

January 3, 2019
Town of Hamilton
Regular Monthly Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Present: Commissioners: Williams, Staton, Freeman and Jackson. Mayor Matthews and Commissioner Everett absent due to illness

Meeting was called to order and welcome by Commissioner Williams (Mayor pro-tem).

Prayer was made by Commissioner Jackson and pledge to flag recited by all.

There is a motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commissioner Staton.
Approved 4-0.

December 6th 2018 minutes read by Commissioner Williams. There were (2) corrections to the minutes that has been noted and corrected. There is a motion to approve minutes with 2 corrections by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Williams ask for a motion from the Board on USDA recommendations that the Town of Hamilton move \$4400.00 from the balance of Waste Water Sewer Capital Project Fund (\$14,877.00); open up a contingency fund account to be used as an emergency, \$4400.00 will be added to this account each year until it accumulates 1 year payment that will be used if Town cannot make yearly payment to USDA. The balance (\$10,477.84) will be deposited into the regular Water/Sewer Fund.

The motion was made by Commissioner Freeman that the Board accepts and approve USDA recommendations. Motion second by Commissioner Staton. Carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Williams states that the board need to adopt Amended Ordinance for Handicap Parking signs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Linda Goodrich: voiced and presented her concerns in writing about deposit fee being too high. She asked the Board to make a motion that they would look into her concerns. Commissioner Williams stated that since this is a comment section where we listen and not a Q and A that her presentation and concerns have given them something to look at and they will be addressed at the next Board meeting. He further stated that the Board will have a response for her. Ms. Goodrich asked if Board would get together and decide; Commissioners Williams states he do not know what the Board will do. He then thanked Ms. Goodrich. (Ms. Goodrich's written proposal will be filed with the January 3, 2019 minutes).

Ms. Alicen McGowan: States that she spoke with Ms. Carol Shields concerning timeline for completion of the Rosenwald School.

Mr. Gerald Unger: States that he has spoken with Mr. Wallace Parker who told him that the Town has not been in contact with him. Commissioner Williams report he has continuous contact with Mr. Parker who has forwarded the site plans to him and they will be at the Town Hall Office.

Ms. Judith Stewart: Christmas Parade was nice. Request breakdown of what everyone is paid. States she has been waiting for 7 months for an apology that is required and is necessary to be made by Commissioner Staton. She states if there is no apology she will be ending it but will be making a report to the ethics commission and the state election commission as a violation of ethics. She reports changing her mind about retiring from Beautification committee and states no more money is to be

spent out of Beautification budget unless approved by her and that she will be volunteering on the parade committee.

Financials: Reviewed by the Board. Copy is filed with these minutes.

Commissioners' Report: Commissioner Jackson HDVFD still looking to recruit volunteers.

Commissioner Freeman: Installed check valve #1 Well House station. Reports the Town was written up by the State for a leaking check valve. Test was done today no leaks was detected. The state suggests that the Town develop a CIP for collection system. I would like to schedule workshop in the spring with Chris Long, of Hertford.

The town truck 2004 is about depleted need to be replaced we must have another truck. I will look at State Plan, Feyer Ford in Williamston, and in Raleigh. Check prices and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Staton: Streets and ditches some leaves lying in them but overall looks pretty good.

Commissioner Williams: CRI – Auditor James Overton sent 2017-2818 amended audit contract to be approved by the Board. A motion to approve contract: Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0.

Ms. Muriel Parker, Archer Development sent copies of Blue Print 48-50 pages Phase 1-5 and states ground breaking should be around 2/19 or 3/19 2019. Plans will be available for viewing by the Town Commissioners at the Town Hall Office.

Since beautification committee during the winter months is not active he ask the Board their thoughts concerning Beautification and considering the committee has not been active in approximately (8-9) months; since the volunteers are not physically able to do the work anymore should a new fresh group of people that are willing and able to work be looked at. Commissioner Jackson asked about restructuring the committee. Commissioner Freeman states that since they are basically volunteers and not active. He then made motion to close it down until the spring April 1, 2019 and restructure the committee by looking for fresh group of volunteers. Motion was second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0.

A motion to accept Amended Handicap Parking Ordinance by Commissioner Jackson second by Commissioner Freeman. Carried 4-0.

Motion to go into closed session by Commissioner Jackson and second Commissioner Freeman. Carried 4-0. Motion come out of closed session by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commissioner. Staton. Motion carried 4-0. No action taken in Closed Session. Back in open session no further business discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Staton and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourn.

Annie B. Jones 2/7/19
Clerk

DS Matt Lewis III 2/7/19
Mayor