

# **Town Of Oakboro**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Minutes**

**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**October 15, 2018**

**6:30 PM Briefing**

**7:00 PM Meeting**

**Mayor Burgess Welcomed everyone and called the Board Meeting to order. The Clerk took the roll with the following present: Commissioner Efir, Commissioner Huneycutt, Mayor Burgess and Commissioner Little. Commissioners Broadway and Harvey were not present.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burgess**

**Commissioner Harvey had the devotions.**

**Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Efir seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2018 and October 2, 2018. Commissioner Little seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Efir made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$154,519.83. Commissioner Huneycutt seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Miss Cindy Feis was not present.**

**Open Forum:**

**Lynn Huneycutt: She greeted the Board. She wanted to paint a picture for the Board of what she's been dealing with in reference to Cindy Feis, as a neighborhood for many years. Ms. Feis calls Mrs. Huneycutt's daycare center to tell her that her**

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**son's dogs are barking. Mrs. Huneycutt gave Miss Feis her cell phone number so she would be able to get directly in touch with her. Mrs. Huneycutt says she's been up and down and all around about this situation and she wants to be a good neighbor so her son gave his dogs away. But, due to his job, he does have dogs, again, to protect his family. They are really big dogs. Mrs. Huneycutt, her son's landlord, insisted that the dogs need to go outside during the day. The dogs are outside during the day and brought in during the evening. Miss Feis calls the police every time she hears a dog barking. A lot of times, there not even her son's dogs that are barking. Mrs. Huneycutt has been walking between properties, before, and can hear dogs barking across the railroad tracks and echoing back to their neighborhood. The family across from Eagle's Nest has dogs that bark, too. Mrs. Huneycutt says she told Miss Feis that dogs bark and cats' meow and mentioned to her that maybe she needs to move to the country because she's constantly causing chaos in the neighborhood. Miss Feis has already been to the home of her newest neighbors asking for their dogs to be quiet. She also complains about the children at the daycare. Mrs. Huneycutt sees the Oakboro Police, frequently, at the property and she stands there with them waiting to hear a dog bark.....they never do hear a dog bark. Miss Feis has been seen throwing rocks at Mr. Huneycutt's dog. Miss Feis stands in the road and video tapes the dogs. Miss Feis' boyfriend who takes Ambien has been seen howling at the dogs and, of course, they are going to bark at him. Mrs. Huneycutt says if she ever hears the dogs barking, she goes to see what is going on. Miss Feis and her boyfriend used to walk behind Mr. Huneycutt's house and Mr. Rushing, the land owner, asked them to stay off of his property. She is an aggravating force and dogs know who to like and who not to like. Mrs. Huneycutt wants to let the Board know that they are good neighbors but something about the sound aggravates her senses.**

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**Mr. Robert “Robbie” Huneycutt (son of Lynn Huneycutt and neighbor to Cindy Feis) greeted the board. He brought in bark collars that he bought for his dogs on October 2, 2018. He says he is doing the “due diligence” as a dog owner to house his dogs and keep them from barking. He stated that all dogs bark – every dog in the neighborhood barks. He said that he ran a couple of miles before coming to tonight’s meeting and 5 different dogs barked at him as he ran by. The collar sends a shocking pulse when his dog barks and an amber light comes on. It’s a big shock and throws an audible tone and a spark. He says that his dog did jump over the fence a couple of weeks ago and ever since that time he’s been tied. He states that he’s worked law enforcement for 20 years and he understands complaints between neighbors when the police are called. He states that her complaints are frivolous. He also stated that he sees Miss Feis come back from the store with beer and not long after the police are called. Miss Feis complains about his dogs – the dogs two houses down from his house. She has harassed every person around the entire block. When Mr. Huneycutt moved into his house in 2010, he gave her his dog – a Jack Russell/Beagle mix because she complained all the time. She still has that dog and keeps it inside. He says he even built a privacy fence on her side of the road that faces her house. He said he was planning on finishing out the privacy fence so that his property would be totally incased in fence. That way, his dogs won’t be able to see her – she has been seen throwing big rocks at my dogs and, of course, they don’t like her for that. They remember her look and smell. They do get upset when she walks by and he thinks they have every right to. He apologized that the Board’s time was taken up with this.**

**David Heath: He said that there was a suggestion brought up at the last Greater Oakboro Business Association (GOBA) meeting and wanted to pass it along to the Board. He says that**

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**“Additional Parking” signs need to be erected in the downtown area to let people know that we have additional parking behind Oakboro Town Hall and Oakboro Hardware. There’s a parking issue in Oakboro and they thought that signs would be helpful and wanted to know if the Board thought it would be feasible with GOBA helping with cost. Chief Smith offered that he already had the metal for signs.**

**Department Updates:**

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

**Mayor Burgess read a Resolution supporting the One-Quarter percent (.25%) County Sales and Use Tax (copy attached to minutes)**

**Commissioner Huneycutt made a motion to adopt the Resolution of a One-Quarter percent (.25%) County Sales and Use Tax. Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Cemetery and Streets: Commissioner Efirm had nothing new to report.**

**Police Department: Commissioner Broadway: Chief Smith reported that his department conducted 3 arrests, 116 calls for service, 339 field contacts and wrote 29 citations during the last month.**

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**Parks and Recreation: Commissioner Efirm recognized the Head of Parks and Recreation, Josh Almond. He reported that there are now 38 additional parking spaces at District Park. The dedication of the new Community Building at District Park will be dedicated on Saturday, October 20, 2018.**

**The Board discussed fees for the new community building.**

**Commissioner Little made a motion to adopt the following fees for the new Community Building at District Park:**

***Friday, Saturday or Sunday - \$1000.00 per day with a non-refundable cleaning fee of \$350.00 and possible security charges of \$25.00 per hour using off duty Oakboro Police. The building can also be rented for a 4-hour minimum/maximum on those days for \$100.00 per hour with a \$250.00 refundable cleaning fee.***

***Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - \$75.00 per hour with a 4-hour maximum and a \$250.00 refundable cleaning fee. The activity rooms will be free during the week with posted rules. There's also a \$100.00 fee for removing or setting up the tables and chairs for an event.***

**Commissioner Efirm seconded the motion for the fees and it carried, unanimously.**

**Water and Sewer: Commissioner Huneycutt – No report**

**Advisory Board/Code Enforcement: Commissioner Efirm – He reported that the Board of Adjustment/Planning and Zoning Board had a great meeting this past Tuesday night. The Board also got invaluable training from Stanly County as to Variance Hearings.**

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**Commissioner Efirid continued that the Board of Adjustment did approve a Variance for Jeff Smith dba Valley Drive Enterprises for a lot in Kanter Woods Subdivision. Also, the Board received an application from Oakmont Acquisition LLC and the decision was made to pass it on to Oakboro Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. Oakmont Acquisition LLC is asking for 6 pieces of property to be zoned “Industrial” (“I”) from R-A and R-20. These properties are on Buster, Shinn and Lighthouse roads in Oakboro. They need a public hearing set up to change zoning from these areas.**

**Commissioner Little made a motion to set a Public Hearing on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM in order to hear 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, 21679 (currently R-20). Commissioner Efirid seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.**

**Mayor and Board Member Comments:**

**Commissioner Efirid: He thanked the audience for attending the meeting – taking interest in what goes on up here from month to month. He also invited everyone to come to the District Park Community Building dedication on Saturday at 10:00 AM – stating that it was a big deal for the Town with this being the only venue of this type in the County. He stated that we have a lot of things happening here in the next coming years and this Community Building will be a wonderful place for people to see what we have to offer in Oakboro.**

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**Commissioner Huneycutt:** He echoed Commissioner Efir's sentiments. He thanked everyone for being here.

**Commissioner Little:** She thanked everyone for attending. She especially wanted to thank the OPD for the extra work in helping with fallen trees and power lines during Hurricane Michael.

**Mayor Burgess** thanked Lynn Huneycutt, Robbie Huneycutt and David Heath for attending the meeting and sharing their side of the dog barking issue.

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

**Closed Session**

**Action Taken**

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


**Commissioner Little** made a motion to hire Dakota Clark as a part time employee with a salary of \$10.00/hour. **Commissioner Huneycutt** seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

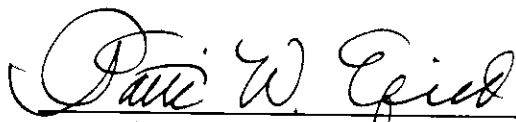
**Commissioner Little** made a motion to change Town Administrator, Doug Burgess', pay from contract to salaried employee. **Commissioner Efir** seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

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

**This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.**

  
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**Doug Burgess, Mayor**

  
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**Patti W. Efir, Town Clerk**