

# Town Of Oakboro

Board of Commissioners  
Minutes  
Public Hearing  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
November 19, 2018  
7:00 PM

Mayor Burgess opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comments, for or against, Oakmont Acquisition LLC for a zoning change to "I" (Industrial) for the following tracts of land: 26 acres on Buster Road – Tax Record 862 (currently R-A). A parcel located on east side of Lighthouse Road – Tax Record 10034 (currently R-20). A parcel located on west side of Lighthouse Road – Tax Record 4478 (currently R-20). 3 vacant lots on Shinn Road – Tax Records 21677, 21678, 2179 (currently R-20).

Attorney Charles Brown asked to speak on behalf of Oakmont Acquisition LLC. He had several people with him, members of the Economic Development Committee – Rick Williams, Wayne Sasser and Larry Baucom. He also had with him, Attorney Max Justice, as co-counsel on this project. Mr. Brown addressed the Board and handed out color-coded maps of the properties stated above. The application and fees were paid on September 19, 2018. After appropriate notice, the Oakboro Planning and Zoning Board conducted a Public Hearing. Mr. Brown proceeded to go thru each parcel of land and offered that each of those properties adjoins some property owned by Oakmont Acquisition LLC that has already been re-zoned. He told everyone that proper notice was giving to the Planning and Zoning Board before they met and sent this to this Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. This Public Hearing was properly noticed by registered mail to the adjoining land owners. Additionally, 5 different postings were made to notify adjoining landowners about the forthcoming hearing. Attorney Max Justice spoke to thank the Board and ask for considerations for this request. Mr. Brown asked that the color-coded plat and Exhibit "A" be made part of the minutes.

Since no one else showed up to speak, Mayor Burgess declared the Public Hearing Closed. (7:23 PM)

Mayor Burgess called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Town Clerk called the Roll with the following present: Commissioner Efird, Commissioner Broadway, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess, and Commissioner Little. Commissioner Harvey was not in attendance.

Mayor Burgess led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Burgess led devotions.

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

Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 15, 2018 with a correction that Commissioner Harvey did not lead the devotions as she was not in attendance. Commissioner Broadway seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$193,709.13. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

Open Forum: David Huneycutt signed up to promote senior softball here in the western part of Stanly County. He wants to promote health and well-being. NC ranks #1 in the nation. He wants the support of the Town as it will generate business for the Town of Oakboro.

Cindy Feis: She stated that she has a noise ordinance issue that has been going on since February, 2014. She thinks because of her neighbor's job; the ordinance is not being followed thru. She stated that her neighbor has a high position and people keep side-stepping around him. She also stated that the Oakboro Police Department has helped her with other dog barking issues. She said that this particular one is the closest, the loudest and the longest. The ordinance says "repeatedly" but she is getting from different people that it has to be non-stop. She says at times it is non-stop as these dogs are left outside, in a pen, unattended, for entire weekends and the man's mother comes by and takes care of them in the morning and the evening. Ms. Feis also added that most of the time, she is at their mercy. She says she was happy when the Eagles Nest started playing live music – thinking they were only a block away, they could grill on deck and listen to the music but those dogs would bark relentlessly. She says she has all of it on tapes – actually 104 tapes. She wants some help – she has a lot of documentation. Her question tonight is "What does she need to do from here, to get this to stop?" Ms. Feis stated that it's effecting her health

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because she had to go to the Dr. for nerve pills. She says not only does she have to listen to the dogs, the homeowner taunts her by playing the Christmas Song where the Dogs are barking to Jingle Bells – he puts on loud speaker. She says she has dealt with this same man before when he had two different dogs stating that one dog disappeared and she adopted the other one. She wants to know who is responsible for this noise ordinance – Is it the police for not following through, is it the town because they hire the police or is it the individual?

Ms. Feis continued that years ago, Joe Lowder, got them to use bark collars but they would take them off and hang it where she could see it and leave it there for days. Again, she says, they were at the mercy of those dogs – barking. She says it affects her barbeques, hot tub, working in yard, etc. She states that she does not provoke or antagonize because she doesn't want to hear anymore barking. She offers that the dogs don't only bark at people, they bark at everything. She wants to know what can be done, after three years, for some peace and quiet because she doesn't want to take poisonous nerve pills. She knows that these people have big jobs and the mom owns a lot of businesses and she has stated to Ms. Feis that she pays a lot of taxes. Ms. Feis wanted the Board to know that Oakboro is made up of a lot of small people and she might be a cotton mill worker that makes clothes but everybody needs clothes.

Darrell Davis: He confirmed that he was with Ms. Feis and that everything she said was true. He and Ms. Feis love animals but the people are making it tough on everyone. He asked the Board to please help them.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:**

**Budget and Finance – Commissioner Harvey: Not present – no report**

**Cemetery and Streets – Commissioner Efirid: He stated that there were still some potholes that were being worked on.**

**Police Department – Commissioner Broadway: He referred to Chief Smith. He reported that 944 business and neighborhood checks, 281 calls, 3 arrests, 92 citations. December 1, 2018 will be a community Christmas dinner – open for everyone – free, December 5, 2018 will be a Toys for Tots drive. They will be on top of Police Department until a trailer is filled with toys.**

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**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement – Commissioner Efirm: After a favorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board and after their due diligence:**

**Commissioner Efirm made a motion to approve the zoning change for Oakmont Acquisition LLC to “I” (Industrial) for the following tracts of land: 26 acres on Buster Road – Tax Record 862. A parcel located on east side of Lighthouse Road – Tax Record 1–34. A parcel located on west side of Lighthouse Road – Tax Record 4478. 3 vacant lots on Shinn Road – Tax Records 21677, 21678, 21679. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Charles Brown thanked the Board on behalf of Oakmont Acquisition LLC. He also had an unrelated matter to share with the Board. He wanted everyone to know about a Judicial Sale in connection with Jonah and Margie Huneycutt property. He handed everyone a copy of the commercial sale article that will be posted in the newspaper. Properties include the Service Station on the corner here at the stoplight including the beauty shop. The Jonah and Margie home and land on the corner of Glenwood and Hwy. 205 and 2 vacant tracts just to the north. A 13-acre tract of land on Silver road. He and Attorney Jeremy Griffin serve as commissioners for sale of properties. Signs have been erected and are on properties.**

**Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efirm: He recognized the Head of Parks and Rec., Josh Almond. Mr. Almond reported the Community Building dedication last month, was a success. He thanked Commissioner Little for all her had work in making that dedication a success. Renovations are finishing up at the old Community Building. He had Forestry Service come out to check on trees at the park. They recommended we do some thinning of the trees and maybe some ground burn. He will be researching that.**

**Board Member Comments:**

**Commissioner Efirm: His wish was that everyone would be able to spend time with their families for Thanksgiving and remember what the season is about. He was especially happy to see a large crowd in attendance for the Public Hearing and the process. He wished everyone happiness and good health.**

**Commissioner Broadway: He thanked everyone for coming.**

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**Commissioner Huneycutt:** He was happy to see such a large crowd. He appreciates their support for the town and the amount of information presented to the Board. He also appreciates all that the Oakboro Police Department does for our town. He wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**Commissioner Little:** She wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving – and she wanted everyone to remember that Thanksgiving is just one day of the year – we need to be thankful each and every day of the year.

**Mayor Burgess:** On behalf of the Board, again, he thanked everyone for coming. He stated that we have been blessed with the attendance of some very distinguished people, tonight, and we thank you for supporting us and the Economic Development Commission. It's very important for the Town of Oakboro.

**Commissioner Little** made a motion to go in Closed Session. **Commissioner Broadway** seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

**Action Taken in Closed Session**


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

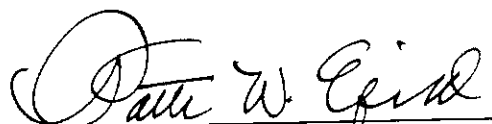
**Commissioner Huneycutt** made a motion to hire Matt Howard as an office with the Oakboro Police Department (pending verifications) with a starting annual salary of \$37,585. **Commissioner Broadway** seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

**Commissioner Efir** made a motion to give full-time employees a one-time pay increase of \$250.00 and part-time employees \$100.00. **Commissioner Little** seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018

  
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Doug Burgess, Mayor

  
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Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk

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