

May 9th, 2016

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on May 9th, 2016 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Russell Eason
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Al Searles
Commissioner Joal Smith
Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin
Commissioner Peggy Doran

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon
Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Collins
Police Captain, Patrick Giddeons
Recreation Director, Betty Smith
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

Mayor Russell Eason opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open the public hearing.

Town Manager Shawn Condon gave an overview of the Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan. There were no public comments.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous to close the public hearing.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the April 11th, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Public Comments:

No public comments

Consideration of CSX Rail Crossing Closure:

Nancy Horne with the NCDOT Rail Division presented the request to close Plank Street and Yancey Street and install gates at W. Dudley Street and W. Chelly Street. This was due to the regular safety inspection performed by the NCDOT Rail Division. The Manager explained that the Planning Board had reviewed the request and recommended to close the Plank Street crossing and install gates at Dudley Street. The Manager agreed with this recommendation. The Manager explained that if the Board concurred with this recommendation, that they would need to schedule a public hearing to approve the rail crossing closure of Plank Street.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to schedule a public hearing for June 13th at 7:30pm regarding the closure of the Plank Street rail crossing. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan:

Manager Shawn Condon explained that the Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan was the renewal of the Duplin County Hazard Mitigation Plan in which the Town has fallen under. The Manager recommended approval of the draft Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Joal Smith motioned to approve the draft Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed Town Workers Compensation Policy:

Manager Shawn Condon provided an overview of the proposed policy, and explained the need to have a more comprehensive workers compensation policy than is in the current personnel policy. After discussion, Commissioner Al Searles asked to have more clarification added to the policy regarding an employee who was on workers compensation that could not return to his/her position or a similar position. The item was tabled until next month.

Consideration of Contracting with Duplin County for Tax Collection:

Town Manager Shawn Condon asked the board to consider contracting with Duplin County for collection of Town taxes. The Manager explained that many municipalities contract with their respective counties for tax collection because it is more cost effective and efficient. The Manager explained that by contracting with the County it would make it easier to collect unpaid taxes through foreclosures and would most likely increase the town's overall collection rate. The Manager explained that the cost for contracting with the county would be 2% of the amount collected.

After discussion, Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve contracting with Duplin County for tax collection beginning July 1, 2016. Commissioner Scotty Smith

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seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Tax Releases:

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to approve the attached tax releases. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Changing Board Meeting time:

Manager Shawn Condon stated that it had been suggested to change the regular meeting time to an earlier time. After discussion, the Board decided to let the time remain as is.

Mayor's Update:

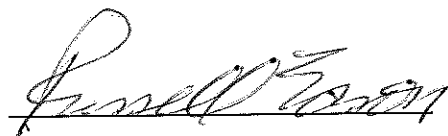
None.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Al Searles asked the community for their support in bringing the senior meals program back to Warsaw, as well as support for the Veterans Day Parade.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk