

Town Of Oakboro

**Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Regular Scheduled Meeting
September 17, 2018
6:30 Briefing
7:00 Meeting**

Mayor Burgess welcomed everyone and called the Board Meeting to order. The Clerk took the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efirm, Commissioner Broadway, Mayor Burgess, Commissioner Harvey and Commissioner Little. Commissioner Huneycutt was not in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burgess.

Commissioner Broadway led the devotions.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Little and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2018. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$112,600.05. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Open Forum:

Renee Poplin addressed the Board in regards to a program that she would like to start in Oakboro. She was in California a few months ago and saw something that meant so much to her.

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It is a program that isn't in the State of North Carolina, yet, so Oakboro may be the first. It's a Military Tribute Banner program. Basically, the program allows people to recognize an active person in the military or veteran – alive or fallen. A picture and some information will be submitted and a banner will be displayed on the poles down main street in Oakboro. Mrs. Poplin produced examples. She stated that she has spoken with the Oakboro Fire Department in reference to putting up the banners and they've agreed to help with this and let us use existing brackets. We've decided to allot a certain number of banners per year. Every year from May through September, possibly November – then the banners would come down and the regular banners would go back up. After the banner comes down, the family will be able to take it home as a keepsake. She would like the Board's approval. She is starting a website and is sure it will take off from there. She knows that some of the older pictures will be somewhat "grainy" but they will do the best they can with the picture they are given. It will be stipulated that neither the Town of Oakboro nor the Oakboro Fire Department will be held responsible if banners are damaged, lost, fading from weather, etc. The Banners will be double-sided. The Cost is \$100.00 and Mrs. Poplin has partnered with VFW Post 6365 in Locust. They have voted and agreed to help with the cost. There is a 501C account created for this. The public will be able to visit the website – there will be an article in the Stanly News and Press.

Department Updates:

Budget and Finance: Commissioner Harvey - No report

Cemetery Streets: Commissioner Efirid – we are in the process of repairing some streets and some potholes across town. The transition from moving RR Street and Hwy. 138 is in process and they're hoping to be done in the next 2 months. We will be seeing a major change in Oakboro. Parking will be prohibited on the

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side of streets at square so the tractor trailers can make turns. It will remain this way until project is completed.

Police Department: Commissioner Broadway - He recognized Chief Smith, and he reported for the previous month: 196 escorts, 505 neighborhood and business checks, 82 citations were issued and 1 DWI arrest. The Chief wanted to commend his officers on a job well done – during Hurricane Florence the OPD rallied in anyway that was needed with chainsaws and whatever it took to help out.

Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efirm – He recognized Park Director, Josh Almond. Mr. Almond reported that the new playground has been installed at Long Street park. It is handicap-accessible. There are some other additional improvements as part of the Part F Grant that are not finished yet. The new playground is a great addition to the town. The Eagle Scout picnic shelter project at the nature park on Hwy 205 is complete. We're appreciative of the Eagle Scout, Coley Whitley, for all of the hard work he put into that. It's a great addition to the park. There are picnic tables underneath and it will be a great place for people to gather. Soccer season has started with 7 teams participating. For the most part, construction is complete on the new community building at District Park. There's just a couple of odds and ends that needs to be finished and it will be opened.

Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt – No Report.

Mayor Burgess did let everyone know that we've had a sewer leak over the weekend and with all the rain from Hurricane Florence this isn't unusual. It was a small leak and it happened at the pump station – with all of the rain, the pump station couldn't

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take all of the water that was coming into it. It has been reported to the State.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efir – First, he wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners for helping to fill the Planning and Zoning Board. We now have a full board with 5 members and 2 alternates. He said they had one of the the best meetings, ever, last Tuesday night and he is very excited to be working with the new board. Also, at that meeting, they passed a Variance and the Board of Adjustment did an excellent job with that. He wanted everyone to know that Oakboro has a Planning and Zoning Board to be proud of. Secondly, Commissioner Efir stated that most everyone should know that we've had vandalism here, in town. He would like to see security cameras installed in the front and rear of Town Hall.

Commissioner Efir made a motion to install security cameras in the front and rear entrances of Oakboro Town Hall. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efir made a motion to allow the installation of the Military Tribute Banners. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion in upgrade with a new antenna at pump station and water tower for \$7225.20. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Comments:

Commissioner Little: She announced our ribbon cutting for the new Community Building on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:00 am. And she thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

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Commissioner Harvey: She echoed what Commissioner Little said and thanked OPD for helping so much during Hurricane.


Commissioner Broadway: No comment

Commissioner Efir: He wanted to especially thank the Oakboro Police Department for their forethought and planning for Hurricane Florence this past week, as they did a great job.

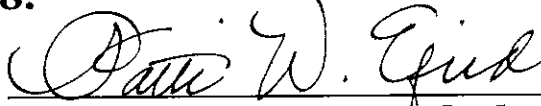
Mayor Burgess wanted to thank the Water and Sewer staff for their hard work during Hurricane Florence. All of that water caused many problems throughout the town.

Commissioner Efir made a motion to continue this meeting until Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at the new Community Building at District Park. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

This the 17th day of September, 2018.



Doug Burgess, Mayor



Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk

