

**Town of Forest Heights  
Special Meeting- 7:30 PM  
Monday, January 24, 2022  
Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:30 PM

**Opening Statement:** Mayor Washington explained the purpose of the special meeting was to vote on accepting a settlement agreement in the amount of \$37,858.55 in the civil case against manufacturers in the opioid litigation. The deadline to accept the agreement is Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

**Roll Call:** CW Brownson, CM Barnes, CW Noble, CW Hines, CM Lilly, Mayor Washington present; CM Atkinson absent; quorum established.

**Moment of Silence:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mayor Washington to approve the agenda; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion passed.

**Public Period:** None

**Legislation:**

**Resolution 03-22:** A Resolution of the Mayor and Council authorizing the mayor to execute a national settlement agreement with Jassen and the distributors in the pending opioid litigation; reading of the first paragraph by Mayor Washington. Mayor Washington noted a typo in paragraph 2 and motioned to adopt Resolution 3-22 as amended to replace the language "Upper Marlboro" with "Forest Heights"; seconded by CW Hines; discussion. CM Lilly asked about more information about the grant component of the settlement. Attorney Mr. Kevin Best explained that the settlement agreement calls for a component of the funds to be provided by a "grant-like" apparatus that requires justification and an application of funds. The remainder is allocated. CM Lilly asked what the process was, and if this would place the town in a predicament. Attorney Best answered that it would not place the town in a predicament. It was short notice, and more answers are pending action from statutes from the General Assembly. There will be an application and justification process, covering approximately 30 percent of the allotted funds. He recommended following the Special Council and entering into the agreement. Vote; (5 yes; 1 abstain;) motion passed.

**Adjourned:** 7:42 PM