



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES

April 15, 2024

7:00 PM

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Mayor Huneycutt called the meeting to order. He asked Mrs. Leslie Murray to call the roll. Commissioner Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Commissioner Lanny. Hathcock, Mayor Christopher Huneycutt, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith and Ms. Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator. Daniel Smith, Parks and Recreation Director and Assistant Chief Jason Eschert were also present.

Commissioner Smith had the devotion for tonight's meeting. He shared that he feels like with Easter being on the forefront of our minds, the word resurrection is one of the most important words we have. He shared a little on that and then prayed over the meeting.

#### **Approvals**

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2024 and March 18, 2024. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$229,227.15. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### **Open Forum**

No one signed up for open forum.

#### **Administration**

##### **Adopt Election Filing Fees**

The Town of Oakboro is required to adopt the election filing fees for this year. Ms. Harvey asked the board if they would like to keep the filing fees the same as last year. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adopt the filing fees of \$25 for Mayor and \$25 for Commissioner.

##### **Social Media Policy Approval**

Ms. Harvey presented social media examples during the February, 2024 meeting. One social media policy has been chosen and that is attached at the end of these minutes. Commissioner Barbee made a

motion to approve the social media policy and it was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

### **Department Updates**

#### **Budget and Finance**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Barbee for an update. Commissioner Barbee shared the following information:

|         | Revenues | Expenditures |
|---------|----------|--------------|
| General | 93%      | 84%          |
| Water   | 110%     | 63%          |
| Sewer   | 75%      | 75%          |

#### **Cemetery and Streets**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Ms. Harvey because Mr. Reggie Bowers was absent. She shared that the department has been working on the following:

- Cleaning up ditches
- Sweeping streets
- Completed filling potholes
- Stoney Run paving started today, April 15.

#### **Police Department**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock referred to Assistant Chief Eschert. He shared the following information:

- Today marks the anniversary of losing Officer Damon Smith
- 447 – Traffic Stops
- 201 – Citations
- 2 – Vehicle Pursuits
- 8 – Arrests
- Assistant Chief Eschert shared that the K9 unit received a \$3,000 K-9 grant
- A follower of the K-9 Joker and K-9 Bane Facebook page donated 12 CPR masks which can go into each police vehicle.
- The same follower donated two medical bags. One will go to the Oakboro Police Department and one will be donated to Oakboro Stem School
- Through donations, Assistant Chief Eschert has been able to donate the K-9 Joker book to all elementary schools in Stanly County, Union County, and has almost received enough donation to cover Cabarrus County Elementary Schools as well.

### **Parks and Recreation Department**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Jackson for an update to the Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Jackson referred to Mr. Daniel Smith, Parks and Recreation Director. He shared that we are coming into the summer events.

Some of the early summer events he mentioned are:

- Movie in the Park – weekend before Memorial Day as a school finishing up event
- Working with an event company for a food truck festival that would include vendors, a live DJ, Kidzone and more. This event would be held from 10am-3pm
- Looking to finish summer off in August/September with another concert

Mr. Smith mentioned he would be getting publicity out this week.

He also shared that he is filing a grant application this week to repair the other field's dugouts. The one field was damaged so much in a storm that it was repaired last year. The dugouts haven't been replaced in approximately 15 years.

### **Public Works**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Smith. He referred to Ms. Harvey. Ms. Harvey shared that Mr. Bowers was absent but she had a report from him.

#### **Water**

- Installed 4 new meters
- Replaced 4 meters
- Worked on 2" water leak

#### **Sewer**

- Replaced 5 E-1 Pumps
- Worked on 2 new pumps at Oak Glen
- Worked on Sewer Pump Station at Oaks at St. Martin

### **Advisory Board/Code Enforcement**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Hathcock. Commissioner Hathcock referred to Ms. Harvey. She shared that True Homes is working on the Hilltop water line at the time. She advised that she didn't have anything new at this time to share.

### **Historic Committee**

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Commissioner Carpenter. Commissioner Carpenter referred to Ms. Harvey. She shared that the Historic Committee has not met the last two months, but they do have a planned meeting for April 29, 2024. At this meeting, they will reassign members, chair and vice-chair of this committee.

#### **Mayor & Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Smith thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting. He thanked Assistant Chief Eschert for getting the books into the elementary schools in Stanly County, Union County and most of Cabarrus County.

Commissioner Barbee thanked everyone for being here today. He thanked all of the department heads for the hard work. He appreciates all the information supplied to the commissioners. He shared that we will have a budget meeting on May 9 and will have information to bring back to citizens.

Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone for being present and a special thanks to the town employees. She thanked the board and everyone present.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming and please come back next time.

Commissioner Hathcock thanked everyone for coming and mentioned how nice it is to see the people. He appreciates all the people who give up their time to serve. He thanked the town employees and the commissioners for all they do.

Mayor Huneycutt thanked everyone for being present to support the town and the board of commissioners. He mentioned that May 2 is Day of Prayer and encouraged everyone to attend that could. He shared that the local pastors would be helping with this.

#### **Closed Session**

Mayor Huneycutt advised that the board has a need for a closed session regarding Personnel (G.S. 143-318.11(6)) and Attorney-Client Privilege (G.S. 143-318.11 (3))


Commissioner Barbee made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

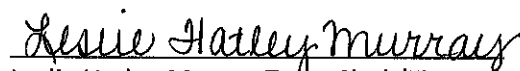
#### **Open Session**

There was no action taken during the closed session. Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hathcock seconded.  
Voted and carried unanimously.

  
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Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor

  
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Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk/Finance Officer