# Town of Boonville November 5, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building

The following were in attendance at the 11/5/19 regular meeting: Mayor Vaughn Benton, Commissioners William Paul Baity, Monica Craver, and Justin Phillips. Also in attendance were Town Attorney James Freeman, Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Public Works Director Jeff Jones, and Police Chief Jeff Hobson. Commissioners Richard Lasky and Tony Reece were absent.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Mayor Benton called the 11/5/19 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Conflict of Interest Issues and Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Baity asked the Board to add to new Town Business, item B Water Tank Maintenance. Discussion followed. Commissioner Baity motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer: Mayor Benton led the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer.
- **IV. Adoption of minutes:** Commissioner Baity motioned to approve the 10/1 regular minutes, 10/1 closed session minutes, 10/10 special meeting minutes and 10/10 closed session minutes as presented. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Public Comments: Walter Shore, Chairman of the Board of Elections, informed the Board that the Boonville Volunteer Fire Department had requested the B.O.E. move their pole location and spoke of reasons for the request. He stated that he wanted the town board to establish guidelines and extra Police Protection for enforcement of the guidelines when the poles were open. Discussion followed. Police Chief Hobson stated he would contact the Fire Department and make a list of the issues to bring back to the December meeting.

#### VI. Old Town Business:

- A. Update on Water and Sewer Projects: Public Works Director Jones reported on the water and sewer projects, stating both were moving very slowly.
- B. Golf Cart Ordinance (tabled from the 10/1 meeting): The Board asked the attendees to report on their research about the ordinance concerns from the last meeting. Commissioner Craver stated that she had spoken to Trooper Daniel Moxley. She stated that Trooper Moxley would serve and that Trooper Hamby might also serve since both individuals lived inside the town limit. Kenneth Carter distributed on a questionnaire that he had approached local businesses with. He stated that the businesses were in favor of allowing Golf Carts on roads. Donnie Vestal spoke of his conversation with East Bend Police Chief and a representative of Southland Trucking. Discussion followed. Consensus of the Board was to get some in-town representatives to serve on the committee. Per request of Mr. Carter, each Board member spoke their opinion of the topic. Majority of the Board was in favor of the ordinance if it did not bring the town into liability.

#### IX. New Town Business:

- A. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, B.B.D.D.A.: Debbie Cooper spoke of the Tree Lighting Ceremony. She asked the Board to purchase the Christmas tree and stated in the past businesses have donated the tree but this year no one was wanting to purchase it. Discussion followed on the annual donation made to the B.B.D.D.A. and on the day/time of the event.
- **B.** Water Tank Maintenance: Public Works Director Jones presented the Board with the annual invoice for the water tank maintenance. He asked the Board to consider approving it for payment. Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells stated that it was already budgeted for in the budget but because of the amount, would need Board approval for payment. Commissioner Baity motioned to pay Utility Services for Water Tank Maintenance in the amount of \$20,051. Commissioner Craver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### X. Reports and announcements:

- A. Mayor's report: Mayor Benton stated that he had been contacted by a lady in Rockford that had some military memorabilia. He stated she wanted to have a museum and asked the mayor if the town would be interested in helping get it started. Discussion followed on vacant buildings in town.
- **B.** Finance Officer's report: Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells reported on the Fiscal Year 2019 audit and stated that it had been submitted to the LGC for approval. She stated the auditors should be presenting the audit at the December meeting. Mrs. Wells spoke of the town server and stated that it was purchased in 2013 and would need to be replaced soon. She informed the Board that

- one of its hard drives had crashed and that DRS in Yadkinville was ordering one to replace it. She stated the server was used by all town departments. Mrs. Wells then spoke of upcoming trainings and reviewed the October Budget vs. Actual.
- C. Public Works Director's report: Public Works Director Jones informed the attendees that Leaf pickup had started and would run through 12/31.

He spoke of the Christmas Lights and the damage to the Christmas Lights electrical connection at the intersection. He presented the Board with a quote from Gilmer Cox Electric for the repair. Discussion followed on the hit and run to the power pole and if the insurance would pay the town for the damage. It was stated the town needed to proceed with the repair because of the timing. Commissioner Baity motioned that we expend no more than \$2,639.64 for repairs of Christmas tree circuit if our insurance don't cover it. Commissioner Craver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones quoted an estimate for the library. Discussion followed. Consensus was to speak to the library about their upcoming plans to see what was already planned to be done so nothing is duplicated.

Public Works Director Jones presented 4 colors for the town tank. A blue color that fell in the town's marketing plan will be used. Discussion followed on the town logo that would be put on the tank as well.

Mr. Jones reported on recent Lead/Copper testing and stated that it had passed. He spoke of a damaged fire hydrant on Lon Ave. and removal of trees around Town Hall/Municipal Building.

- D. Police Chief's report: Police Chief Hobson had nothing to report.
- E. Departmental Commissioner's Reports: Commissioner Craver reported on the Boo Bash and stated that she was very concerned about traffic/safety. She stated the event went well with the weather conditions and had a good turnout.

No other commissioners had anything to report.

**F.** Committee reports as needed: Debbie Cooper, BBDDA, reported on the Boo Bash, stating even with the rain, the town had over 500 kids and 17 businesses to participate. She stated that the Christmas parade had a hiccup and had been turned over to the Boonville Fire Department. She mentioned a D.O.T. form that needed to be completed and letters that were needed for the parade.

XI. Adjourn: Commissioner Baity motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Craver seconded, and the motioned passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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voter who as a result of the change will be assigned to a different voting place.

(b) Each county board of elections shall prepare a map of the county on which the precinct boundaries are drawn or described, shall revise the map when boundaries are changed, and shall keep a copy of the current map on file and posted for public inspection at the office of the Board of Elections, and shall file a copy with the State Board.

#### § 163A-1046. Structure at voting place; marking off limits of voting place

- (a) At the voting place in each precinct established under the provisions of G.S. 163A-1045, the county board of elections shall provide or procure by lease or otherwise a suitable structure or part of a structure in which registration and voting may be conducted. To this end, the county board of elections shall be entitled to demand and use any school or other State, county, or municipal building, or a part thereof, or any other building, or a part thereof, which is supported or maintained, in whole or in part by or through tax revenues provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to permit any board of elections to demand and use any tax exempt church property for such purposes without the express consent of the individual church involved, for the purpose of conducting registration and voting for any primary or election, and it may require that the requisitioned premises, or a part thereof, be vacated for these purposes.
- (b) If a county board of elections requires that a tax-supported building be used as a voting place, that county board of elections may require that those in control of that building provide parking that is adequate for voters at the precinct, as determined by the county board of elections.
- (c) The county board of elections shall inspect each precinct voting place to ascertain how it should be arranged for voting purposes, and shall direct the chief judge and judges of any precinct to define the voting place by roping off the area or otherwise enclosing it or by marking its boundaries. The boundaries of the voting place shall at any point lie no more than 100 feet from each ballot box or voting machine. The space so roped off or enclosed or marked for the voting place may contain area both inside and outside the structure in which registration and voting are to take place.

# § 163A-1047. Satellite voting places

A county board of elections by unanimous vote may, upon approval of a request submitted in writing to the State Board, establish a plan whereby elderly or disabled voters in a precinct If Boonville Merchants:

If Boonville mayor and town commissioners passed an ordinance that people who own golf carts could ride them on side and back streets, providing that they are at least 16 years of age, have a driver's license and meet all other ordinances, would you as a merchant, welcome them to your place of business and allow them to park in your parking lot while shopping with you?

If so, would you give us who own golf carts your comments?

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2. Drivers Auto Billy Dance

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6. H & W Used Cars

7. Boonville Exxon



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9. Mid-Town Grill Mith Jh

10. Boonville B.P.

11. O-Reilly's Mala a Brown

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12. Sheer Inspiration Salon

13. First Citizens Bank Julian Caupalli

14. Ken's Golf Carts and Batteries Ken Pitt



October 22, 2019

Mayor Vaughn Benton Commissioner William Paul Baity Commissioner Monica Craver Commissioner Richard Lasky Commissioner Justin Phillips Commissioner Tony Reece

Dear Town Board Members,

As you know, the Christmas season is fast approaching, and it will soon be time for Boonville's Annual Small Town Christmas event, which is traditionally held on the first Saturday in December. Prior to that date, and at the suggestion of the residents of Boonville, last year the tree and angel lights were turned on during a ceremony held at 5:30 p.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

For several years, funding for the tree and lights has come from local businesses and personal donations. However, the cost of a tree large enough to suit the needs of the Town has increased exponentially over the past couple of years due to unavoidable weather conditions in the mountains. The cost of last year's tree was in excess of \$400. To avoid delivery fees, Wolfe-Reece, and Lynch staff have coordinated the purchase and delivery of the tree.

For the 2019 Christmas season, the BBDDA members request that the Town of Boonville fund the purchase of the tree out of the Town budget's beautification line in an amount not to exceed \$500. Since this event is for the Town of Boonville, it would also be helpful if the Public Works Department employees would assist in the setting up and placing the lights on the tree. We will be happy to coordinate with the Public Works Director.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. The BBDDA continues to work to stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life for the greater Boonville community.

Sincerely,

Debbie Cooper

Secretary/Treasurer

**BBDDA** 

cc: Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk