



Town of Strasburg, Virginia
Press Release
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The Mayor and Town Council of Strasburg are pleased to announce the appointment of Waverly Coggsdale as Town Manager. During a Council meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the Town Council unanimously appointed Mr. Coggsdale and approved the employment agreement.

Mayor Hawkins-Boies said: "We are excited to welcome Mr. Coggsdale to the Strasburg community. We look forward to his leadership and to working with him to develop and implement the Council's vision for the Town. The Town is fortunate to have Mr. Coggsdale join the Town, as he has experienced success at both the County and Town government level. During the interview process, we were impressed with his ability to relate to Council and the Strasburg community."

The Town conducted a broad search for the new Town Manager. There were numerous applications and the Council interviewed five (5) candidates.

Coggsdale earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Bluefield College (VA) and a Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management from Virginia Tech.

Before joining the Town of Altavista, Coggsdale was Assistant County Administrator for Southampton County, VA (1992-2005). Previously he worked as an Administrative Assistant/Transit Manager (1990-1992) for Bluefield, WV.

Coggsdale said: "I am honored and humbled that the Town Council have entrusted me with this responsibility as their next Town Manager. I visited the Town, and it is a special place with very welcoming people and I look forward to serving the citizens of Strasburg and working with the staff as a team."

Waverly resides in Altavista with his wife, Heather, a third-grade teacher. They have three sons; John, a graduate of Virginia Tech pursuing a master's degree at James Madison University; Ethan, a graduate of Wingate University (NC); and Peyton, a rising senior at James Madison University.

Mr. Coggsdale replaces Jay McKinley, who has served as Interim Town Manager since the departure of Wyatt Pearson, the former Town Manager. The employment contract for Mr. Coggsdale provides for an annual salary of \$130,000.00 and standard Town employment benefits.

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