

**Town of Boonville**  
**October 1, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building**

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The following were in attendance at the 10/1 regular meeting: Mayor Rusty Hunter, Commissioners Bill Florence, Janet Matthews, William Paul Baity, and Gerald Brown. Also in attendance were Police Chief Greg Gibson, Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Public Works Director Jeff Jones, and Zoning Officer Tony Roberts.

- I. Call to order and welcome:** Mayor Hunter called the 10/1 meeting to order.
- II. Conflict of interest issues and approval of agenda:** Mayor Hunter stated that item V.B. should be changed to Burl Bradley Storie Agreement instead of Burl Bradley Shore Agreement. Commissioner Matthews requested that item III. be changed to 9/26 recessed meeting instead of 9/26 special meeting. Commissioner Baity motioned to adopt the agenda as corrected. Commissioner Matthews seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Adoption of 9/3 regular session minutes, 9/26 public hearing, 9/26 recessed meeting minutes:** Commissioner Matthews suggested changes to the 9/3 regular session minutes. Commissioner Matthews motioned to adopt the 9/3 regular session minutes as corrected, and the 9/26 public hearing and 9/26 recessed meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Florence seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Public comments:** Bonnie Lasky, 511 N. Carolina Ave., asked questions regarding the Utility Billing and Collecting Policy. Discussion followed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> notice requirement.
- V. Town Business:**
  - A. Yadkin County Co-op aid for cleanup efforts:** Mayor Hunter read a letter he received from Yadkin County. In the letter, the County asked the town to donate \$150.00 to help clean and beautify Yadkin County. Discussion followed on how the County would use these funds. Commissioner Baity motioned to allocate \$150.00 to the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners to be distributed to Yadkin County Cooperative Services to help keep Yadkin County clean and beautiful. Commissioner Matthews seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed on which line item(s) the expense would be charged. The consensus of the Board members was to charge ½ to 5600 Miscellaneous Expense and ½ to 5800 Miscellaneous Expense.
  - B. Town of Boonville and Burl Bradley Storie Agreement:** Mayor Hunter requested that this item be tabled since Mr. Storie had not had time to review the agreement. He stated that the Town's attorney drafted the agreement.
  - C. Boone Trace:** Mayor Hunter informed the Board members that the Town's attorney has stated that the water line at Boone Trace does belong to the Town of Boonville since the water line was installed using the Town's permit number. Discussion followed on water line breaks and voluntary annexation. Commissioner Brown stated he would like the attorney to verify what services are required under a voluntary annexation. Commissioner Brown motioned to allow Attorney Freeman to inform residents Boonville is responsible for the water line and to poll Boone Trace residents regarding voluntary annexation. Commissioner Florence seconded. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote, with Commissioner Matthews voting no.
- VI. Reports and announcements:**
  - A. Mayor's report:** Mayor Hunter thanked Public Works Director Jones and his staff for their work installing the new water meters. Mayor Hunter reported on a meeting he, Commissioner Florence, and Mr. Jones had with Municipal Engineering. In the meeting, Municipal Engineering reported that the Town was no longer eligible for the USDA loan. He stated that Municipal Engineering was exploring the possibility of obtaining a Department of Commerce grant that would require a 5% (\$50,000) match. Mayor Hunter reported that it is an income-based grant that requires 70% of the population's participation. He stated the total project cost would be approximately \$600,000, which does not include the funds expended for the new water meters. Mayor Hunter stated that if the Town found it necessary to obtain a loan for any of these funds, a DENR loan was still available at almost the same interest rate as the USDA loan.
  - B. Finance Officer's report:** Finance Officer Wells reported that the State had issued another year of the Hold Harmless tax, which resulted in the town gaining an additional \$4,100.00 in revenue that had not been budgeted. She stated that CPA Charles Scott had begun the paperwork for the audit worksheets. Finance Officer Wells stated that she was waiting on his AJE's and RJE's to clean up the current year's budget. She stated that once he sends them, she would present the Board members with budget

amendments. Ms. Wells reported that were some minor issues identified during the Mastermeter training but thought that the next month's billing would go smoother.

**C. Public Works Director's report:** Public Works Director Jones also commented on the Mastermeter training and stated that he was showing other Public Works employees the system. Mr. Jones reported that some of the Public Works employees had passed some of the state certifications. Kyle Russell and Tyson Edwards passed wastewater plant, distribution, and collections. Mr. Jones passed the C Well. Public Works Director Jones reported on a water main break on Baptist Church Rd. that led to an estimated 120,000-150,000 gallon water loss. Mr. Jones reminded the attendees that the pre-bid meeting for the Howard Street lift station project would be held on October 3 at 10:00 a.m., and the bid opening would be held on October 17. Mr. Jones commented on conversations that he had recently with Burl Bradley Storie.

**D. Police Chief's report:** Police Chief Gibson had nothing to report.

**E. Zoning Officer's report:** Zoning Officer Roberts reported that he had met with Tom Fletcher. He commented on the conversations Mr. Fletcher had with Family Dollar stores. Mr. Roberts informed the Board members that Mr. Fletcher had hired a company to perform the environmental testing. Zoning Officer Roberts stated that if the real estate agent for Family Dollar backed out, it was Mr. Fletcher's intention to hire his own real estate agent to sell his property.

**F. Departmental commissioner's reports:** Commissioner Brown told the Board members that he would like for them to consider allowing all C-well testing be done in house. Discussion followed. Commissioner Brown motioned to allow Public Works Director Jones to handle the C-well testing. Commissioner Florence seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Public Works Director Jones stated that R&A Labs would continue to perform the analytical testing for the Town. Commissioner Matthews reminded the Board members that the Board of Adjustments (BOA) needed another member. She stated that Mike Johnson, 477 W. Main Street, was interested in the position. Commissioner Matthews stated that he was a resident and also a business owner. Commissioner Matthews motioned to add Mike Johnson's name to the list of In-town BOA members. Commissioner Baity seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

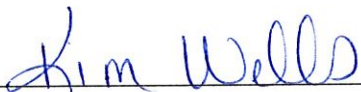
**G. Committee reports as needed:** Tom Bastable, President of the BBDDA, reported on events happening in the area. He reported that several Boonville business owners were working together to have a two-page ad in the next Yadkin Valley Living Magazine.

Bonnie Lasky questioned the items being sold at 117 E. Main Street and asked if Tom Fletcher had a business permit. Zoning Officer Roberts stated that Mr. Fletcher did not have a business permit. Mr. Roberts stated that he had instructed Mr. Fletcher to get yard sale permits to get rid of all items left behind.

**VII. Adjourn:** Commissioner Brown motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Matthews seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



Russell (Rusty) Hunter, IV, Mayor



Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk