

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2011

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 100 East Lake Drive, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Woody Beale, Jim Davis, Lynne Green, and Clem Welch. Also, Town Manager Bob Stevens and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews, and Dr. Harold Stone gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Welch made the motion to accept the May Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made the motion to accept the April Minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Welch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Andrews presented an Armed Forces Community Covenant to Commander Jim Wright of American Legion Post 347. The Mayor expressed that armed forces are very important to the Town of Broadway and have a long history of involvement in our community. Commander Wright graciously accepted the framed covenant and stated the mission of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans Chapter is to help other veterans and work with the community. A Memorial Day Service will be held at the Sanford VFW building. Services rotate between Sanford and Broadway every other year.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss corrections to UDO text amendments. Marshall Downey, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, explained that the State Department of Emergency Management in conjunction with FEMA had to ensure the national flood insurance program was in place in the City of Sanford. There were nine corrections that would bring the amendments in line with the state ordinances. These corrections apply to the City of Sanford only—not Lee County or the Town of Broadway because the

Town has no acreage in a flood zone. However, residents may purchase flood insurance if they wish. No one spoke in favor of or against the text amendments.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the annual budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Town Manager Stevens reviewed the budget message for the upcoming fiscal year. For the first time in three years, the budget will increase slightly (2.7%). Tax revenues and other sources of income have increased by the same amount. The revenue side will be watched for any fluctuations and adjustments will be made accordingly.

Mr. Stevens stated the tax rate will remain the same at .44 per \$100 value. The only increase in fees will be .20 per month for the garbage pick up fee. This increase is added due to recycling costs and an increase in yard waste disposal fees.

Health insurance and retirement have increased. Two large expense items for this fiscal year are election costs (\$3,770) and the addition of computers in the Town patrol cars (\$12,000). Drug seizure and forfeiture money (\$4,000) will fund part of this police expense, and the remainder (\$8,500) will come from the General Fund.

The budget will increase 2.6% on the water/sewer side. Water rates will remain the same as will hookup and reconnect fees. Bonds for the sewer system (\$599,000) were refinanced in the current fiscal year and while we will see a savings of \$155,000 in the next ten years, the debt service will increase approximately \$3,000 per year. However, the bonds will be paid off in 10 years rather than 15 years.

Mr. Stevens and the Town Staff will continue to spend wisely and look for efficiencies at every turn.

Election costs may be lower if one week of early voting is cut out. \$35,000 has been put in Capital Outlay for hookups at lift stations and to replace a rotor. The budget will be adopted at the June 27 meeting.

Because of the sewer bond refinancing, Town Manager Stevens presented a budget amendment. Commissioner Tommy Beal made the motion to approve the budget amendment to move \$599,000 from Revenue - Bond Proceeds to Expenditures – Principal in the Utility Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Welch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stevens presented a budget amendment to allow for paving of Town streets. Commissioner Green made the motion to approve up to \$175,000 from Revenues – Unallocated Powell Bill be moved into Expenditures -Contracted Streets – Capital Outlay in the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Stevens presented a resolution requested by Lee County Attorneys Dick Hoyle and Dale Talbert for renewal of membership in the Cape Fear Rural Fire Protection District. Commissioner Welch made the motion to approve the resolution to join the Cape Fear Rural Fire Protection District. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Welch thanked Town Manager Stevens for keeping the budget as low as possible while still providing good services.

Commissioner Green reiterated Commissioner Welch's comments.

Mayor Andrews thanked those who attended the Board Retreat/Budget Work Session. He thought it went very well.

The concert scheduled for May 14 by the Lee County Community Orchestra was rained out. The orchestra moved the concert to McLeod Auditorium.

There is a benefit concert "Lights on Broadway" being held May 28 from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Broadway Community Center. Proceeds will benefit tornado victims through the Lee County Red Cross. Scheduled to perform are Tim Hair, The Fantastic Shakers, Chairmen of the Board, and Jim Quick and the Coastline Band. Michelle Hunt along with a committee are planning the event.

Under Manager Comments, Town Manager Stevens reported the bids on the energy efficient lighting have come in, but he hasn't received the figure yet. The City of Sanford is checking the HVAC bid to ensure it's lower than the first bid.

The refinancing is complete on the sewer bonds. The interest rate is 3.49%. Mr. Stevens expressed his thanks to Barbara Cox who worked so diligently on the bond refinancing in addition to her other responsibilities.

Chris Riggins plans to meet with an attorney about the Ward property. The Town plans to pursue everything it can legally pursue.

The testing results are in for the THM's and HAA5s. The Town is now in full compliance. One more letter will go out to the citizens.

The FEMA application is complete. The Town will be reimbursed \$3,600 for fuel used by the generator and other equipment that was used.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Green made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura Duval
Town Clerk

