in 2011 to payback what they were in the arrears. He stated that Christiansburg was the last to withdraw but they were not members of the Participation Committee. He stated that Commerce park borrowed money to pay for purchasing the land. Munsey stated that if another entity paid our debt they would get our shares. We would pay this year and next year dues of $5,000 each. Eaton asked if any other small localities tried to get out.

Vittum stated that VFRIFA had asked if we could adopt the Amended and Restated Agreement by March 9th for their board meeting. Most other members have adopted the agreement. Munsey stated that Pearisburg should be able to get out like Wythe County did. He stated that it needs to be stressed to the board that our shares are for sale. Vittum stated that in 2011 Town Council purchased 289 additional shares from Red Sun Farms. Harrell asked whose responsibility is it to put the shares up for sale. Vittum stated that he would notify Danny Wilson to place it on the agenda for their next meeting.

Vittum stated that he will ask Danny Wilson to give info about the 15.2-6415 Virginia Code on withdrawing from VFRIFA. Hartley stated that we can check the law on our own. Vittum stated that Narrows was not required to payback refunded dues. Narrows used some of their dues refund in 2011 to pay what they were in the arrears and current and future dues. Munsey asked when the VFRIFA met again. Vittum stated that they meet on March 9th. Vittum stated that he would let them know that at this point Council is not going to take action on the agreement. Clark asked for clarification on the code that was referred to earlier in the meeting. Vittum stated that he would check to make sure we did not have to pay back the refund of excess dues from 2011. He did not think other localities were required to when they got out. He stated that Wythe County was the only locality that had sold their shares when they dropped out of Commerce Park. Wythe County is still a member of the Authority.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert L. Dickerson

ATTEST:

Regina H. Harless, Town Clerk