

Town of Boonville
January 5, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes
Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building

The following were in attendance at the 1/5/21 regular meeting: Mayor Vaughn Benton; Commissioners Monica Craver, Dwaine Dobbins, Tim Driver, and Justin Phillips. Also in attendance were Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Public Works Director Jeff Jones, Police Chief Jeff Hobson, and Administrative Assistant Steve Hutchens. Commissioner David Cox and Town Attorney James Freeman were present through Zoom.

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Mayor Benton called the 1/5/21 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Conflict of Interest Issues and Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Craver motioned to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Dobbins 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 Craver motioned to accept the 12/1 regular and 12/1 closed session minutes as written. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Comments: None were voiced.

VI. Old Town Business:

A. Update on Water and Sewer Projects: Public Works Director Jones reported on the new well status.

B. CARES Funding: Commissioner Craver reported on the extension of the CARES Act Funds through 12/30/21. She reported on the Hazard Bonus' given to the full time employees and working Part Time Reserve Officers. She stated that all funding came from the CARES Act funds except for Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells whose funding came from General Fund. Commissioner Craver spoke of the new mailing system going on the back porch of Town Hall to help make it convenient for Board members to pick up mail and to help control the traffic in town hall, helping control the possible spread of Covid. She then spoke of some funds used for the town owned library building.

VII. New Town Business:

C. Ratify Hazard Pay Bonus for all Full Time Employees + 2 Active Reserve Officers:

Commissioner Craver motioned to ratify the Hazard Pay Bonus for all Full Time Employees + 2 Active Reserve Officers, where I (Commissioner Craver) called around for a consensus, that we pay all Hazard Bonus through Cares funds except for Kim Wells who was paid through General Fund. Commissioner Cox seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of the NC Department of Commerce Invoice: Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells explained the \$3,871.98 invoice from NC Department of Commerce and stated it was to reimburse the town's account from an unemployment payout of a previous employee. Mayor Benton asked if anyone would entertain a motion to pay the invoice. Commissioner Craver so moved. Commissioner Dobbins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Salt Spreader for Public Works: Public Works Director Jones reported on the status of the town salt spreader and offered options to repair or replace. Discussion followed on the quote for \$1,851.08 and that the purchase can be made with Powell Funds. Commissioner Phillips motioned that we purchase a salt spreader for Public Works. Commissioner Cox seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Police Car Purchase: Police Chief Hobson reviewed quotes obtained for a new police car. Discussion followed on the resale value of the options. Commissioner Phillips motioned that the Police Department purchase the Chevrolet Silverado for \$29,281.14 + taxes and tags. Commissioner Driver seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports and announcements:

A. Mayor's report: Mayor Benton did not give a report.

B. Finance Officer's report: Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells reported on the utility billing and annual Waste Management Calendars. She stated that CPA Charles Scott was still working on the towns financials. She then reviewed the Budget vs. Actual.

C. Public Works Director's report: Public Works Director Jones spoke of the Water Meters and how many of them had been sent back in warrantee. He stated that he had been offered a buy-out option and be replaced with the newer style meter. He expressed concern for that style of meter

because of another town's experience with them. Mr. Jones then spoke of the Christmas Angels and the damage some of them had from the trucks passing through town.

D. Police Chief's report: Police Chief Hobson reported that the department was back to 24 hour coverage.

E. Fire Department's Reports: Fire Chief Renegar was not able to attend. Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells read his report in his absence.

F. Departmental Commissioner's Reports: Commissioner Craver reported on the Dewey's Holiday store and stated the store had exceeded everyone's goal. She reported that in addition to the additional grant from the Winston Salem Foundation, the BBDDA will have earned \$18,000 to use towards playground equipment. She then spoke of the BBDDA's issue with the Christmas tree lights.

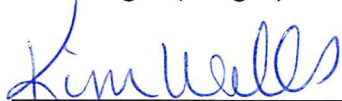
Commissioner Driver asked about the water standing in the road at Galaxy. Discussion followed on a wreck that happened because of the water freezing. Public Works Director Jones stated it was a DOT drainage issue and that he has complained about it multiple times and cannot get the problem fixed.

G. Committee reports as needed: None were voiced.

IX. Adjourn: Commissioner Dobbins motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded, and the motioned passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.



R. Devaughn (Vaughn) Benton, Mayor



Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk