

# Town Of Oakboro

## Board of Commissioners

### Minutes

February 17, 2020

6:30PM Briefing

7:00 PM Meeting

Mayor Little called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked the Town Clerk to call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commissioner Smith, Mayor Little, Commissioner Watkins and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Commissioner Jackson was not present for meeting.

Mayor Little announced that Boy Scout Troop 202 from Locust was in the audience. She asked that they stand and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioner Efird had devotions.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 21, 2020 and February 3, 2020. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$193,318.77. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Mayor Little recognized Attorney Charles Brown. He requested that the Board schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering 11 rezoning applications that were submitted to the Town by Oakmont Acquisitions, LLC. Oakmont Acquisitions is the entity that holds fee simple total title to the properties just West and South of where we are located. All 11 parcels lie within the Oakboro ETJ except for one on Swift road. A portion of that piece of property lies within the Stanly County Jurisdiction and part of it in Oakboro's. The Stanly County portion has been sent to the

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**Stanly County Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation from the Stanly County Planning Board. These 11 properties are coming to the Oakboro Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation from the Oakboro Planning Board.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt a 2020 Census Resolution. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**(1) Sheriff Jeff Crisco: He stated that he just wanted to stop by since he has his first year under his belt. He asked if anyone had any questions of him regarding the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Huneycutt stated that the Sheriff was doing a great job.**

**(2) Wayne Coble: He addressed the Board and stated that what he had to say would probably be more appropriate at the Public Hearing. He is opposed to some of the rezoning for Oakmont Acquisitions, LLC. He stated that he would be back for the Public Forum.**

**(3) Bob Suhay: He wanted everyone to know that he has completed the asset acquisition and will be reopening Oakboro Tractor. He lives in the community. It will be a family business and he is excited to be part of this community. He will be selling Bobcat, Stihl, Husqvarna and Echo.**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance: Doug Burgess reported that for the General Fund, Revenue is at 75% and Expenses are at 67% - Water Revenue is at 59% and Expenses are at 56% - Sewer Revenue is at 74% and Expenses are at 68%.**

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**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Watkins – No report**

**Police Department: Commissioner Huneycutt: He referred to Chief TJ Smith. Smith reported that his department, in the last 4 weeks, conducted 4 arrests, 125 citations, 249 escorts and various calls and 948 business and neighborhood checks. He also reported that they are midway with the DARE program at the Oakboro Choice Stem School. He invited the Mayor to be at the graduation to speak to students. He contacted Rep. Wayne Sasser in regards to the lack of caution lights in front of the school and Mr. Sasser was able to acquire monies to purchase those through NCDOT. They will be installed very soon.**

**Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Smith: He referred to the Head of Parks and Rec, Josh Almond. Almond reported that the basketball season ended on the previous Saturday and other than a few incidents it was a very good season. There was a much higher turnout than last year. Soccer signups are in full swing and it will be starting the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The Rainy weather has hampered some of the projects that the grounds keepers wanted to start but Rodney Hahn, Trevor Dry and Brayden Eudy has done the best they can do despite the conditions. He wanted to commend them for that. There was a Boy Scout troop that camped out at the River off of Highway 205 – they had a big crowd and hopes they enjoyed out park.**

**Water and Sewer: Commissioner Efird – He reported on some of the work that is going on in town. The rehabilitation process is beginning with some of our fire hydrants. It's expensive but necessary. He also reported that we continue to check on our I and I. Very shortly, a business will be running a camera through the lines in town to see which need "re-lining". The town could be looking into some no interest USDA loans in case we need it.**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efird – He referred to Zoning Officer TJ Smith. Smith reported that hopefully the Board will be adopting a new noise complaint ordinance very soon. He gave each Board Member a copy to be studying. He also wanted to "table" the Planning Board workshops for February 22, 2020 and February 29, 2020. He and Doug Burgess will be attending a workshop in reference to the 160D conversation that has come up with Zoning throughout the State of North Carolina. He also stated that at the last meeting he was asked about crosswalks. He has been in touch with Marc Morgan with NCDOT and he has a grant called TAP "Transportation Alternative Program" – it will pay**

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for curb, concrete and paint. We are currently looking at putting one in front of Los Jacubes Restaurant as there have been several "close calls" there.

Commissioner Efirm wanted to address the rezoning for the 11 properties for Oakmont Acquisitions, LLC. He reported that after due consideration by the Oakboro Planning Board and a vote of 4 to 1 favorable recommendation to this Board, he would like to ask to set a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to set a Public Hearing for March 16, 2020 to hear comments, for or against, for the rezoning of 11 pieces of properties for Oakmont Acquisitions, LLC. Those 11 properties including: 16848 Silver Road, tax record #22608, Silver Road Tracts 1 and 2, tax record #34992, 8504 Swift Road, tax record #30861, 10195 Lighthouse Road, tax record #11013, 16970 Buster Road, tax record #24163, Lighthouse Road Tract 1, tax record #24662, 11366 Shinn Road Tract 2, tax record #10033, 11350 Shinn Road Tract 3, tax record #24661, 712 N. Pine Street Tract 1, tax record #888, and 405 West Eighth Street Tract 2, tax record #1101. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm also reported that the Oakboro Planning Board had sent a favorable recommendation to the Oakboro Board of Commissioners to rezone a piece of property for Joseph Burleson – 19 +/- acres on Hatley Burris Road as phase III of the Forrest Creek subdivision from R-15 to R-9.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to set a Public Hearing for March 16, 2020 to hear comments, for or against, the rezoning of a piece of property for Joseph Burleson, 19 +/- acres on Hatley Burris Road as Phase III of the Forrest Creek subdivision from R-15 to R-9. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Mayor Little stated that was need for a Closed session.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to go back into Open Session. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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**Action taken in Closed.**


**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to hire Jeffery Todd Greene as a part-time police officer at \$14.00/hour. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**


**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to promote Officer David Daigle to Sergeant. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion that in regards to the Zoning Mediation involving 422 N. Main Street, the sentence "Owner may make mechanical repairs to vehicles outside the fenced in areas and/or building" be stricken from the settlement agreement, signed by Mayor and returned to Attorney Bowling. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and carried, unanimously.**

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

**This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

  
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Joyce H. Little, Mayor

  
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Patti W. Efirm, Town Clerk