

Minutes of the Meeting of
The Town Board of Commissioners
Town of Hamilton, NC
March 6, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday March 6, 2025, at 07:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840.

PRESENT **Mayor:** Ervin Williams.

Commissioners: William Freeman, Tamika Council, Edgar Taylor,
Brandon Raynor, Larry Jackson

Town Clerk & Finance Officer: Allison Roebuck; Glinda Fox

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams, the prayer was given by Commissioner Jackson. The pledge was recited by all.

Approval of the agenda or Adjustments to agenda

Mayor Williams asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda or if the Board wished to remove or add them to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda without adjustments was made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion unanimously carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from February 6, 2025 meeting made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Moring – Cemetery Grave Plot; Car Left sitting on Town Property

Patricia Moring stated that Ms. Pinkney was put in one of her plots. She wishes to get a lot to replace it and have the adjustment made in the cemetery record. She complained about a car that is sitting on town property that needs to be moved. Trash cans are also not being moved back on residential property in the area.

Jeffery Taylor – Dog and Leash laws

Brianna states that she had to take a series of shots due to the recent bite. The leash law will now be enforced throughout the town of Hamilton. Notice to go out that if any resident sees a dog that is not on a leash contact town hall sent out on the next billing statement. Per Commissioner Raynor you always call in to the local sheriff's department or local animal control to report any dog issues. There is a lot going into the issues at hand with dogs and recently around town the local sheriff's department is actively working on this. Brandon will leave a signup sheet.

Resident Jerry Griffin states that he brought a sample of his water back in July, states that he was the only one having issues around his home. The NC Department of Environment was given a sample of water 7x more than acceptable of iron metal in the sample. Iron in the water is a concern that people throughout town are drinking this water. Different samples are drawn and have always been drawn for Jerry's house; there is no more checking or sampling at his location. Concerns with the fire hydrate not getting flushed like it's supposed to be getting flushed on a weekly basis. What is the solution to the water issues and pipes? Commissioner Freeman asks how the town could replace the pipes with PVC pipes in areas of concern? Commissioner Freeman will speak with Mike to find out when and why the flushing hydrate has not been done at least flush the hydrate at least every two weeks. Commissioner Freeman will follow up with Mike & Jamie and follow back up with Mr. Griffin.

OLD BUSINESS

Dilapidated Properties Update

Nothing to report still awaiting notified the town lawyer and still awaiting to hear back from both. Commissioner Taylor states that clerk can send letter to resident Goss.

Town Hall Generator

Town Clerk/Finance Officer states that the last update from Piedmont who stated they have turned all information into the contractor and installation should be mid-month of March 2025. No other or new updates have been given.

Town Email Address

Mayor Williams asked the board if they have activated their new town email address. The entire board states they had access to their newly issued email address.

Cameras

Commissioner Raynor states that these cameras can be installed for only \$10.99 a month for four cameras with solar power or wired. Air tags needed to be placed in vehicles in other town owned vehicles. Presented three different quotes for cameras to install at the shop location. The board seemed to favor solar panel powered AOSU security cameras. Mayor Williams suggested to check into the blink brand of cameras, but we should order the air tags immediately.

Motion to purchase four air tags by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

Mosquito Spray

No new information received regarding the new quotes from outsiders.

Maintenance Fencing Quotes

Commissioner Freeman states that he has not heard back from Mike about the quotes.

SERCAP meeting with Randy Welch

Mayor Williams states that their department has cut spending at this time.

Proposal Granville Farms, Inc

Commissioner Freeman states that we could wait 18 months for each load and states that at some point you can haul just water not sludge. This is how other areas are handling these issues. We will not need to agree to the contract at this time and hold off until the new budget.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business report will be reviewed in reports.

FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion to approve the financials as submitted by the Finance officer by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson checked with the state about the road's situation. Gate is getting locked, and EMS needs to always have full access to the tank. Locks have been changed, and no keys have been issued to EMS staff. Farmers go to get water at the maintenance yard due to EMS keeping a log of the amount of fuel used. Mike brought the materials to fix the floor cracks by the gate and never went back to fix or repair the area.

Motion to have a key to the gate and pump to get fuel by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Raynor said Mayor Williams called in the other day and to call the local sheriff's office to have them do business checks for the area at the old Baptist home area. Dog complaints around the area and the situation will be issued on Monday to the homeowner. Codes to the EMS building or the codes to the fire department for the Hamilton locations.

Commissioner Taylor is still waiting on Jodi about the properties at this time and no response has been given. The clerk will reissue the letter of request to the newly presented address for the homeowner.

Commissioner Council regarding the banners. Tarboro printing met here at town hall last week. He can order 12 banners or 24 banners for \$2,400 and different \$4,686.20 with 20 including the

hardware the standard size is 30x60. Once she sends him the pictures, he will mockup a draft to review.

Commissioner Freeman gave the Maintenance Supervisor's monthly report for February:

- Started replacing and painting old trim on dugouts and concession stand. Will paint the concession stand and both dugouts when weather permits. Cleaned fence at the cemetery, getting it ready for painting as weather permits. Put new Town of Hamilton stickers on all equipment. Still had issues with hatch leaking on the new roof at well house #2. Tim came back on 2 occasions to fix it. Waiting for it to rain again to see if it has stopped leaking now. When reading water meters this month had an issue with the program and had to call Fortiline to get it corrected. More than just Hamilton had problems with the new update. Working with our contact at Gov deals, Kimri Pastel to list the old maintenance truck as well as a blower at the WWTP and the chipper again. I started using new maintenance truck. Had pipes at WWTP to freeze this year that we never had issues with before. We did a pump study at WWTP and lift stations this month with Rivers and Associates for the sewer Aia grant. I had to replace the meter box and wiring that supplies the shop because of issues with power. The heater and lights and roll up door was malfunctioning, and the sewer machine and sludge truck were in danger of freezing.

Mayor Williams stated we are on the road with all the snow and ice and questions if we do not clean our roads throughout the town. Electricities meeting about funding for AMI readers for our electric meters.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session for personal matters by Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion 5-0.

Motion to come out of closed session by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to adjourn if there is no other business to cover at this time.

Motion to not engage with the AED at the office by Jackson, seconded by Taylor.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner. Motion carried 5-0 at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved by:

Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Ervin Williams, Mayor