



**Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
MINUTES
August 1, 2022
6:30 PM**

Mayor Little opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hathcock seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

The Town Clerk called the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Hathcock, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Little, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Watkins and Town Administrator, Doug Burgess.

Items to be discussed:

- SRO for Oakboro Stem School
- Scheduling Police Officers.

SRO for Oakboro Stem School: the mayor offered that there was only 1 new police officer and 1 new police car budgeted for the new year. She wanted to know why we have 4 officers working during the day and not enough at night? She agreed that if we could get a grant that would be great. Commissioner Smith agreed that it would be great if we could acquire a grant but can't see where we could fund another police officer without the grant. There was much discussion.

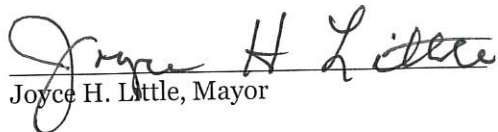
Commissioner Smith made a motion to apply for the SRO Grant as it specifies with required wording. If we do not get the grant, Chief Smith can discuss with his Officers and see if one would agree to take the position. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

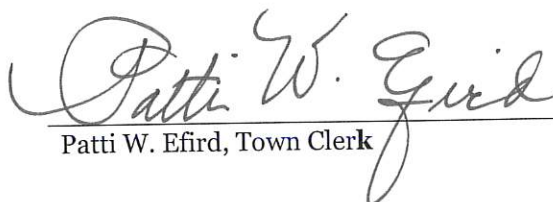
Scheduling Police Officers: It was discussed at length and was decided that something needs to happen immediately and the Commissioners will make sure this is carried through. This issue must be addressed and corrected at this time as it has not been in the past.

Commissioner Efird made a motion that there be 2 officers on every shift, even if Chief Smith has to work patrol to cover a full shift for someone. Two officers on every shift, 24/7, 365 days a year. The Chief shall have input as to who will work the shifts. Doug Burgess is to confirm this with Chief Smith and make certain that it is implemented immediately. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

This the 1st day of August, 2022.


Joyce H. Little, Mayor


Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk