

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 103 N. Main Street, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Lynne Green, Teresa Kelly, and Jim Paschal. Also, Town Counsel Jimmy Love and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present. Town Manager Thomas was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews. A moment of silence was held for Commissioner Janet Harrington. The Mayor gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Andrews requested an addition to the agenda - Item E. under New Business – Budget Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to accept the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Approval of August 23 Board Meeting Minutes and the August financial statements. Commissioner Paschal made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Kirk Smith, 3108 Avents Ferry Road, Sanford, NC, expressed his condolences in the passing of Commissioner Harrington. She told both Commissioner Smith and former Commissioner Sloan that they needed to attend the Broadway Town Board meetings. Commissioner Smith stated that he attended in honor of her and will continue to do so.

Mayor Andrews presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve and Ann Alford for picking up litter as they walk through Town every day. The Alfords certainly do their part to improve the appearance of Broadway. They were even mentioned during a Lion's Club meeting. People recognize the Alfords take pride in doing their civic duty. The Alfords noticed an issue and decided to take care of it themselves. Mayor Andrews read the certificate of appreciation, and Ms. Alford said a few words. She is very grateful for the recognition and expressed her appreciation to the Town Board and Town staff for all the work they do for our Town.

Several planning board members were either physically ill or out of Town, so there was not a quorum for the public hearing. The Howards applied for a rezoning request in order to add an awning to the front of their building at 120 N. Main. The Public Hearing will now be held at the October 25 meeting. Mayor Andrews asked the Town Board if they would be willing to waive the rules and vote immediately following the planning board meeting and the presentation of their recommendation that night. The Mayor doesn't want to delay the Howards any longer. Commissioner Paschal made the motion to suspend the rules of meeting and vote on the planning board's recommendation October 25 rather than waiting to vote in November. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Andrews presented an ARPA Grant Ordinance for approval. Broadway will receive \$409,844.92 in funds. The Town Board voted previously to accept the funds, and this ordinance will instruct the Town on how to handle the reporting of expenditures. The Town is required to report to the Treasury Department in October. Commissioner Green made the motion to adopt the ARPA Grant Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Thomas and Mayor Andrews met with Dennis Pinnix of State Code Enforcement, Inc last week. Together they developed a priority list, and they are working on letters now. Most of their findings included overgrown grass/weeds, neglected buildings, and abandoned/junk cars. The Town will get a copy of everything SCEI puts together. They will begin with four or five items. The Town is trying to set up a contract with a towing company. Counsel Love reviewed the contract and feels that it is in order.

A budget ordinance was presented for adoption. It was needed for an accounting correction per the Finance Director. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to adopt the budget ordinance appropriating \$650 from Revenues - Retained Earnings to Expenses - Water/Sewer Dept. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report – No report was presented since Mr. Thomas was out of town.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Kelly was approached by Mr. Jimmy Gaster who has an old quilt with historical depictions of Broadway. He would like to share this quilt with the community. Mayor Andrews advised the former Tiny Tots space may be used for artifacts in the future but needs maintenance before that happens. The ends of the building need to be replaced because it is not moisture secure. Next the flooring and ceiling need to be replaced. The two bays attached are used for maintenance storage. Commissioner Kelly suggested having a tent at Broadway Our Way for display of the quilt. Another suggestion was to display the quilt at Town Hall for a period of time.

Commissioner Kelly reminded everyone of the concert hosted by Friends of the Park Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Watson Lake. There will be two bands and four food trucks. Everyone should bring a lawn chair. The Lions Club is selling t-shirts to help raise money for items needed to enhance the park. Four benches have

been ordered in memory or in honor of people. A grant was obtained from CEMC, which will be used to purchase a water fountain and bottle refill station. A committee member has volunteered to bring a puppy dish so that pets can get water. The water fountain will be installed in the near future.

Commissioner Kelly expressed that she will miss Commissioner Harrington.

Commissioner Paschal expressed his sympathy to Commissioner Harrington's family. He will miss her on the Town Board but will always remember her.

Commissioner Green gave kudos to the Friends of the Park and is excited about the things they are doing. She is sad to lose Commissioner Harrington as a colleague on the Board. Commissioner Green admired her determination and tenacity to reach a goal. Commissioner Harrington worked hard for her family, her church, and her community. She lived a good life and even left on her own terms. Commissioner Green appreciated her friendship.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal stated he missed Commissioner Harrington at Mt. Pisgah's annual fall supper. It didn't seem right without her there. He had been seated beside her at the Town Board meetings since 2013 and will have no one to keep him straight for a few months. She will be missed. Mayor Pro Tem Beal extended his prayers to the family.

Mayor Comments – The Mayor advised that a memorial service will be held for Commissioner Harrington on October 17 at 3:00 p.m. The service will be held at Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church. Mayor Andrews stated that she will definitely be missed. Earlier, she met with him and asked him not to talk her out of it, but she didn't plan to run for re-election. However, she did commit to helping with Broadway Our Way. Their last conversation was about the festival and her instructions as to how it should be done. Commissioner Harrington was a take charge person who loved Broadway. Her heart was in Broadway as evidenced by her involvement with the Town Board, the Planning Board, the Lion's Club, the Woman's Club, and Mt. Pisgah, her home church.

The time capsule unearthing will be held on October 16 at 11:00 a.m. The capsule was buried under the water tank and has been located. It is a rain or shine event. At some point the capsule will be buried again and unearthed in another 50 years.

A meeting was held in September about the Broadway Our Way Festival. There was a good turnout with a lot of interest shown. Some new volunteers attended and talked about different things to do. The festival is scheduled for April 16, 2022. The next festival meeting will be held on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building.

The Broadway Library will re-open. The County is trying to recruit enough people to run the Hawkins Avenue branch then they will work on the Broadway location.

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Town attorney per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) and

G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3). Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, Mayor Andrews advised Mr. Lanier with the US Motto Action Committee is committed to placing the US motto at the Town Hall. He is accepting donations for this endeavor.

The Town Board concurred that the American flag at Town Hall will be lowered per notification from the governor's office only.

The new businesses on Main Street are making progress. The owners of Farmers on Main, Dips & Dawgs, the old Dollar General building, and the brewery have really been working hard to get their businesses open.

Residential growth continues. Six houses are currently being built on Burgess Circle. The Town has received no further word on the purchase of the Seminole Road property.

Two weeks ago Mayor Andrews, Town Manager Thomas, Finance Director Barbara Cox, and Public Works Director Craig Buchanan met with Withers-Ravenel. They were advised the sewer study should be completed in January. The Town will be provided with options and costs to address the sewer capacity issue. The state budget has funds for water and sewer infrastructure, and the Town should stay up-to-date on that potential money.

Only 38 people were added on the Broadway Census. That number is incorrect for a ten year period. Over 25 new homes have been built since the last census. Broadway is becoming a bedroom community for people that work in Apex.

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

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk