

**Town Of Oakboro**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Minutes**

**June 15, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

**Mayor Little opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked the Town Clerk to call the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efirm, Commissioner Huneycutt, Commission Smith, Mayor Little and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess. Commissioners Jackson and Watkins were not present.**

**Mayor Little led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

**Commissioner Smith had devotions.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$54,621.45. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the minutes from May 18, 2020 and June 2, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to appoint Town Administrator, Doug Burgess as designated signer for projects. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

- 1. Judith Williams from 508 Pecan Drive addressed the Board with concerns about speeding on Pecan Drive. She said that people are speeding and endangering the residents – especially the children. There are two signs on Pecan that post the speed limit at 20 mph. She presented a petition signed by residents on the street. She asked the Board to have a speed hump installed.**

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- 2. Bobby Davis from 1607 Trotters Ridge addressed the Board. He had two major concerns: (1) deteriorating road – chunks of road are separating. (2) The new subdivision construction water runoff is causing a sink hole and is a danger for anyone, especially children. Commissioner Efirid assured Mr. Davis that someone would be out to look at this problem ASAP and do whatever it takes to make it safe.**
- 3. Jim Hillard from Trotters Ridge addressed the Board with the same concerns as Mr. Davis.**
- 4. Ryan Bramham from Trotters Ridge had the same concerns as well as his asphalt raised on this driveway making half of it unusable.**
- 5. Wayne Sasser – He stated that he and Chief Smith had given out boxes of vegetables to needy families all afternoon.**
- 6. Ralph Jackson – He wanted to thank Chief Smith for helping with the Community Cleanup. He’s hoping to schedule a community cookout for South Oakboro on 8-15-2020.**
- 7. Pastor Waits – He spoke about the produce boxes that were made available from a grant. He asked for 100 boxes – Chief Smith has helped deliver these boxes. Hopefully they will receive one more shipment. In addition, the state got another grant for milk, lunchmeat and cheese. Hopefully they will be getting 2 more shipments of these.**
- 8. Zack Helms: He addressed the Board and stated that he is heartbroken that the Oakboro Fire Department had to cancel the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festivities. He has started a campaign to have an “Oakboro Freedom Convey” on July 4, 2020. It will be a simple ride thru. He wanted to thank Chief Smith for helping with this. He would guess that there will be 100-150 participants.**
- 9. Cody Graves: He addressed the Board with a concern that Chief Smith is taking a lot of flack on social media for his support of the “ride thru”.**
- 10. Jeff Crisco: He wanted to voice his approval of the Oakboro Freedom Convoy stating that it is legal and is a simple drive thru – just like any convoy of people. He said he would have officers here to help with any traffic concerns. Any vehicle will have to be legal with legal aged drivers. Golf carts will have to be registered and no candy thrown.**

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**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE:** Commissioner Jackson was not present. Town Administrator, Doug Burgess, presented a list of Budget Amendments for 2019-2020 – Budget year ending June 30, 2020.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Budget Amendments for 2019-2020. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Mr. Burgess also presented the contracts from Chambers Engineering for the water infrastructure for Charlotte Pipe. His actual fee will be based on whatever the bid comes in at. Right now, his fee is \$324,267.00. This includes all of the water lines and the elevated storage tanks – this is the design and engineering phase.

Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the Chambers Engineering contract for the water infrastructure for Charlotte Pipe for \$324,267.00. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

**CEMETERY AND STREETS:** Commissioner Watkins was not present.

Commissioner Efird made a motion to approve a speed hump for Pecan Drive to address Mrs. Judith Williams' concerns. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Commissioner Huneycutt referred to Chief Smith. Chief Smith stated that he had been working with a skeleton crew since 4 officers had tested positive for Covid19. For the previous month, his officers wrote 126 citations, 568 neighborhood and business checks, 2 arrests and 159 calls of service.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Commissioner Smith referred to the Head of Parks and Rec, Josh Almond. He gave details on what was going on with the park in regards to the current phase with Covid19. He also is involved with acquiring a DOT grant for Bicycles and Pedestrians. He is required to obtain support of the Board of Commissioners.

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**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to give Board's approval of acquiring a DOT grant for Bicycles and Pedestrians. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**WATER AND SEWER: Commissioner Efird had no report.**

**ADVISORY BOARD/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Commissioner Efird referred to Chief Smith. Smith reported that there is a big cleanup – 5 houses are to be torn down. He also stated that demolition had started at old Tuscarora Mill.**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

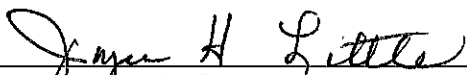
**Action taken in Closed**

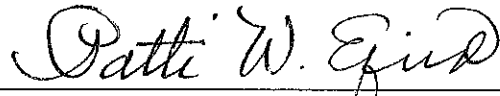
**Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 60% tax incentive over 6 years for new business expanding in Oakboro promising 26 new employees. Commissioner Efird seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Candice Lowder, Chairman of EDC for Stanly County, stated that her department would handle all Public Hearing Notices and Ads. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for July 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Huneycutt all voiced their approval.**

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

**This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.**

  
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**Joyce H. Little, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efird, Town Clerk**