

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 19, 2014

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 102 East Lake Drive, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Woody Beale, Jim Davis, Lynne Green, and Janet Harrington. Also, Town Attorney Jimmy Love, Town Manager Bob Stevens and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made the motion to accept the Minutes from the April Board Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to accept the Minutes from the May 7 Budget Work Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Stevens presented the budget for fiscal year 2014-15. He stated the budget for 2014-15 has been cut less than 1%. The Town is still struggling to recover from the loss of 50% of its sales tax from last year, and any departments that can withstand reduction have been adjusted.

The General Fund Budget will decrease \$5,411, which comes from reductions in Election Expense - \$3,800, Street Utilities - \$5,000, Festival Expenses - \$20,000 and Police Utilities/Telephone - \$1,500. Increases in General Fund include 15% in Health Insurance and 10% in Property/Casualty/Liability Insurance. There is also a 3% COLA for employees included in the budget. Capital Improvement categories remain constant. In Building Maintenance there is \$22,000 budgeted for paving the downtown parking lot, and there is \$13,000 budgeted in Cemetery Capital Outlay for paving the driveways and removing trees at the Town Cemetery. All Town vehicles are in good shape; however, one police car will be switched out, which is figured in the budget.

The tax rate remains the same at \$0.44 per \$100 valuation.

The Water/Sewer Budget has been cut 2%, approximately \$7,000. Decreases include Contracted Services - \$1,000, Miscellaneous - \$1,900, Capital Outlay - \$9,100, Interest Expense - \$2,225. Water Purchases from Sanford were down during 2013-14. However, a dry year could drive that expense back up.

The Town Manager recommended increasing water and sewer rates. There has not been an increase since 2008; however, the costs of testing, repairs and parts have continued to increase. If we maintain our assets, we must keep up with the costs. There will be a \$0.20 increase in water and sewer rates for in-town residents. Historically, the water and sewer rates for out-of-town residents were double the in-town rates. Therefore, out-of-town water and sewer rates will increase \$0.40.

After refinancing the Town's bonds, the debt service will be paid off in another seven years, 2021. The loan that the General Fund made to the Water and Sewer Department of \$207,000 in 2001 was done to eliminate an interest rate of 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. That was done when the system was put in. \$15,000 is paid back per year. It will be paid off completely in three years. In seven years the system will be debt free. At that point the Town will need to start looking at upgrading the system. Mr. Stevens assured the citizens that the Town will continue to watch expenditures and spend their money in the most prudent way.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget for 2014-15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. There were no comments. Mayor Andrews declared the public hearing closed.

Jonathan Malcolm presented his plans for his Eagle Scout Project. He distributed and explained his proposal. Jonathan's plans include: 1) raking and repairing the walking trail, 2) picking up fallen limbs and pine cones and moving the debris to the roadside for Town pick up, 3) cleaning up the trash around the lake, 4) using a Clorox mixture to clean the park bench then water sealing it a week later, 5) repainting the handicapped symbol and parking stripes, 6) rebuilding the trash can holder and cleaning the picnic table, 7) raking the gravel on the walking trail, 8) landscaping around the Town Park sign, and 9) raking and cleaning the roadside area beside the park. Town Manager Stevens stated the Woman's Club is willing to provide some of the materials Jonathan needs to plant around the Town Park sign. The Town will provide the remainder of the materials for landscaping. Mayor Andrews was very impressed with Jonathan's proposal. Commissioner Harrington asked Jonathan to keep the Board informed of his progress towards completion of his Eagle Scout Award. All of the commissioners expressed that Jonathan's project for the Town Park is very nice.

Town Manager Stevens distributed the resurfacing bid tabulation for information purposes only. On May 8 the bids were opened for the West Lake Drive paving project. Riley Paving got the bid. The completion date is scheduled for June 7. Mr. Stevens will contact Steve Cox and ask him to run the trencher and prune the trees on the lake side of the street. Powell Bill funds will be used for this entire project.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no commissioner comments.

Mayor Andrews contacted Carolina Fish Hatchery regarding the purchase of 50 carp to combat the hydrilla in Watson Lake. The carp should be in stock within a few weeks.

The Mayor reported the EDC/Chamber merger continues to go forward. The governor's committee will interview two or three final applicants for the position of Director.

Under Manager Comments, Town Manager Stevens reported that the dead trees at Wal-Mart have been cut down. However, the landscaper planted new trees during the rainstorm. The Town had requested they wait until October to plant the replacement trees. However, the contract was between Wal-Mart, the landscaper, and the developer. Wal-Mart is expecting a final inspection soon and requested that the trees be planted now. If their trees die in the future, Wal-Mart will be responsible for replacing them.

Mayor Andrews announced the Town Board would go into Closed Session allowed under G.S. 143-318.11 Article (6). Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, there was no further business to come before the Board. Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval
Town Clerk