

November 14th, 2016

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 14th, 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. Martin Owen
Commissioner Peggy Doran

Also Present:

Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Wellness Supervisor, Lydia King
Recreation Supervisor, Betty Smith
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the September 12th, 2016 regular session meeting.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comments:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

Commissioner Owen Martin made the motion to open public comments. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open public comments.

Mrs. Thomasina Williams spoke on the good turnout to vote. Ms. Williams also reported on the meetings of the Board of Elections and the Board of Education.

Mr. John Williams spoke in reference to bulk item pick-up and how he had noticed things being left beside the road. Mr. Williams advised he had checked with other municipalities around the county and reported on their bulk item policy.

Ms. Marzella Morrissey spoke about storm water around the town. The main area of her conversation was around the Elementary School and how bad the water ponded during the past storm.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to close public comments. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Certificate of Sufficiency Regarding Voluntary Annexation Petitions/Schedule Public Hearing:

The Board was asked to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency for voluntary annexation for 813 and 815 Penny Branch Rd. The Board was also asked to set a public hearing on these properties.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency for 813 and 855 Penny Branch Rd and to set the public hearing for December 12th at 7:30pm. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Request from Warsaw ABC Board to allow payment of Cap & Bottle Tax at end of fiscal year rather than quarterly:

The ABC Board had made a request to make Cap & Bottle tax at the end of the fiscal year instead of making them quarterly.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to allow payment of Cap & Bottle Tax at the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Request from Warsaw ABC Board to reappoint Hubert Merritt to Warsaw ABC Board:

The Warsaw ABC Board has one seat, held by Mr. Hubert Merritt, which will be expiring. It was announced that he and Lee Swinson had been nominated to fill this position.

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to reappoint Hubert Merritt to the Warsaw ABC Board. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Consideration of Request from Warsaw ABC Board to adjust salary of Warsaw ABC Board Chairman:

The Warsaw ABC Board is requesting that the Warsaw Board of Commissioners adjust the annual salary of the Warsaw ABC Board Chairman as he has taken on more duties with the recent staffing shortages at the Warsaw ABC store. The Board of

Commissioners is the appointing authority of the ABC Board therefore it has the authority to set the salary of the ABC Board Chairman.

There was discussion about how the salary can be set and how it is to be paid. Commissioner Al Searles made the motion to verify legalities of paying a monthly rate which is to be set by using the rate of pay of former ABC Store manager for the number of hours the Chairman has to work. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjust the Chairman salary to the hourly pay of the former store manager if allowed by the State.

Approval of Tax Releases:

The Town has received tax releases from the County which need approval by the board. The following is a listing of those releases:

Jackie Wallace in the amount of \$521.61
Barbara Louise Mosley in the amount of \$320.00
Baxter Healthcare Corp in the amount of \$3.52

Commissioner Al Searles made a motion to approve the attached tax releases. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Eason thanked everyone for their help with the Veterans Day Parade. Mayor Eason also asked that the Board consider where the Town might be able to purchase some land so that there is more room to expand the activities at Veterans Day as well as at other future events. Mayor Eason also stated he would like to see the Old Armory be converted into a museum and Farmer's Market.

Manager's Update:

Manager Condon was not present for the meeting but submitted a Memo. Manager Condon advised in his Memo that he had attended the required Public Assistance Meeting for agencies seeking to request FEMA reimbursement for expenses related to Hurricane Matthew. Manager Condon also reported that he would be setting up interviews for the Public Works Director position and hope to have that position filled by early December. Condon also reported that the Eastern Carolina Council of Government was assisting in developing a current map of Pinecrest Cemetery. Finally, Manager Condon reported that the Warsaw Christmas Tree Lighting would be held on Friday, November 18th at 6pm at the Warsaw Wellness Center.

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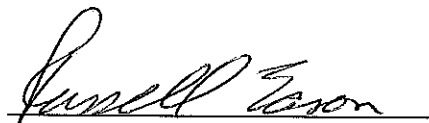
Board Comments:

Commissioner Scotty Smith advised he would like to see an increase in the pickup of bulk items. Commissioner Al Searles asked that the Bulk Item Ordinance be brought back to the next meeting for review.

Commissioner Al Searles mentioned how proud he was of the Town employees for pitching in and working long hours to get everything from Hurricane Matthew cleaned up in time to get everything ready for the Veterans Day Parade.

Adjournment:

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



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk