

08/21/2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session August 13, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

Mayor Johnny Lanthorn  
Commissioner Johnny Sawyer  
Commissioner Beth Ritchie  
Commissioner Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Kevin Herring

**Board Absent**

Commissioner Jennifer Weaver

**Visitors**

Mr. Thomas Neville, Town Attorney  
Mr. Mike Freidel, Office of Senator Tom McInnis  
2 Wade Citizens

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**Agenda Adoption**

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

**Minutes**

Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2024 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Board Members reviewed & discussed the reports. Commissioner Sawyer made a motion seconded by Commissioner Aekins to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Board Members reviewed the report and Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to approve the July Water Report as presented. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Business Items**

**Speakers from the Floor**

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

## **Committee Reports**

**Beautification** – No Report was presented.

**Park** – Mayor Lanthorn stated that Parks & Recreation had worked on cleaning up the Park, including cutting several trees and that they were also going to work on clearing the underbrush from the fence line. Commissioner Sawyer questioned the progress on the multi-purpose field. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that additional topsoil had been put on the field and that she felt the summer heat and lack of rain was the hold up in getting the sod installed.

**Streets** – Board Members were informed that Ace Asphalt Solutions had been to Town to give an estimate for needed street repairs. Commissioner Ritchie stated that several citizens had thanked her for the removal of the speed bumps on Lee Ave.

## **Board Stipend**

Mayor Lanthorn stated that there had not been an increase in the amount paid to Board Members for meeting attendance in over 15 years. Commissioner Sawyer asked if the amount being paid in surrounding Towns was available. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she did not have that information. Mayor Lanthorn suggested a \$40 across the board increase. Board Members held a general discussion concerning the amount of increase. Commissioner Herring made a motion to increase the stipend amount for Board Members for both regular & special meetings by \$40. Commissioner Aekins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Local Water Supply Plan**

Town Clerk Cindy Burchett explained that each year the NC Department of Environmental Quality requires that water systems collect data and submit a plan to identify current and future water supply needs. She explained that the information for the Town was reported in such small decimals because the State requires that the amounts be reported in million gallons per day and the Town merely pumps a million gallons per month. Mrs. Burchett stated that the overall goal of the Plan was to make sure that the Town and Water System were planning for the future. Board Members reviewed the Plan and Commissioner Herring made a motion to adopt a Resolution for Approving the Town of Wade Local Water Supply Plan. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Senator Tom McInnis**

Mr. Mike Freidel addressed the Board on behalf of Senator Tom McInnis. Mr. Freidel stated Senator McInnis would now be representing the Town of Wade. He therefore asked him to speak to the Board about reaching out to his office with any issues that he could help the Town resolve. Mr. Freidel informed the Board that Senator McInnis would formally address the Board at a later date. He presented Board Members with a business card with the contact information for the Senator. Mayor Lanthorn thanked Mr. Freidel for his time.

## **Announcements**

Commissioner Ritchie stated she had been contacted about getting assistance with the traffic issues at the intersection of Hwy. 13 & Kennel Rd./Wade-Stedman Rd. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that she would mention the issue to Mr. Mike Rutan from the Rural Planning Organization Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Sawyer questioned if a timetable had been established for the Wellons Development off Wade-Stedman Rd. & Main St. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett stated that Mr. Jason Wellons had said that it would take 18 months to get the infrastructure in place, but she did not know when the actual construction of the homes would begin.

Attorney Thomas Neville informed the Board that he was working on getting additional information together regarding the Junk Car Ordinance and Vape Shop Ordinance for the Board to review and consider for approval.

Mayor Lanthorn informed that Board that as of August 1<sup>st</sup> he officially retired after 39 ½ years as an employee of Public Works Commission. Board Members congratulated Mayor Lanthorn.

Commissioner Ritchie questioned if food trucks were going to start being in Town on Friday's. Mayor Lanthorn stated that he was working on getting the process started. He also stated that he wanted the maintenance employees to get a load crush and run to fill in some of the holes on the property.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
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Johnny Lanthorn, Mayor

  
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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk