



**Town of Gordonsville, Virginia
Agenda Item Summary
June 28, 2021**

<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 12d</u> New Business</p> <p><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u> Consideration of Hangar Rent During Airport Runway Construction Project.</p> <p><u>PRESENTER:</u> Mayor Robert Coiner</p>	<p><u>DISPOSITION:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Required [] For Discussion [] Consent Agenda [] Closed Session [] Informational</p> <p><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u> [] yes [X] no</p>
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BACKGROUND:

Construction on the runway-taxiway-apron rehabilitation project will commence in mid-July. The project duration is 120 calendar days and is expected to be completed by early November. The airport will be closed for the duration of the project; airport tenants and users whose aircraft are based at GVE will not be able to fly into or out of the airport during this time, and they will have limited access to any hangar space they rent from the Town. As a result, some pilots have temporarily moved their aircraft to other airports. Orange County airport (OMH) has tie-down space available for any GVE tenants who may wish to temporarily locate their aircraft at OMH during construction for a fee of \$15 per month.

During a runway project information meeting held at the airport on June 7th, it was asked whether the Town would consider modifying hangar rent during project construction.

Currently, all hangar space at the airport is rented, and there is a waiting list of prospective tenants should space become available. The Town receives approximately \$38,000 in hangar rent annually—these funds pay for airport operations and maintenance, including but not limited to electricity, internet, grounds maintenance, materials and supplies, AWOS inspections, property and liability insurance, courtesy car maintenance and insurance, and hangar maintenance and repair.

Additionally, funding for the runway project is a cost-share between the Town and the Virginia Department of Aviation. Revenue from hangar rent that is not expended for airport operations and maintenance will be used to help offset the cost of the project. The Town's approximate cost for the runway project is \$287,700 and requires a transfer from airport fund and general fund reserves.

As a gesture to GVE hangar tenants and based aircraft owners for their inconvenience during project construction, staff suggests the Town offer to pay a monthly stipend for the duration of the project, not

to exceed five months, to anyone wishing to temporarily relocate their aircraft during construction. The value of the stipend would be equivalent to the tie-down fee at another airport--Orange County airport charges \$15 per month, while Shenandoah Valley Regional airport charges \$90 per month, for example.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that Council authorize the Town Manager to offer a stipend, equivalent to the tie-down fee at another airport, per airport tenant/based aircraft owner for the temporary relocation of their aircraft during the runway reconstruction project, not to exceed five months, beginning July 1, 2021.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

“Motion to authorize the Town Manager to offer a stipend, equivalent to the tie-down fee at another airport, per airport tenant/based aircraft owner for the temporary relocation of their aircraft during the runway reconstruction project, not to exceed five months, beginning July 1, 2021.”