

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session February 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

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

**Visitors**

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB  
Mr. Howard Smith, Water Operator

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

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Nunnery 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 Lanthorn to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed and discussed the financial reports. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Board Members reviewed the Water Report and held a general discussion concerning the 7% unaccounted for water percentage. Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the January 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.

**Water System Valve Maintenance**

Mayor Aekins turned the meeting over to Mr. Howard Smith to explain what type of maintenance was needed for the water system valves. Mr. Smith informed the Board that due to the work associated with the resurfacing of Hwy. 301 many of the Town's valves had been damaged by large equipment. He stated that most of the work would merely be labor intensive with only limited materials being needed to make the repairs. Mr. Smith informed the Board that valve boxes needed to be replaced, reworked or cleaned out and that they needed to be built up or extended so that they would be flush with the ground. He explained that this was necessary so that the valves could be more easily located in the case of an emergency. Mr. Smith also informed the Board that the area around the hydrant located at Eastover-Central School needed reinforcing due to large vehicles pulling off the shoulder of the road at this location. He stated that his estimate of the time required to complete the work would be approximately 25 to 30 hours and that he would be creating a valve location book for the Town during the process. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to have Mr. Smith proceed with the necessary valve maintenance. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Smith agreed to give the Town a detailed bill once the work was complete.

### **Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – Commissioner Lanthorn stated that the crape myrtles in front of the Town Hall had been removed. Commissioner Kendrick suggested that consideration be given to landscaping or planting shrubbery around the maintenance building. It was suggested that the crape myrtles removed from the Town Hall could be replanted at the maintenance building. Board Members held a general discussion regarding the issue of landscaping the building. Commissioner Lanthorn agreed to contact the County's landscape architect to see if he could assist the Town in designing a plan for the landscaping.

**Park** – Commissioner Dixon reported that the increased winds had resulted in a lot of limbs being down. Commissioner Edwards informed the Board that Mr. Christian had removed 2 of the dead trees; however there were 2 additional trees that were dead. Commissioner Edwards stated that the mulch under the swings and playground equipment needed to have additional added or the existing mulch needed to be raked down. Mayor Aekins stated that Parks & Recreation had assured him that the soccer nets would be replaced. Commissioner Dixon stated that that soccer area had some low spots that needed to be filled in.

**Streets** – Commissioner Dixon reported that the streets were in good condition and that the estimates for the work that needed to be done were too expensive for the Board to presently consider.

### **Advertisement of Delinquent Taxes**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to accept the report of unpaid taxes for 2011 and to approve the advertisement of the tax liens by the Cumberland County Tax Collector. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Founder's Day**

Commissioner Dixon informed the Board that he had talked to several people about the event and that the committee would be having a meeting on February 16, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. He requested that Board Members contact individuals and businesses about being a sponsor for Founder's Day or for a particular event at Founder's Day. He explained that Commissioner Edwards and his wife had successfully built a cow that could be used to

allow children to try their hand at milking a cow. Commissioner Kendrick reported that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Band would be coming to march in the parade. She explained that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Chorus would not confirm their attendance until one month prior to the event. Commissioner Kendrick also stated that she was working on getting a college band to participate and that she had been contacted by someone representing the Averasboro Battleground about being a part of the event. She requested that tax forms for donations be made available to the committee. Commissioner Lanthorn stated that Bruce Daws; a historian with the City of Fayetteville had expressed an interest in setting up a booth about the history of Wade because the Town dated Pre-Revolutionary War. He explained that photos of the Town of Wade as far back as possible would be needed. Commissioner Dixon asked Commissioner Lanthorn to work on the parade. Commissioner Dixon stated that it would soon be June 2<sup>nd</sup> so the committee was going to be busy.

### **Announcements**

Board Members expressed how pleased and thankful they were to have Attorney John Jackson present at the meeting. Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for their cards and well wishes.

Commissioner Kendrick informed the Board that she had worked to update the Town of Wade Wikipedia website. She explained that she had taken pictures around Town and placed them on the website. She also stated that she was working on correcting the census data. Commissioner Kendrick explained that these changes would clean up the Town's image on the internet.

Commissioner Edwards expressed a concern with how Mr. Christian worked and how he used help when he was given it. He stated that Mr. Christian seemed to leave the person helping him just standing while he went about whatever he was trying to do. Commissioner Edwards questioned whether or not Mr. Christian was turning in daily task sheets. Mayor Aekins explained that he was not turning in the tasks sheets daily.

Commissioner Dixon expressed an interest with having the Town's webpage display information for Founder's Day. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that she had already spoken to Howard Piland about this issue. Commissioner Dixon stated that a link to the KOSS Motorsports website needed to be placed on the Town's website. He also stated that it would be a good idea to put some of the pictures from past Founder's Day events on the website so that people could see them.

Commissioner Nunnery requested an update on the matter regarding the enforcement of the speed limit by the Sheriff's Department in the Old Bluff subdivision. Commissioner Dixon explained he had talked to the Sheriff's Office and was informed that the deputies could enforce the speed limit and write speeding tickets. Commissioner Kendrick explained that after Commissioner Dixon's call the Sheriff's Department placed a radar speed sign in the neighborhood for about a week. She stated that based on this action, the Home Owner's Association decided to wait to see what effect this would have on the speeding. She explained that they agreed to wait until their April meeting to discuss the problem and to see if another solution should be considered. Commissioner Dixon stated that the Sheriff's Office agreed to send out an unmarked car to monitor the area and write tickets if the sign did not help. Town Attorney John Jackson informed the Board that the Town

needed to have an ordinance regarding speed limits either for each street or a blanket ordinance to cover all Town streets. Mr. Jackson stated that he was not sure what the Town had in place regarding an ordinance for speed limits. Mr. Jackson also informed the Board that speed bumps on Town streets were allowed; however the Town should check its liability policy because of the possible damage that could be caused to low riding vehicles.

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that the Ethics Training for the elected officials was discussed at the February Mayor's Coalition meeting. He explained that County Commissioner Keefe stated that he would be working with the School of Government to bring the training to our area. Mayor Aekins explained that Lee Jernigan of DOT had informed him that the issue of the speed limit on Hwy. 301 was being addressed through Raleigh and would take time. Attorney John Jackson stated that if there was a change then the Town would have to adopt a resolution. Mayor Aekins also informed the Board that there would be two meetings in the area to discuss the issue of widening I-95 and making it a toll road. He stated the meetings would be held: February 23, 2012 at the Dunn Community Center and February 27, 2012 at the Doubletree Hilton both from 4:00 until 7:00 P.M.

### **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