

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
The Town Board of Commissioners  
Town of Hamilton, NC  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Public Hearing**

An interconnection agreement was presented. Mayor asked the board questions they might have about the rider for renewable energy facilities, availability rate, resolution establishing standards for interconnecting small generator systems, and the interconnection agreement will also need approval.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the agreements for their consensus to move into our regular board meeting and move forward.

No one from the public had a comment.

Public hearing closed at 7:00 pm.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 07:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840.

**PRESENT**           **Mayor:** Ervin Williams.

**Commissioners:** Mike Pickle, Brandon Raynor, Larry Jackson

**Town Clerk & Finance Officer:** Allison Roebuck

**Town Attorney:** Lynn Coleman

**ABSENT:** Tamika Council - Late Arrival

**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**

**Motion to approve agenda with adjustments to add flagpole installation was made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. The motion unanimously carried 3-0.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the minutes from April monthly board meeting made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commission Pickle. Motion Carried 3-0.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### Virginia Strevel - Accessory structure

Requested information to put an accessory unit on the property of North Railroad Street and the use of a possible additional living space. She was advised to come by the office tomorrow and pick up information from the office.

### Linda Goodrich - Baseball Field, Commissioner Position, 250 Anniversary

Requested the board use microphones at all board meetings. Noted that recognition should be given not only to Mr. Freeman's youth programs here in Hamilton but also the late Mayor of 40 years and EMS for all their years. She asked if the town could at least consider donating or naming the town hall for the longest running mayor within the Town of Hamilton. Commissioner position placement as a commissioner could reach out as winners of the elections prior. Aware of Brent Lovett, director of Sylvia Heights, on the board of directors for the Roanoke River Partners. Brent would love to come present to the Town of the incoming Rosenwald school progress. Linda states that her and her husband are willing to buy \$300 flags on the remaining poles, 3x5 flag 5- or 6-foot bracket. They would buy 16 flags, and the town could buy 16 more. Let different residents of town, military, police, fire or Ems have in honor or memory plaques made. Jim is willing to put the names of loved ones under the flag and make the plaques to place under each flag. Mike Bennett could paint something to commemorate the 250 anniversary, June 14 is flag day and maybe even a celebration. The Goodrich's are only asking for \$300, maybe one call to get donations for flags and put them back up in the springs to come.

## OLD BUSINESS

### UPDATE REGARDING SOLAR PANELS

Mayor Williams states to follow up from the Public Hearing the Resolution establishing standards for interconnecting small generator systems.

**Motion to adopt the Electricities Resolution Establishing Standards for Interconnecting Small Generator Systems by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle, motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion to accept the net billing rider by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion to accept Power Purchase Agreement Form by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0.**

## LETTER OF INTENT TO FUND FOR WELL

Kevin Cooper from Rivers and Associates presented a resolution for the Board's acceptance of the funding offer for the well project and the Engineering Service Agreement for the Water System Improvements Project.

**Motion to adopt a resolution to accept the funding for the well project made by Commissioner Pickle, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 3-0.**

**Motion to approve and accept Rivers as the Engineer for the Water System Improvements Project by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried**

**Motion to give the mayor permission to sign all documents by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 3-0.**

## UPDATE ON DILAPIDATED PROPERTY ON 306 WEST MAIN STREET

Lynn Coleman states we the town can maintain the area and apply any charges for anything that is owed on the property. Awaiting deed and Lynn states that she will prepare the deed to issue to the owner. Commissioner Raynor requested information, and he will track any further information needed.

## BINGO

All bingo supplies have arrived and are waiting for a date to set up to hold bingo night on June 12 from 6-8pm.

**Motion to charge \$1 per bingo card and the funds go to the Hamilton Parks and Recreations by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.**

## TREE REMOVAL QUOTES

Clerk Roebuck handed the sealed bids to the mayor for review with the board. The board reviewed the bids as presented. Jeff Lewis - Landscaper as well as a bid from Mack Winston's Tree Service. One quote only removed the two trees and the other will remove four trees.

**Motion to approve the sealed bid for Mack Winston's Tree Service by Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jackson will contact the winner of the bids.

## FEED THE TOWN

Commissioner Raynor stated he would like to feed anyone who contributes to the town and the residents to attend and advertise it in advance.

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**Motion by Commissioner Raynor to feed the town on July 10th 2026 seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0.**

I request Mike Bennett come to present at the next meeting new information to add something in remembrance of William Freeman.

**Comment box**

Mayor Williams read the comments from the box as three comments were read aloud for everyone to hear.

**Candidate Interview**

Patricia Mooring introduced herself to the residents and gave her information as to how she has served on the board years prior as well as moving into our new location. She is willing to work with the town and committees to help build the town.

Mary Ann Taylor, unable to attend, will read on her behalf as she attended her only daughter's graduation. Mr. Taylor read her letter of intent to serve the community, Hamilton Church of Christ lady circle, Truck or Treat events that have been within the town.

James Ebron gave the background on his children as well as himself; he worked at Westpoint for 28 years right here in Hamilton. He walks around town for his health as well as looks around at different things around town that need to be done. He would be a man of his word and do better for the town community.

Congratulations to James Ebron as he won all four votes and will be sworn in July 2026.

Commissioner Raynor thanked each candidate who applied.

**Motion to adopt the resolution by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Street Sign**

Requesting the town to purchase a sign to say Railroad Street. Mike Pickle will order a sign that says South Railroad and North Railroad Street.

Mr. Taylor requested to get the ditches cleaned out on the back road to avoid mosquitoes.

**Information sign**

Commissioner Raynor states that he would like to put the information board back in front of the Post Office. Tom Gilson owns the land, and Raynor will speak to him about the area for placement. Email copies of the information to all board members.

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**Election terms**

Commissioner Raynor would like to transition it into a four-year not two-year terms for the Mayor and Commissioners. He suggested a resolution be drafted and requested a public hearing to seek citizen's input. Reduces costs for the town.

**Motion that the Town Board of Commissioners direct the Town Attorney and Town Clerk to research and prepare the necessary documents, resolutions, and or charter amendment requests required to change the term length for elected town commissioners from two years to four years, including consideration of staggered terms, and to present the findings and recommendations to the board for the elections be changed from two to four year terms. Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Flagpole**

Commissioner Raynor would like to have a flagpole installed at the Morris Lynch Center.

**Motion to review different flag poles before the next meeting to purchase by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.**

Commissioner Raynor suggested a motion to approve the purchase of more flags throughout the town for the month of July. The board agreed to the purchase of Goodrich's donation of flags.

**Motion to purchase remaining 16 flags for the town by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.**

**FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Motion to approve the financials as presented by Finance Officer Roebuck was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 4-0.**

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Jackson attended an Electricities meeting, and they have accumulated a billing statement of 50 million dollars, and it will have to be paid back. Electric rates will rise to help provide funding. Requested to kill the poison ivy on the trees in front of the Edna Andrews property and clean out the ditches. Commissioner Pickle states that the school is supposed to take care of their property. Mayor Williams will contact Mrs. Ruffin to find out who is taking care of the area.

Commissioner Raynor presented the cab report and stated he handled the information on the agenda.

Commissioner Pickle states only one water leak throughout the town. Temporary service was placed on Mike Hardison's for the six months which started on May 2nd, 2026.

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Commissioner Council states that she was going to do a back-to-school cookout instead of the end of the school year. Commissioner Raynor informed her to contact them to come out in July for the cookout. The sign in the gym is very heavy, and Mike states that we may have to have someone come in to hang the new scoreboard. Mike states he will call around and see if he can get some quotes to get the sign put up. Basketball annual event in remembrance of Freeman in September or October time frame.

Mayor Williams stated there's been cleaning at the Morris Lynch Center and Mary Jones, Mary Thomas, Angela Freeman, Sandra Lovett and Doris Brown have planted flowers in the pots around town to improve the looks of the town. Head Start Graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 starting at 10AM. Work session scheduled on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the rates and training for the board at 6pm for the attendance of the board members only.

**Town Clerk/Finance Officer**

The Town Clerk/Finance Officer had nothing to report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Raynor requested to enter closed session for General Statutes 143-318.11 - 6.

**Motion to enter closed session by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle.  
Motion carried 4-0.**

**Motion to come out of closed session Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Resident Youngman states that her electric meter is tripping out and. Mayor Williams requested to switch her meter out. Mike will go to switch out the meter at her location. Her current meter is chirping and making noises for over four weeks for hours at the time. Worried about the fire hazard at her home.

**Motion to place a manual meter at her location by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.**

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**Motion to give Keith Brown a raise in the amount of \$17.50 effective immediately by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.**

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

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Ervin Williams, Mayor