

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2023

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 28, 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, April Collins, Lynne Green, Teresa Kelly, and Jim Paschal. Also, Town Counsel Jimmy Love, Town Manager John Godfrey, and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

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

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

Consent Agenda – July 24 Board Meeting Minutes and July financial statements. Commissioner Paschal made the motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business – A Public Hearing was held on amending Ordinance 71.23 Speed Limit to reduce the speed limit on South Main Street from the caution light at East Harrington Avenue to Thelma Sloan Drive. If approved, the speed limit will decrease from 35 mph to 25 mph on this portion of South Main. Mayor Andrews referenced the speed limit schedule. Wording will be added to the bottom of the schedule: From the intersection of E. Harrington Avenue along S. Main Street to the intersection with Thelma Sloan Drive 25 mph at all times. Items rescinded from the schedule are: From Church Street to E. Harrington Avenue 35mph at all times, and From 500 feet west of the property line of Broadway School extending 500 feet east of property line of said school 25 mph from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on school days.

Mayor Andrews opened the Public Hearing for those speaking in favor of the speed limit reduction. Commissioner Kirk Smith, of 3108 Avents Ferry Road, Sanford, NC, spoke in support of the reduction to 25 mph. He has had several drivers pass him while he was driving 35 mph through Broadway on Main Street. Lisa Mathis, Division 8 Transportation Board Member, and DOT Engineer Matt Kitchens presented to the Lee County Commissioners that all of the fatalities that occurred in the county were due to an average speed of 82 miles per hour.

No one spoke against the speed limit reduction. Mayor Andrews closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to adopt the ordinance reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on South Main Street from the caution light at East Harrington Avenue to Thelma Sloan Drive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Andrews advised this amendment to Ordinance 71.23 Speed Limit is still subject to DOT approval. They will notify the Town when it is approved.

A resolution for the temporary closure of Main Street for the 2023 Broadway Lions Club Christmas Parade was presented for adoption. The parade will be held December 9, and Main Street will be closed from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Green made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Godfrey reported Sides Seeding completed permanent seeding, mulching, and tacking at the Watson Lake Dam per NCDEQ requirements.

On July 27 there was a main water line break behind the laundromat on South Main Street. Sandhills Contractors were notified, and repairs were completed that same day.

Mr. Godfrey completed the annual Solid Waste Report for the Town and submitted it to NCDEQ per protocol.

Sandhills Contractors began the EB-5870 sidewalk project, and it has been completed. Centipede sod has been put down, and crews will continue to water for the next few weeks. On July 24, Mayor Andrews and Town Manager Godfrey met with NCDOT representatives and Ted Kallam, with Withers Ravenel, to complete an initial visual inspection of the new sidewalk. A punch list was created per protocol of minor fixes in order for the final inspection by federal inspectors. Sandhills Contractors were notified, and there will be a meeting in the near future to clear the punch list.

Christy Kelly with Empower met with all staff to explain the Town's offering of the 401K plan. The plan has been set up, and our employees appreciate this opportunity to invest in their retirement.

On August 15 Chief Gunter and Mr. Godfrey took the new Dodge Durango to Clinton to be upfitted for law enforcement purposes. They got the Durango back today. Once the radio is installed, it will be placed into service for the Town. Mayor Andrews advised the Dodge Charger will be decaled and used by Sgt. Nelson.

Mr. Godfrey submitted a written memorandum to NCDEQ in reference to the Watson Lake Dam. The Town was given tasks to complete as a result of an inspection in May. All tasks were completed including: clearing the kudzu on the downstream slope of the dam, seeding, mulching and tacking grass seed, and removing all vegetation growing on the spillway riser.

Staff continue to work hard and efficient even in the midst of daily challenges. We all work well together as a team, and Mr. Godfrey is grateful for their contributions to our Town.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Paschal mentioned the house on East Harrington Avenue looks better. The lot has been cleared of overgrowth and mowed, and the car has been moved. The owners are taking steps in the right direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal reported he attended the TJCOG meeting. The name change to Central Pines Regional Council was approved. They also passed the 2023-2024 budget. A resolution was presented honoring Jane Hogeman, of the Pinehurst Village, who passed away. Chatham County Urgent Care Program policies were adopted. In December a dedication will be held for the new CPRC offices.

Commissioner Collins stated the flashing red light added to the stop sign on Mansfield Drive and S. Main intersection should alert drivers. She is pleased DOT installed that precaution. Commissioner Collins also asked the Town Board to remember the late Clayton Rosser who served as a former Town Commissioner. Mr. Rosser was a lifelong resident of Broadway and was probably one of the best men who ever lived here.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Andrews stated the sidewalk turned out really well. After the punch list items are taken care of, the final inspection will be conducted by a federal inspector since the Town participated in a federal grant. Sandhills Contractors did an excellent job.

The NC Disabled Veterans Monument dedication will be held October 1 at 2:00 p.m. Invitations were mailed to elected officials. The dedication is an outdoor event and will be held at the pavilion. Wendy Bryan is accepting RSVP's. The pavilion will be pressure washed, and a few things are still needed inside the monument prior to October.

Mayor Andrews asked the Town Board to think about the materials salvaged from the time capsule. He is considering a display at the community building on an October Sunday afternoon. The salvaged items are very fragile and cannot be handled. Most of the Sanford Herald ads held up very well and were salvaged.

The Mayor entertained a motion to go into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve attorney - client privilege. Commissioner Paschal made the motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, there was 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 Collins. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk