



**Stevensville Town Council Meeting  
Agenda for  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026  
6:30 PM  
206 Buck Street, Town Hall**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Approval of Bi-Weekly Claims
6. Administrative Reports
  - a. Airport
  - b. Building Report
  - c. Finance
  - d. Fire Department
  - e. Police Department
  - f. Public Works
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion/Decision: Approval of Water & Sewer Committee Bylaws
  - b. Discussion/Decision: New Approach Entrance to Stockman Bank, Stevensville
  - c. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 557A a Resolution of the Town of Stevensville, Montana To Establish Irrigation and Sprinkling Days and Times
8. Board Reports
9. Town Council Comments
10. Executive Report
11. Adjournment

## **Welcome to Stevensville Town Council Chambers**

We consider it a privilege to present, and listen to, diverse views.

It is essential that we treat each other with respect.

We expect that participants will:

- ✓ Engage in active listening
- ✓ Make concise statements
- ✓ Observe any applicable time limit

We further expect that participants will refrain from disrespectful displays:

- ✗ Profanity
- ✗ Personal Attacks
- ✗ Signs
- ✗ Heckling and applause

## **Guidelines for Public Comment**

Public Comment ensures an opportunity for citizens to meaningfully participate in the decisions of its elected officials. It is one of several ways your voice is heard by your local government. During public comment we ask that all participants respect the right of others to make their comment uninterrupted. The council's goal is to receive as much comment as time reasonably allows. All public comment should be directed to the chair (Mayor or designee). Comment made to the audience or individual council members may be ruled out of order. Public comment must remain on topic, and free from abusive language or unsupported allegations.

During any council meeting you have two opportunities to comment:

1. During the public comment period near the beginning of a meeting.
2. Before any decision-making vote of the council on an agenda item.

Comment made outside of these times may not be allowed.

Citizens wishing to speak during any public comment period should come forward to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Comment may be time limited, as determined by the chair, to allow as many people as possible to comment. Comment prior to a decision-making vote must remain on the motion before the council.

**Thank you for observing these guidelines.**

**File Attachments for Item:**

d. Fire Department



# STEVENSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

206 BUCK STREET

Activity Report – April 2026

## **Calls for the Month of April: 52**

Calls for Stevensville Town: 21

Calls for Stevensville Rural: 29

Mutual Aid: 2

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Medical Response: 37

Fire Calls: 14

Motor Vehicle Crash: 1

Total Calls: 52

Missed calls: 7

## **Calls for the Year to Date: 212**

Calls for Stevensville Town: 79

Calls for Stevensville Rural: 128

Mutual Aid: 5

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Medical Response: 156

Fire Calls: 31

Motor Vehicle Crash: 25

Total Calls: 212

Missed calls: 23

**File Attachments for Item:**

e. Police Department

# Stevensville Police Department Monthly Activity Report 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	77	49	77	76								
<b>ARRESTS ADULT/JUV</b>	0	4	3	1								
<b>TRAFFIC CITATIONS</b>	14	7	7	2								
<b>TRAFFIC STOPS</b>	18	9	5	7								
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>	5	4	3	2								
<b>VEH TOWS</b>	1	1	0	1								
<b>HOMICIDES</b>	0	0	0	0								
<b>ROBBERIES</b>	0	0	0	0								
<b>BURGLARIES</b>	0	0	0	0								
<b>THEFTS</b>	2	1	5	8								
<b>ASSAULTS OR PFMA</b>	0	1	2	0								
<b>SEX CRIMES</b>	0	0	1	3								
<b>FRAUD CRIMES</b>	1	0	1	2								
<b>CRIMINAL MISCHIEF</b>	1	0	0	1								
<b>PRIVACY COMMUNICAT</b>	1	0	0	1								
<b>THREATS OR INTIMIDATION</b>	1	2	9	1								
<b>SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY</b>	3	1	1	6								
<b>DISTURBANCE</b>	1	0	3	1								
<b>UNATTENDED DEATHS</b>	0	0	0	2								
<b>WELFARE CHECKS</b>	3	4	2	3								
<b>LOST/FOUND PROPERTY</b>	0	1	1	0								
<b>BURG ALARMS 911 HANGUPS</b>	0	1	2	2								
<b>VICTIM NOTIFICATION</b>	0	0	1	0								

**File Attachments for Item:**

f. Public Works

WO Number	Type	Status	Description	Locations	Assigned To	Requester
004973	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Spray weed killer around headstones in Riverside	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004971	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Take backhoe to airport and dig up broken water line	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004952	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Emergency water line dig at airport	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004947	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Replace thermostat on mower	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004946	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Main line water tap for new service on Mission St scheduled for Apr. 23	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004944	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Mow riverside and any parks that need it	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004943	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Mow riverside and any parks that need it	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004942	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Urn burial Riverside Apr. 21 10 a.m.	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004922	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Investigate water leak at Mike's house on Spring St.	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004921	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Dig out retaining pool at Riverside cemetery for irrigation. Walk creek and remove any obstacles.	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004919	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Install new Lewis and Clark Park sign	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004918	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Put splash pad sign back up that wind blew down. Need new 4x4 post and concrete	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter
004914	CORRECTIVE	Closed	Fill in sunken curbstop area 417 Pine	Town of Stevensville		Stephen Lassiter

# TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITY REPORT April 2026

## UTILITIES REPORT

### Domestic Water Treatment

	<i>This Month</i>	<i>Last Month</i>
<i>Gallons Produced</i>	20,116,566* (SCADA glitch)	20,116,566

- Monthly, weekly and Annual reports to the state
- Monthly Meter Readings
- Submitted monthly DMR to DEQ

### *Waste Water Treatment*

	<i>This Month</i>	<i>Last Month</i>
<i>Gallons Treated</i>	4,908,020	7,492,042

- State Reports and EPA, weekly monthly and Annual samples taken and reports submitted.
- Satisfied Permit reporting, testing and regulatory requirements
- Running sludge press

## OTHER

- Meter reads and billing cycle
- Daily road grid inspections
- Street maintenance, potholes, sign installation and replacement
- Water and Wastewater plants rounds
- Preventive maintenance at WWTP buildings
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Downtown risk management inspections
- Continued storm damaged tree removal/pruning
- SCADA upgrade continues at wellhouse and WWTP
- Pumped chlorine at well house
- Marked graves at Riverside for monuments
- Grading/leveling at Riverside
- Emergency Call-out for sewer backup
  
- Burned large debris pile in burn pit
- One ash burial

**File Attachments for Item:**

- a. Discussion/Decision: Approval of Water & Sewer Committee Bylaws



## Stevensville Town Council Meeting

### Agenda Item Request

**To be submitted BEFORE Noon on the Wednesday immediately preceding the Thursday agenda publishing deadline (8-days ahead of the meeting).**

<b>Agenda Item Type:</b>	New Business
<b>Person Submitting the Agenda Item:</b>	Melissa Bailey, Water & Sewer Committee Chairperson
<b>Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:</b>	
<b>Submitter Title:</b>	Council Member
<b>Submitter Phone:</b>	
<b>Submitter Email:</b>	
<b>Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:</b>	05/14/2026
<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	Discussion/Decision: Approval of Water & Sewer Committee Bylaws
<b>Backup Documents Attached?</b>	Yes
<b>If no, why not?</b>	
<b>Approved/Disapproved?</b>	Approved
<b>If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:</b>	05/14/2026
<b>Notes:</b>	The Water & Sewer Committee board approved the bylaws at their April 21, 2026, meeting. They are requesting council approval at this time.

# Town of Stevensville Water and Sewer Committee Bylaws

## General Provisions

The Water and Sewer committee is convened by commission of the Stevensville Town Council, and will report to the town council any recommendations for findings that they deem relevant to Town Council proceedings.

The committee will adhere to Roberts Rules of Order, with the presiding officer being a member of the town council at the behest of the mayor. Members of the committee must be approved through the mayor, and live within the Town of Stevensville.

Meeting minutes shall be recorded for all formal proceedings of the committee, and ready for review by members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a lawful meeting of the Council shall be necessary to adopt or reject any motion to pass any measure for recommendation to the Town Council.

Agenda Items will include:

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Discussion on New or Returning Topics
- Public Comment
- Adjournment

Items may only be added to the agenda after approval of the presiding officer of the committee.

The committee shall remain in effect until the members deem it to have served its purpose, and will require a majority vote of the committee and town council approval before it may disband.

Drafted 03.31.2026, v1.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**Approve:**

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Committee Chair

**Attest:**

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Town Clerk

**File Attachments for Item:**

b. Discussion/Decision: New Approach Entrance to Stockman Bank, Stevensville



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<b>Person Submitting the Agenda Item:</b>	Jim Crews
<b>Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:</b>	EnterName
<b>Submitter Title:</b>	Mayor
<b>Submitter Phone:</b>	406-777-5271
<b>Submitter Email:</b>	Mayor@townofstevensville.gov
<b>Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:</b>	5-14-26
<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	New Approach Entrance to Stockman Bank in Stevensville
<b>Backup Documents Attached?</b>	Yes
<b>If no, why not?</b>	
<b>Approved/Disapproved?</b>	Approved <i>JC</i>
<b>If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:</b>	5-14-26
<b>Notes:</b>	<p>MDOT is requesting an opinion from the Town Council regarding a proposed curb cut (approach from Main Street) and the elimination of 4 parking spots on Main Street to allow for use of a proposed new parking lot for the Stockman Bank.</p> <p>See attached drawings.</p>


**FW: MDT Inquiry - Stockman Bank**

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**From** Andrena Case <deputyclerk@townofstevensville.gov>

**Date** Thu 5/7/2026 9:22 AM

**To** Jim Crews <mayor@townofstevensville.gov>

 2 attachments (2 MB)

SBSV\_Paving Exhibit & MDT Access.pdf; 2026.04.08\_SBSV\_V001.pdf;

*Andrena Case*

**Deputy Clerk**

Town of Stevensville

206 Buck St

Stevensville, MT 59870

406-777-5271 Ext 104

[deputyclerk@townofstevensville.gov](mailto:deputyclerk@townofstevensville.gov)

**From:** Videa Martinez, Aldo Alejandro <amartinez@mt.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 5:02 PM

**To:** Andrena Case <deputyclerk@townofstevensville.gov>

**Subject:** MDT Inquiry - Stockman Bank

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking my call today. An engineering firm has reached out to MDT regarding Stockman Bank in Stevensville requesting a new approach (entrance only) on Main Street as shown in the attached plans.

We wanted to hear the Town of Stevensville's stance on this project before moving forward with a recommendation for the project.

If it is more convenient to the Town, you can give me a phone call.

Thank you for your time.

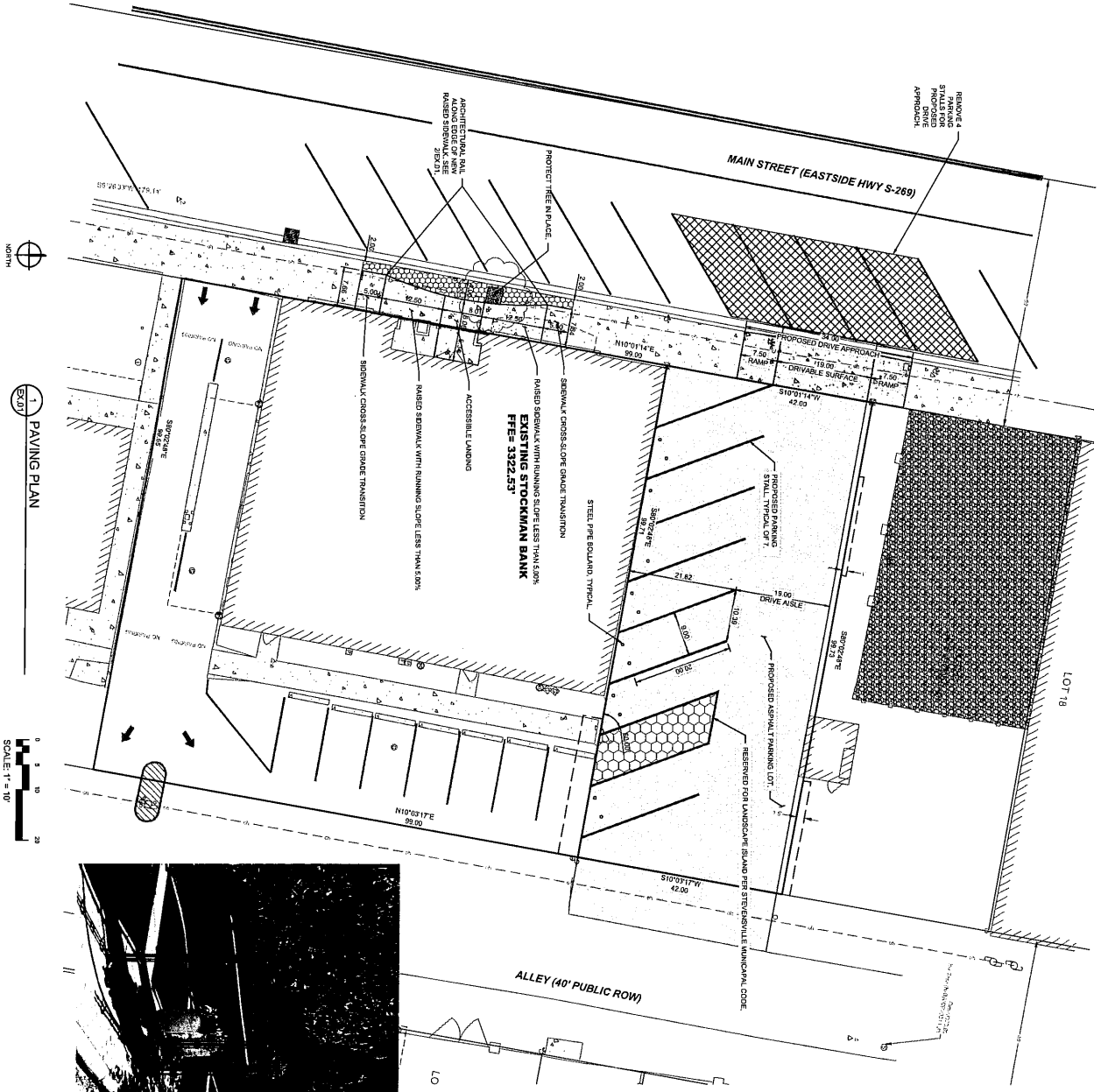
Regards,

-Aldo Videa

Traffic MDT

406-546-7743

PROJECT: 316 Main Street, Stevensville, MT  
 ARCHITECT: CUST TERRELL ARCHITECTS, LLC  
 DATE: 08/20/2024





**File Attachments for Item:**


c. Discussion/Decision: Resolution No. 557A a Resolution of the Town of Stevensville, Montana To Establish Irrigation and Sprinkling Days and Times



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<b>Submitter Title:</b>	Mayor
<b>Submitter Phone:</b>	406-777-5271
<b>Submitter Email:</b>	Mayor@townofstevensville.gov
<b>Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:</b>	5-14-26
<b>Agenda Topic:</b>	Change to Resolution 557
<b>Backup Documents Attached?</b>	Yes
<b>If no, why not?</b>	
<b>Approved/Disapproved?</b>	Approved 
<b>If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:</b>	5-14-26
<b>Notes:</b>	Due to the construction of new homes and creation of lawns via sod application. It may become necessary to authorize a temporary deviation from the watering schedule to accommodate the new sod installation.

**RESOLUTON NO. 557A**

**A RESOLUTION OTHE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA TO ESTABLISH IRRIGATIION AND SPRINGLING DAYS AND TIMES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Stevensville, Montana pursuant to Ordinance No. 133, Section 3.04.120, Irrigation and Sprinkling; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipality reserves the right to set hours and days for irrigation and sprinkling for all customers: and

**WHEREAS**, the following days are set for irrigation and sprinkling:

**EVEN ADDRESSES: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**

**ODD ADDRESSES: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**

**WHEREAS**, the following times are set for irrigation and sprinkling:

**HOSE WATERING: 7 am – Noon and 6 pm – 10 pm**

**AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS: 12:01 am to 6 am**

**WHEREAS**, the following days and times irrigation and sprinkling are not permitted:

**NO WATERING ON SUNDAYS**

**DO NOT WATER BETWEEN NOON AND 6 pm**

**WHEREAS**, due to construction activities and home building it may be necessary to water outside the above days and times, the mayor may authorize for temporary periods, not to exceed two weeks an alternate watering schedule, and when requested by the Town Council report such exceptions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the irrigation and sprinkling days and times be set, and any person found to be violating any provision of the days and times may incur a penalty as stated in Ordinance No. 133, Section 13.04.160, Penalty.

Passed and Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

APPROVED

ATTEST:

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Jim Crews, Mayor

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Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk

## Andrena Case

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**From:** Bob Michalson  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2024 11:01 AM  
**To:** Andrena Case  
**Subject:** Stevensville's watering hours ordinance

Andrena,

This is all that comes up regarding watering in Stevensville's municipal code.

- **Sec. 26-31. - Irrigation and sprinkling.**

**Share Link to section****Print section****Download (Docx) of sections****Email section**

The municipality reserves the right to set hours and days for irrigation and sprinkling for all customers. Before an underground sprinkling system is installed on any property, a separate permit must be applied for through the building official and the applicable fee paid. All installation work shall be done in accordance with article VIII of chapter 6, the Plumbing Code.

(Ord. No. 133, § 4(13.04.120), 3-28-2013)

Regards,

Bob Michalson  
Mayor  
Town of Stevensville

# ORDINANCE NO. 133

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## AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLE 13 – MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND CREATING AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE

SECTION 1. Title 13 – Municipal Utilities – of the Municipal Code is hereby established.

SECTION 2. Chapter 13.04 of Title 13 of the Municipal Code is hereby created.

SECTION 3. The title of Chapter 13.04 shall read “Water System.”

SECTION 4. Chapter 13.04 is hereby created to read as follows:

### Section:

- 13.04.010 Definitions
- 13.04.020 Municipal Water System Connection
- 13.04.030 Water Mains and Appurtenances
- 13.04.040 Point of Delivery
- 13.04.050 Tapping
- 13.04.060 Application for Service
- 13.04.070 Meters
- 13.04.080 Responsibilities
- 13.04.090 Turning Water On
- 13.04.100 Shutting Off for Repairs
- 13.04.110 Water Rates
- 13.04.120 Irrigation and Sprinkling
- 13.04.130 Private Irrigation Well
- 13.14.140 Access to Buildings
- 13.14.150 Unlawful Activity
- 13.14.160 Penalty

### 13.04.010 Definitions

- (1) “Curb Stop” means a control valve for the water supply of a building, usually placed in a curb box between the sidewalk and the curb.
- (2) “Customer” means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, firm, governmental agency or any other entity receiving water service from the municipality
- (3) “Meter” means any device, including auxiliary equipment, used to measure water supplied to a customer.
- (4) “Municipal” or “Municipality” means or refers to the Town of Stevensville.

- (5) "Point of delivery" means that point where municipal water is available for consumption and use within the customer's facility.
- (6) "Residential dwelling unit" means any room or combination of room, including mobile home, designed for occupancy.
- (7) "Service agreement" means the agreement or contract between the municipality and customer.
- (8) "Water department" means the municipal department engaged in the business of providing water service and supplying water to customers.
- (9) "Water system" means the water mains, supply lines, wells and other appurtenances constructed in order to deliver water within the municipality.

#### 13.04.020 Municipal Water System Connection

All properties within the corporate limits of the Town of Stevensville shall be connected to the municipal water system, except where the superintendent of water department has determined that connection to the municipal water system is impractical. No residential dwelling unit shall be connected to any well or other water source not directly a part of the municipal water system supervised by water department personnel.

#### 13.04.030 Water Mains and Appurtenances

Water mains, fittings, gate valves and boxes and fire hydrants shall meet American Water Works Association (AWWA) and/or the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) specifications as provided below:

##### (1) Ductile Iron Water Pipe

Thickness design of ductile iron pipe shall conform to ANSI A21.50-1976 or AWWA C150-76 specifications. Thickness shall be Class 50 or greater. Ductile iron pipe shall be manufactured and conform to ANSI A21.51-76 or AWWA C151-76 specifications and be cement-mortar lined in accordance with ANSI A21.4 or AWWA C104-74 specifications. Pipe joints may be standard mechanical or slip-on as described and specified in ANSI A21.11-72 or AWWA C111-72 specifications. The exterior of the pipe shall have a smooth and uniform coating of coal tar pitch varnish.

##### (2) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Pressure Pipe

PVC pipe for water mains shall conform to AWWA C900-75 specifications. Joints shall be of the elastomeric-gasket type.

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### (3) Cast Iron Fittings

Cast iron fittings shall be cement-mortar lined, Class 250 with rubber-gasket joints and a standard bitumastic outside coating. They shall be manufactured and conform to ASA A21.10-1964 or AWWA C110-64 specifications. Cement-mortar linings shall conform to ANSI A21.4-1974 or AWWA C104-74 specifications. Joints shall be of a design and size to properly fit the pipe being furnished and shall be manufactured and conform to ANSI A21.11-1972 or AWWA C111-72 specifications.

### (4) Gate Valves and Valve Boxes

Gate valves shall meet the latest version of AWWA C500-09. They shall be iron body, bronze mounted, double disc with parallel seat. Valve stems shall be bronze, non-rising and sealed with double "O" ring rubber seals. End of valves shall be of the type needed to connect to the pipe being installed. Valve boxes shall be cast iron, having a base suitable to fit the valve being installed and shall be of sufficient length for the amount of pipe bury specified as shown on the drawings. It shall be of the adjustable slip-type and include a cast iron cover with the raised letters, "WATER", cast in it.

### (5) Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants shall fully comply with the latest version of AWWA C502-73. The size of hydrant shall be five and one-fourth (5 ¼) inches and each shall be a "three-way" type, having two (2) separate two and one-half (2 ½) inch hose outlets and one (1) pumper outlet. Outlet threads shall conform to National Standard Fire Hose Coupling Screw Thread specifications. Hydrants shall be of the compression style, with safety stem coupling and safety flange above the ground line and of sufficient length for the amount of bury specified or shown on the drawings. That portion of the hydrant above ground shall be painted a bright red. Hydrants shall be furnished complete with valve, valve box and have an inlet connection suitable for the type of pipe being used. Anchor lugs and straps shall be provided as necessary to make installation.

### 13.04.040 Point of Delivery

Each residential dwelling unit and occupied public, commercial or industrial building shall have one separate point of delivery or service connection. It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, or tenant to supply, or permit to be supplied, any water to two (2) or more buildings through one and the same connection, except in special circumstances as may be approved by the superintendent of the water department. Service pipes must be so arranged that the supply for each premise may be controlled by a separate curb stop placed at a point designated by the water department, and the owner or agent of said property will be held responsible for all bills for water used through said service.

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### 13.04.050 Tapping

Actual tapping of the water mains will be made by municipal personnel. The contractor shall be responsible for notifying the water department in advance of the time that a tap will be made and coordinating all activities in this regard. The Town Council will by resolution establish a tapping fee, to be paid by the consumer prior to tapping, for costs related to tapping the water main, including saddles, fittings and corporation stops and furnishing of meter pits.

### 13.04.060 Application

Contractors, builders or others desiring water for construction purposes shall make application to the water department prior to using same and the amount to be paid shall be based upon rates fixed therefor. Customers seeking water service to a property shall make application to the Town Clerk, complete a service agreement and pay the required fee(s) as established by resolution of the Town Council.

### 13.04.070 Meters

(1) There shall be a water meter installed upon the service line for each water service for the purpose of accurate measurement of the volume of water used through the water service. The water meter shall be provided by the municipality at its expense and shall be installed by the customer, under the direction of the superintendent of the water department. The superintendent shall select the place on the premises where the water meter shall be installed and shall do a final inspection of all installations.

(2) Except when the superintendent of the water department determines it impractical, all meters for new residential construction shall be installed in a meter pit to provide optimal access by water department personnel.

(3) The municipality reserves the right to change or repair meters on water services that are believe to be reading improperly. All meters shall remain the property of the municipality.

(4) If any water customer shall interfere with the maintenance of a meter, as provided in this code, or shall refuse to allow the installation of a meter at the place on the premises selected by the superintendent of the water department as the place for the installation thereof, the water shall be turned off. The water shall not be turned again until a meter is installed, as required, and a fee in the amount set by resolution of the Town Council is paid by the customer for turning on the water. The party interfering with the installation of the meter or refusing to allow the installation thereof may be cited for a violation of this Chapter.

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(5) Customers shall take every reasonable precaution to protect water meters from damages by frost or otherwise and shall be liable for damage to meters therefrom.

### 13.04.080 Responsibilities

(1) The municipality shall have responsibility for repairs and maintenance of all water mains and meters as well as service pipes from the water main to and including the curb stop. Customers shall be responsible for the maintenance of the service line from the curb stop to the point of delivery. Customers shall exercise reasonable care in protecting the water meter, curb box, curb stop and service pipe from damage. No claim shall be made against the municipality for any damage to the customer's property resulting from a leak or break of any service pipe or apparatus, nor for any interruption of the supply of water resulting therefrom.

(2) When there is a leak in the service pipe from the curb stop to the point of delivery, the customer or agent, shall immediately take charge and repair the leak. In case the customer or agent does not make repairs at once, the water department will proceed to shut off the water and cause the leak to be repaired. All bills for labor and materials to fulfill the customer's responsibility shall become a charge against said customer and shall be collected from the customer or agent. At the end of the month, in case the bill is not paid, the enforcement of payment thereof will be performed in the same manner as for the payment of bills for water consumption.

### 13.04.090 Turning Water On

Water shall be turned on at the curb stop only by an authorized employee of the municipality, and if turned on by another person, an additional charge in an amount established by resolution of the Town Council shall be assessed against the customer and, in addition thereto, the unauthorized person so turning on the water shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, as provided herein.

### 13.04.100 Shutting Off for Repairs

The water department reserves the right at any time and without notice to shut the water off at its mains for the purpose of making repairs or extensions or for any other purpose. No claim shall be made against the municipality by reason of the breakage of any service pipe or from any other damages that may result from shutting off the water.

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### 13.04.110 Water Rates

(1) The rates for the usage of water for all customers shall be established by resolution of the Town Council from time to time to meet anticipated expenditure and debt service requirement plus reserves. Such water rates shall be on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Regardless of tenancy agreements, the property owner shall be ultimately responsible for the payment of all water bills.

(2) Bills for the use of water shall be issued on a monthly basis. All payments for water supplied shall be made payable to the Town of Stevensville and are due no later than the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each month. The bill will become delinquent if the bill is not paid by the last day of the billing month. If the bill remains unpaid on or after the last day of the billing month, a notice shall be mailed to the property owner. Failure to pay the delinquent amount within ten (10) days of the date on the notice may result in water service being shut off by the water department; provided that the town and the property owner may agree to a payment plan to retire the delinquency and avoid the shutting off of water service.

(3) Barring the execution by the customer and acceptance of the town of a payment agreement, water service will not be reinstated to a customer until all current and delinquent bills are paid in full. There will be an additional charge in the amount established by resolution of the Town Council to reinstate water service.

(4) The municipality shall take appropriate legal action to collect unpaid charges, to the extent now or hereafter authorized by law, making the charge a lien against the real property served by the water connections(s) and/or service(s).

### 13.04.120 Irrigation and Sprinkling

The municipality reserves the right to set hours and days for irrigation and sprinkling for all customers. Before an underground sprinkling system is installed on any property, a separate permit must be applied for through the Building Official and the applicable fee paid. All installation work shall be done in accordance with the Plumbing Code, Chapter 15.12 of the Municipal Code.

### 13.04.130 Private Irrigation Well

Private irrigation wells within the municipality may be authorized by the water department if used for lawn sprinkling and outdoor watering only, provided that no private well may be connected in any way to water lines that connect directly or indirectly to the municipal water system. All existing private wells shall be reported to the water department for inspection, and if there is any connection to the municipal system, whether direct or indirect, immediate remedial action shall be taken.

13.04.140 Access to Buildings

The water department shall have access at all reasonable times and hours to all parts of any building or premises in which water is being delivered for the purpose of inspecting the condition of the meters, pipes and fixtures, and shall also have the right to remove meters from the premises for examination and tests when necessary.

13.04.150 Unlawful Activity

(1) It shall be unlawful to make connection by means of a pipe, or otherwise, with any main used for delivery of water in such a manner as to take water from said main without its passage through a water meter or other instrument provided for registering the amount or quantity consumed, or to use any water so obtained.

(2) It shall be unlawful to disconnect a water meter or turn off/on any municipal valve, curb stop or other appliance connected therewith, so as to interfere with its operation.

(3) It shall be unlawful to prevent by erection of any device or construction, or by any other means, free access to any water meter or other instrument for measuring the amount of water consumed, or interfere with, obstruct, or prevent by any means, the reading or inspection of such water meter or instrument by any of the employees of the water department.

13.04.160 Penalty

Any person found to be violating any provision of this Chapter shall be served by the municipality with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory abatement or remedy thereof. Any person, who shall continue such violation beyond the time limit provided for above and not covered by another penalty, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as set forth in section 1.16.020 of the Municipal Code and shall become liable to the municipality for the expense, loss or damage occasioned by such violation.

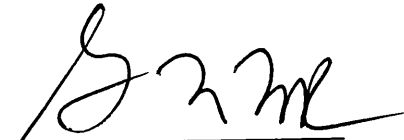
SECTION 5. Sections 15.04.030 thru 15.04.160 of the Municipal Code are repealed.

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Passed on First Reading by the Stevensville Town Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

Approved:

  
Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

Attest:


  
Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk

Passed and Adopted on Second Reading by the Stevensville Town Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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