

08/15/2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session August 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

Board Present

Mayor Joseph Dixon
Commissioner Johnny Sawyer
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn
Commissioner George Strater
Commissioner Kevin Herring
Commissioner Jennifer Weaver

Visitors

Mr. Thomas Neville, Town Attorney
1 Wade Citizen

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

Agenda Adoption

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

Minutes

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Board Members reviewed the reports and Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to approve the Reports as presented. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Water Department

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

Agenda Business Items

Speakers from the Floor

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

Purchase of Land Adjacent to Water Community Park

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that Mrs. Linda Lee had verbally agreed to sell the Town the two lots that are adjacent to the Park for \$35,000. Board Members held a general discussion concerning the offer. Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion to approve the purchase of the 1.10 acres of land. Commissioner Herring seconded the

motion and the motion passed unanimously. Town Attorney Thomas Neville stated that he would draft a contract for Mrs. Lee to sign to offer purchase and acceptance. He explained that he would see if his firm could complete the closing of the sale with the title insurance issue. Commissioner Strater questioned what the land could be used for to benefit the Park. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that one of the lots had both a water and sewer tap. Board Members held a discussion regarding the lack of parking at the Park and the possibility of using the land for an additional parking area. Mr. Neville stated that a resolution was needed authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract offering the purchase of the land for \$35,000 and then a copy of the resolution along with the contract would be sent to Mrs. Lee.

Committee Reports

Beautification – Town Clerk Cindy Burchett reported that the maintenance employees were cleaning up debris around Town from the recent storms as well as trying to keep the grass cut. Commissioner Strater reported that the conditions at the Post Office had improved slightly.

Park – Commissioner Lanthorn stated that the Park & Community Center were very busy. Commissioner Sawyer questioned if there were still problems with renters not cleaning & damaging the Community Center. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that there was still an ongoing problem with the issue of cleaning; however, no damage had occurred. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that the gate located off Main St. was now locked as well as the gate at the back on the Park. She explained that the homeowner closest to the gate was complaining because she now had to walk all the way around to the main gate. Mrs. Burchett stated that the homeowner had requested a key for the gate that she would accept responsibility for. Town Attorney Thomas Neville stated that because of the issue of liability he advised that the Board not consider the homeowner's request.

Streets – Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that the maintenance employees were working on making sure the storm drains were clear. It was reported that the streets were in good condition.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.



Joseph Dixon, Mayor



Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk