

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session July 12, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

Mayor Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn  
Commissioner Joseph Dixon  
Commissioner John Nunnery  
Commissioner Raymond Edwards

**Board Absent**

Commissioner Ann Long

**Visitors**

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB  
2 Area Citizens

Mayor Aekins called the meeting to order and Commissioner Edwards opened with prayer.

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the Minutes of the June 14, 2011 public hearing & regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed the reports and Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Commissioner Nunnery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the June Water Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Business Items**

**Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to address the Board under the Speakers from the Floor agenda item.

**Trees at Park**

Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he had not been successful in getting the timber proposals redone. Mayor Aekins reported that Eric Clark from American Forestry Management had looked at the trees based on a call from Mr. Jackson and determined that there did not seem to be a real problem. He explained that Mr. Clark seemed to think the trees had a turpentine beetle problem and were stressed from the drought and not a pine

beetle problem. Mayor Aekins stated that Mr. Clark advised that the Board wait to see what would happen to the trees over time. Mayor Aekins also explained that Mr. Donovan McLaurin had also asked someone to take a look at the trees. Mr. McLaurin reported to the Board that this person was of the same opinion as Mr. Clark. Mayor Aekins informed the Board that he had discussed spraying the trees with both Erica Clark and Jeff Strickland and discovered that it was possible to spray them with a chemical called Lindane in order to kill the beetles. He explained that the trees would have to be sprayed 20-ft up. Commissioner Dixon expressed a concern with spraying such a chemical in a public park and suggested getting additional information about the chemical. A general discussion was held concerning the issue of spraying the trees. Following discussion of the issue, Commissioner Dixon made a motion to proceed with the spraying contingent upon an assessment of both cost and the make-up of the chemical to determine if it was safe to spray in a public park. Commissioner Nunnery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – Commissioner Lanthorn stated that everything looked fine, however additional work needed to be done to beautify the Town Hall sign.

**Park** – Commissioner Lanthorn reported that an extension to the irrigation system was needed to get water to the Memorial Trees. He explained that he would work with Mr. Christian to get the needed materials to make this project a reality. Commissioner Edwards reported that the grassy area that the Town maintained needed cutting and that there were vines growing in the fence that needed to be removed. He also stated that the people using the soccer field had been using the side gate and now some repair was needed. Board Members discussed how to best resolve the issue of people retrieving balls that went over that particular area of fencing. Commissioner Edwards also commented that along with the vines other areas of the park need spraying. He suggested checking with Belle's Seed Store regarding the price MASA to mix with Roundup.

**Streets** – Mayor Aekins reported that an estimate had not been received from B&B Asphalt; however they had been out again to take a look at the streets and get additional measurements. Commissioner Dixon stated that it would be a good time to spray the streets again. Commissioner Edwards stated that Mr. Christian and Mr. Wade did a good job on the drain located on Clara Street; however additional rocks were still needed in the hole near the drain.

### **Uncollectible Water Debt**

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that the bill was actually for the prior fiscal year and that the resident continued to live in the home without water service. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve writing off the uncollectible debt of John Curtis Rogers in the amount of \$74.52. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Mileage Rate**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the IRS standard mileage rate of 55.5 cents a mile for the reimbursement of business miles. Commissioner Lanthorn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Founder's Day**

Commissioner Dixon reported that he felt the day ran smoothly and that any problems that seem to arise were resolved quickly. He also stated that all the bills for the event had been paid. Commissioner Dixon explained that Mr. Bullard had suggested that the Town consider changing the date of the event so that the heat would not be a factor; however after examining the calendar of events in the months prior to June there did not seem to be an open date. He also stated that Mr. Bullard suggested using a car show that was run completely by the vendor with the Town merely providing the location to help attract and hold people for a longer period of time. Commissioner Dixon stated that the goal of the event was to keep adding something new each year to keep people coming back and that all of Mr. Bullard's suggestions would be taken into consideration for the 2012 event.

### **Announcements**

Mrs. Denise Sykes presented Board Members with a copy of the Cumberland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. She explained that as required by FEMA that this was merely an update to the Plan that the Board approved 5 years ago. She stated that the Plan included every jurisdiction in the County and that the Town would have to have a public hearing at its August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting on portions of the Plan and that two Resolutions would needed to be adopted following the hearing. Mrs. Sykes briefly explained the changes in the Plan and explained that final approval of the document was received from FEMA on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Sykes asked Board Members to review the document and contact her with any corrections or questions.

Commissioner Lanthorn stated that he had been contacted about the minutes from the Board's meetings being available on the Town's website. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she would contact Mr. Howard Piland, the administrator of the website about this matter. He also stated that he felt it would be best to leave the side gate at the park unlocked so that people would not need to climb over or under the fence or force the gate open. He suggested putting a please close gate sign on the fence. Commissioner Lanthorn also informed the Board that the Old Bluff @ McAllister Farms subdivision had received an award for its appearance from the Joint Appearance Commission for best neighborhood and for its entryway. He stated that the awards ceremony would be in Hope Mills on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern regarding trash that was being lost along Town streets from a trash service that did business in Town. A general discussion was held regarding how to best handle the matter. Commissioner Edwards also stated that he felt there were homes on Church St. that were in need of repair. Attorney John Jackson sated that this issue could be handled by the inspections department. Commissioner Lanthorn reminded everyone that the Town had its Community Standards Policy in place that could be used to resolve such issues.

Mayor Aekins infomred the Board that the Town would be hosting the Mayor's Coalition meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building and that all Board Members were invited to attend. He also informed the Board that Carl Underwood from Plainview Signs had stated that the Town's original flagpole needed to be lowered 5-ft to conform to the two new poles. Board Members discussed the matter and agreed that there needed to be a ball placed on top. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to lower the flagpole, adjust the pulley and have a ball placed on top. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk