

# Town Of Oakboro

**Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
December 17, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**Mayor Burgess opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He had the Town Clerk call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Broadway, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess, Commissioner Harvey and Commissioner Little.**

**Mayor Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.**

**Commissioner Efird had Devotions.**

**Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Agenda with the correction that there would be no closed session. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2018. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$95,554.45. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

## **OPEN FORUM:**

**Cindy Feis: Ms. Feis brought a speaker and bull horn. She stated that she was having trouble with barking dogs for 5 years. She stated that she would try, although she was impaired, to have Commissioners listen to a tape she made of barking dogs. She was not able to make the speaker work, even with the bull horn. She said she had an incident on Friday where she called an Officer. She was told the dogs were gone, but they are not. She saw an officer sit by the dumpster close to where the dogs are located. He sat there for a minute or two, then disappeared. She thought he had left so she got in her car and pulled down to see if anyone was at home – he was sitting there. The officer came to her house to ask if that was her that was driving by. The Officer told Ms. Feis that she was aggravating the dogs. She told the officer that the dogs had barked for 30 minutes before he arrived. She said she also called Albemarle to see if they could send someone. She reported that another Oakboro Officer came in a matter of minutes and said that the dogs**

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weren't barking. She says she could hear it in the background. She wanted the board to know that this is still going on and has not gotten any better.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance: Commissioner Harvey – No Report**

**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Efir – No Report**

**Police Department: Commissioner Broadway – He referred to Chief of Police, TJ Smith. The Chief reported that his department had 668 neighborhood/business checks over the last month. He also had 192 calls for service, 60 citations and 6 warrants. He also reported that the OPD collected 492 toys, 332 stocking stuffers, 18 new bikes, 18 books, 333 stuffed animals, 161 gloves/hats and approximately \$1000.00 in cash for Toys for Tots. Also, the Oakboro United Holiday meal was a big success, again this year.**

**Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efir – He referred to Josh Almond, Head of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Almond reported that basketball season had started. The games would be starting up in January. Oakboro has 5 teams this season. He also talked with a man wanting to host a team for model boat battles at District Park as Oakboro has held this in the past and it brings in revenue from people all over the Country.**

**Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt – He made a motion that we have RDR Inc. construct and install the replacement of an existing manhole and adjustments of 2 existing manholes at a cost of \$34,265.00. Commissioner Efir seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efir – No Report.**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Little – She presented Mayor Burgess with a letter of resignation of her Commissioner's seat, effective immediately. She stated that it had been a real pleasure working for the last year. She also stated that it had been wonderful working with the employees of the town. Mayor Burgess read the letter and the resignation was 12-19-18 at 7:08 PM.**

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**Commissioner Harvey – she thanked everyone and stated that she had enjoyed serving on the Board and appreciates the citizens for having confidence in her for the past years. She said Oakboro is a great place to live, work and play.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt – He thanked fellow Commissioners for their service. He also wanted to thank the Mayor for his service. His wish was for everyone to have a blessed Christmas and enjoy their family time.**

**Commissioner Broadway – He thanked everyone that had supported him. He said he could never have served with better people. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

**Commissioner Efird – He wanted to take this time to thank the Town Employees for an outstanding job. He stated that nobody can realize what a great job they do until you actually NEED them. He stated that his E-1 pump went out the night before Thanksgiving. He called Tommy Kost that night and was assured that his crew would be at his house the next morning by 7:30 am. They showed up and in about 30 minutes they had fixed the problem. He also stated that we don't realize that when we have snow, ice or flooding water that these men are out with generators, keeping our pump stations going so that the town will have water. He commended them on a fantastic job. He also wanted to personally thank all town employees (part-time and full-time) by reading each one's name. Josh Almond, Reggie Bowers, Doug Burgess, Dakota Clark, David Daigle, Leon Dennis, Trevor Dry, Patti Efird, Jason Eschert, Rodney Hahn, Kenneth Honeycutt, Bryce Kaus, Tommy Kost, Ben Lummus, Holly McIlwaine, Carey Money, Leslie Murray, Craig Richards, Mark Shue, Jacob Smith, TJ Smith, David Taylor and Jerry Wallace. Commissioner Efird offered that when you see these people, thank them, for they are the backbone of this town. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.**

**Mayor Burgess was understandably choked up as he said goodbye as Mayor for the past 5 years. He agreed that we have a wonderful Board and wonderful employees. He especially wanted to thank his wife, Ann Burgess for her support. He stated that the job of Mayor takes a lot of time and each person sitting on the Board is devoted to the Town of Oakboro. He stated that it had been a pleasure and he looks forward to supporting the next Mayor, Joyce Little. He was greeted with a long round of applause.**

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**Commissioner Efird stood up and stated that it was an honor for him to present Doug Burgess with a Service Award for the time he has spent dedicated to the Town of Oakboro. He offered that this award was such a small token of what the Town owes to Mayor Burgess for all that he has done. Efird said it wouldn't be right if he didn't go back and recap a few of the big projects that Doug Burgess had spearheaded, such as the sale of the Sewer Treatment Plant which was major for our town. The institution of the sale Beer and Wine and everyone could joke but it brings serious tax revenues for our town and the building of the new Community Building at District Park – what a beautiful facility. Commissioner Efird stated that the Town of Oakboro owes Doug Burgess so much as he knows people don't realize how much money he has saved our town in the past several years. Efird stated that Doug Burgess has done an outstanding job and he's looking forward to working with him as Town Administrator because THAT is his strong suit. On behalf of the Town and this Board of Commissioners he presented Mayor Burgess with a service plaque for services from 1994 to 2018.**

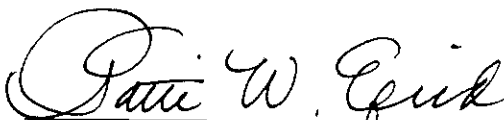
**Mayor Burgess presented Commissioner Harvey with a service award for her services from 2006 until 2018. He says that she had served the Town and served it well. He thanked her, from the bottom of her heart, for everything that she has been able to do for the town and he had the pleasure of working with her for the last 6 years. He presented her with a plaque.**

**Mayor Burgess presented Commissioner Broadway with a service award for his services from 1995 to 2018. He stated that Ernest Broadway was the longest serving Commissioner that he knows of. He stated that the Town of Oakboro thanks him and that he has enjoyed working with him.**

**Commissioner Broadway made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.**

  
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**Doug Burgess, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk**