Town of Boonville January 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building

The following were in attendance at the 1/2/24 regular meeting: Mayor Vaughn Benton, Commissioners David Cox, Monica Craver, Dwaine Dobbins, and Greg Wagoner. Also in attendance were Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Administrative Assistant/Zoning Officer Steve Hutchens, Police Chief Jeff Hobson, and Public Works Director Tim Collins. Attorney James Freeman attended via Zoom. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Driver was absent.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Mayor Benton called the 1/2/24 meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.
- II. Conflict of Interest Issues and Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Craver motioned to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Cox 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 Cox motioned to accept the 12/5/23 regular session minutes. Commissioner Dobbins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Public Comments: None were voiced.

VI. Old Town Business:

A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Projects: Ethan Gartin, Draper and Associates, updated the Board members on the status of current and upcoming projects.

VII. New Town Business:

- **A. Budget Amendments:** Commissioner Wagoner motioned to accept the 01/02/24 Budget Amendments as presented. Commissioner Craver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **B.** Approve the proposed 2024 Town Board Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Craver motioned to approve the proposed 2024 Town Board Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports and Announcements:

- A. Mayor's Report: Mayor Benton recognized the names of two long-time Boonville residents who had recently passed away. He specifically recognized the many contributions made by Tony Reece
- **B.** Finance Officer's Report: Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells updated on the Board members on the daily operations in Town Hall and reviewed the Budget vs. Actual report for December.
- C. Zoning Officer's Report: Administrative Assistant/Zoning Officer Hutchens reported that the laundromat has been sold and will reopen soon. Because of issues with the U.S. Postal Service delivery of town-issued violations, police officers will be asked to assist by hand delivering the violations in the future.
- **D.** Public Works Director's Report: Public Works Director Tim Collins gave an update on work accomplished by Public Works Department employees. He also reported on recent damage to the JC lot lift station because of the camering that was being performed.
- E. Police Chief's Report: Police Chief Hobson stated that everything in his department was going well.
- F. Fire Department Report: There was no report from the Fire Department.
- G. Departmental Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Craver reported on the US-601/NC-67 intersection project indicating that the NC Department of Transportation expects to begin the project in October 2024. She also reported on the status of Zirrus who is in the process of bringing fiber-optic internet to Boonville. Commissioner Dobbins had nothing to report.

Commissioner Wagoner reported that the Town had a very productive 2023. He thanked the Board members, employees, and the Boonville Improvement Group (B.I.G.) members for their work.

Commissioner Cox thanked all of the Town employees and B.I.G. members. He then commented on the Christmas lights.

H. Committee Reports as Needed: Jeannie Bumgarner, B.I.G. President, reported on the accomplishments of the group during its first year and thanked the Commissioners for their support and assistance. She then announced plans for upcoming events. Jeannie indicated that new B.I.G. members would be nominated soon to replace those who have moved out of town.

IX. Adjourn/Recess: Commissioner Dobbins motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Wagoner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:53 p.m.

R. Devaughn (Vaughn) Benton, Mayor

Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk

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TOWN OF BOONVILLE 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

TO BE HELD AT THE HARVEY SMITH MUNICIPLE BUILDING LOCATED AT 108 N. CAROLINA AVE.

DAY/DATE	TYPE OF MEETING	TIME
Tuesday, January 2, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 4 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 6, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	TOWN BOARD	7:00 PM