

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2020

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 103 N. Main Street, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Lynne Green, Janet Harrington, Teresa Kelly, and Jim Paschal. Also, Town Manager Eddie Thomas and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present. Mayor Pro Tem Beal was unable to attend due to illness.

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

Commissioner Paschal made the motion to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Approval of November 23 Board Meeting Minutes and the November paid bills report. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report - Town Manager Thomas reported that the interviews went well for the Public Works Technician position. Jacob Melvin has been hired. He is ex-military, very motivated, lives locally and even went to the water main break on Saturday to observe the work. January 4 is his scheduled start date.

Changes in the weather have caused a delay for paving Hazel and Ruth Ann Lanes, the downtown parking lot, and the walking trail. As soon as it is warm enough, Patterson Paving will begin the work.

There was a water main break on Watson Lake Drive and First Street Saturday. There is a patch that was cut out of the asphalt and is now covered by crush and run. Patterson Paving has been contacted and will fix that area.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal asked Mr. Thomas to relay a Merry Christmas to all. Mr. Beal is feeling better, but now his wife is sick.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Harrington wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Kelly expressed her appreciation to the Broadway Lions Club and April Collins for their efforts in decorating the Town this year. They worked very hard, and the Mayor and Town Manager also helped. All of them spent several weekends decorating. She has heard so many positive comments about how nice the Town looks. Commissioner Kelly also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Paschal wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He commented that the Christmas decorations are beautiful. The Town looks very nice. Mr. Paschal is very impressed with the Christmas tree at the post office. Mayor Andrews mentioned Lett's Tree Removal graciously put the lights on the tree.

Commissioner Green seconded everyone's comments about the Town's decorations. She thinks the Town looks bright and has heard many good comments about it. Commissioner Green appreciates everyone who was involved and helped bring it together. She expressed her appreciation to the Town staff for the work they've done this year. It has been a challenging year, and as always, they have risen to the occasion. Commissioner Green stated she is so proud to be a part of the Town Board, a part of the staff, and a part of the Broadway community. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, be safe and well in the New Year.

Mayor Comments – The Mayor commented that the Town Manager and Public Works Director spent a good portion of their Saturday at the water line break. He gave a big thank you to Sandhills Contractors for their quick response. The new Public Works Technician also came to observe the repair process. Mayor Andrews feels that Jacob will be a great addition to staff. The line on Watson Lake Drive had two blow outs about three feet apart. The change in the weather affects the lines, causing them to contract and expand. That section of Watson Lake Drive has had four repairs over the years.

The Mayor commended Broadway Lions Club for going above and beyond on the Town decorations. Hats off to April Collins for spearheading the project and putting so much time and effort into decorating for Christmas. So many people have commented about how nice the Town looks. The whole community has participated in decorating their homes. The joy and spirit of Christmas is still evident in our community. The addition of snowmen flags along Main Street looks very nice.

As reported, there was a string of car break-ins that began in Sanford and moved to Broadway. A vehicle was stolen from Harnett County and was then used in the break-ins. Some cars were broken into on Village Drive and West Harrington Avenue. Broadway Police Department apprehended the suspects. Sgt. Rich Barefield caught the guys just before shift change. Our police department does a good job and is not recognized enough for the work they do.

Mayor Andrews wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged all to be safe. He thanked the Town Board for what they do for our community. The Mayor echoed Commissioner Green's comments about Town staff. He feels Broadway has a really good staff. It was a challenging year. Eddie came on as Town Manager at the beginning of COVID. Town Hall was closed for several months, so he hasn't been introduced to the community as he would have been under normal circumstances.

Eddie jumped right in and went to work. Mayor Andrews said he can't brag enough on our Public Works, Police and Admin staff. The Town has worked diligently to serve our citizens while protecting our staff, and we have been successful in doing that. Our staff know what has to be done and gets it taken care of. The Mayor is very proud of staff and is honored to be a part of this team and work with the Town Board.

The Town Hall will be closed December 24, 25 and 28 then again on January 1.

With no further business to come before the Town Board, Commissioner Paschal made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk