

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 1, 2009

Present: Mayor Guy E. Barriger

Comm. George Holleman, Comm. Jack Lerner, Comm. Ronnie Robinette,
& Comm. Kenny Poole

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Barriger at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Reverend Sterling Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to add the following to the agenda. Add item 9a - Local Government Resolution Adoption on Police Computer Grant award acceptance. Add item 12a – NC Rural Center Project award of GIS mapping grant. Add item 14a – Consideration of date for Taylorsville Downtown Night.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the August 4th, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

No comments were heard in open forum.

Mayor Barriger opened the public hearing regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Russell Green, Alexander County Fire Marshall presented the Town Board with the updated plan. This plan outlined the same goals and objectives as defined in the original plan of 2004 which are stated below.

1. Expansion of Response Forces
2. Formation of a cooperative Hazard Mitigation Program
3. Relocation of structure in flood plain
4. Retrofit Critical Facilities to reduce collapse
5. Duke Energy to install visual and audible alarm
6. Town Specific – Improve drainage in Muddy Creek

Mr. Green noted that these goals for the plan and the overall plan keep the Town and County in compliance at the federal level but it doesn't guarantee the funding sources to carry out these goals. Without this plan, should there be a disaster, recouping recovery expenses would prove extremely difficult, if at all. The approval process has already been completed at the federal and state level, through FEMA and NCEM. Mr. Green asked the Town Board to adopt the Resolution approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan as updated for 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the adoption of a Resolution approving the 2009 update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Alexander County and the Town of Taylorsville as presented. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the tax refund to Dippy Co. for motor vehicle taxes that were collected and paid by the county to the Town in error. The amount to be refunded is \$47.32. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the adoption of the Resolution approving the award of the grant for police in-car computers from the NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. The grant is a 50% - 50% match with the total grant being \$22,744.00 and the town's portion being \$11,372.00. Passed unanimously. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

David Robinette, Public Works Director and Brian Eades, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator gave a presentation on the new live data monitoring system that's been installed on all 23 pump stations. This system is called Mission Communications and enables staff to monitor all the pump stations via the internet on a laptop computer. In the event of a storm or an alarm situation, individual pump stations can be monitored and evaluated from remote sites instead of having to physically visit the site to determine problems. Current and past data can be used to evaluate and improve the operation of the overall system or target individual issues within the system. This system was possible through the award from the NC Rural Center for the WWTP Inflow/Infiltration grant project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner and seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the award of construction bids. The first project is for an eight inch sewer line and manhole to be placed down west main-street near Rod & Custom Rescuers and Modern Cleaners within the central business district to serve new businesses and improve and replace the existing line. The lowest bid received for the work was from Hewitt Schrum for \$11,835.00. The second project is for repairs to the Macedonia pump station. The lowest bid was from Hewitt Schrum for \$22,550.00. A tentative agreement with Alexander County regarding a 50% to 50% payment arrangement for the Macedonia pump station repairs is being negotiated. After discussion, the motion for approval of both projects passed with a 4 to 5 vote, with Commissioner Poole voting nay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holleman, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the Proclamation of Fall Litter Sweep for the week of September 19th through October 3rd, 2009. Passed unanimously. See attachment C, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, and seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the agreement from the NC Rural Center awarding the GIS Mapping project to the Town. The grant will be a \$14,000 contribution from the Town and \$40,000.00 from the NC Rural Center totaling \$54,000.00. The scope of the grant will place all sewer manholes and & sewer lines on a GIS mapping system. Passed unanimously. See attachment D, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve setting the returned check fee at \$25.00 per item as set by the NC General Statutes. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Holleman to approve the decision to send a letter from the Town to any taxpayer owing over \$500.00 in delinquent taxes notifying them of a 30 day timeframe to bring their account current to all accounts will be turned over to a lawyer for collection including but not limited to foreclosure proceedings. Once turned over after the 30 days period is over, any and all penalties, interest and fees associated will be the sole responsibility of the record taxpayer. No exceptions will be made. Passed unanimously.

September 26th and or October 3rd were discussed as possibilities for the downtown night. More information will be forthcoming.

David Odom gave an update on the improvements to the Dayton/Watts field across from town park. Re-sewing of the grass has been completed. The stage and lighting prices are still being determined. Rental of a stage might be the best option for this year. The dough-outs and restrooms have been renovated at town park.

The standard police report was completed. Captain James thanked the Town Board for their generosity in approving the in-car computer matching portion of the NC Governor's Highway Safety grant that was awarded.

No planner report was given.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to schedule the next board meeting for October 6th at 5:30. Passed unanimously. With no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Attest:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk