



Town Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Board Members: Jeffrey Horton, John Tschantre, Michael Austin, James Drumm, Glenn Vogel. Highway Superintendent Thomas Austin, Code Enforcement Officer: Thomas Hargrave, DCO Randy Akins, and Town Clerk, Michelle Seeley

Guests

Noel Sylvester, Wayne Wells, Allison Berger, Norm Maynard, Wayne Cosier, Eva Turner, Joseph Seeley

1. Pledge / Call to Order / Roll Call

Minutes:

Supervisor Horton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk took Roll call. All members present.

2. Prior Minutes

June 12, 2023

Minutes:

A motion by Michael Austin to approve the Draft minutes from June 12, 2023 was seconded by James Drumm.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

3. Reports

a. HWY / Water Report

Minutes:

Thomas Austin reported on the progress on Dry Run Road. The bridge is finished and opened. Mr. Austin met with Watson Homestead about reclaiming the detour. The Highway has finished the tree work on Dug Road, Bonnie Connaway sent an email to Supervisor Horton complementing the work. The second round of mowing is complete. Water Ext report: Restoration of lawns has begun, first connections will begin end of July Early August. Michael Austin questioned whether the Water Crew would fix the sidewalk so he can use it to enter into his field. Thomas Austin stated that it would be repaired correctly.

b. Park update- Court finishing

Minutes:

Thomas Austin received an estimate for the basketball and tennis court paving at the park. The least expensive bid was approximately \$22,000 from Craft Co., to place a ceramic seal and paint the lines of the court. A motion by John Tschantre seconded by Glenn Vogel to approve up to \$ 25, 000 to complete the court and paint the lines when Wendy says the funds are available, was adopted by Roll Call Vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

c. Park update- Fencing

Minutes:

Thomas Austin put out bids for fencing around the park and courts, to be completed to Hunt Engineering's recommendations. Tri- County Fencing Company came in with the lowest bid. The cost of materials and installation for the BB Court is \$3,768. The tennis Court netting is around \$ 6,200 The rough cost for the whole project is \$32,000. A motion to hire Tri-County Fencing to complete the park fence, Basketball court, and tennis court, for an amount not to exceed \$33,000 with final approval of the Grant Administrator- Wendy Oman, was made by Glenn Vogel and seconded by Michael Austin, was approved by Roll call vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

d. Bookkeeper Report

Minutes:

Reports were submitted to me from the Town Clerk and the Court Clerk for the month of May 2023.

The signed Supervisor report for May 2023 was submitted to the Town Clerk.

Revenue General \$ 20.00 Summer Rec Donation \$ 500.00 Summer Rec – Tyrtle Beach Grant \$1,050.00 Hometown Hero Banners

Highway \$7,811.18 Winter Recovery (CHIPS)

Water 1 \$ 90.00 Pool Fillings Campbell Fire Water 3 \$ 90.00 Pool Fillings East Campbell Fire

Water Extension WIAA Draw 14 Received \$718,814.28

We are now half way through our budget year and all accounts are on track with a few minor exceptions but no transfers need to be made at this time. Highway, Lighting District and all Water Districts are also in good standing.

A transfer of \$3,000 from DA 5140.4Brush and Trees to DA 5130.4 Machinery Contractual .

A motion to accept the Bookkeeper report and transfers was made by Michael Austin and seconded by James Drumm was adopted by vote

Along with the report just for information. Community Bank has begun to allow Municipalities to place their funds into a money management account with 4% interest, instead of having no interest accounts.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

e. Codes

Minutes:

There is a tentative application from the Fire District for their planned garage potentially coming to the Planning Board. Mr. Hargrave would like to request that the Town Board work in conjunction with the Planning Board as Lead Agency. Jeffry Horton In the past the Town Board had final discretion for the Planning Board applications, but the Policy was changed so the Planning Board is Lead Agency on all projects. He is not sure if this can be done. Glenn Vogel Stated that this is a is looking into the matter with the Fire Department Attorney because the Fire District is their own Taxing Authority, and he is not sure the Planning Board will need to be involved. This is a simple Garage. Michael Austin stated that this will be more than a simple garage, and it is publicly funded.

Mr. Hargrave asked the Board to approve a prepay for Skyline Medical for the handrails installed on July 7, 2023. A motion by Michael Austin seconded by Glenn Vogel to prepay the bill for Skyline Medical was adopted by Roll Call vote.

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

f. Dog Control

g. Assessors Report

h. Supervisor Report

Minutes:

There was an employee meeting this afternoon, about the changing roles in the office with Wendy being part time. Building an office for the Court Clerk separate from the main Lobby. The Water office would become the Supervisors office and a general confidential conference room with a locking desk and filing cabinets. The current Court Clerks office would become the water/ tax collector office. The new court office would be a 6 or 7 foot stub wall with a window and a locking door, the clerks would have separate desks and filing cabinets. This will allow the clerks to process Credit Card Payments without having to leave their office to go into the court room. The Town will use ARPA funds for this project. No new furniture will be needed, the only cost will be the construction of the office wall, door, and window.

i. Town Clerk Report

4. Old Business

a. LL# 2 of 2023 Zoning Law Addendum

5. New Business

Voting District Lines

Minutes:

Glenn Vogel would like the County to take another look at the recently redistricted voting line for Campbell. There have been several comments from constituents about the new district having to go double the distance to cast their ballots. This is discouraging them from voting. Jeffrey Horton said he would look into it. This is not just a Campbell issue, people from Kanona had to drive to Savona to vote, they had to pass several polling sites in order to vote. The reason the districts were updated is due to the upgraded voting machines- in the past they would only hold 999 votes,

the new machine now holds 3000 votes, which allows the districts to be bigger. This will also help cut down on the amount of volunteers needed for Poll sites.

6. Public Comment

Minutes:

Allison Berger read an article about Sludge Dumping and the dangers of allowing it in Town. She would like to encourage the Town of Campbell to be proactive and put a moratorium on Sludge dumping in Campbell because of the PFOA contents of chemicals that are said to be damaging crops, and animals. Several tons have been acquired from out of the area. Cameron, Bath, and Thurston have all passed moratoriums on the dumping of sludge. Mrs. Berger is concerned that if no moratorium is passed Casella will begin dumping sludge on the land behind her and her water and the near by streams will be contaminated. Wayne Wells- Cameron- recounted statistics about the chemicals in the sludge. Several States have banned the use of Sludge because of the dangers associated with the PFOA's. Several studies have been conducted that show the dangers of PFOS. Mr. Wells encouraged a moratorium in Campbell. Please look into Sludge and do research. Eva Turner- Thurston has been fighting this for a long time, Several States have lost farmland, beef, and dairy products. There are Documentaries that you can watch showing the damage caused by Sludge dumping. Please enact a Moratorium. Farms that have had sludge dumped on them cannot be organic, even veggies from farmers markets have chemicals in them because of past sludge use, Please do some research. Thomas Austin- From 5 quarters of testing in the Campbell Water districts for PFOAs and PFOS, we were undetectable. NY State is heavily testing all drinking water supplies. Allison Berger asked how often wells are tested. Thomas Austin explained that he tested for 5 quarters, (once every 3 months) so one year and a quarter. So now he will only have to test once a year. Allison Berger asked what the process would be to set a moratorium. Jeffrey Horton informed her that the Board would take the information and the Board will discuss it, and if they wanted to set the moratorium they would work with our lawyer to write the moratorium. This will not be a decision made in a month.

7. Announcements

8. Voucher Audit

Minutes:

FUND Voucher Number Total A-General 189-215 & 217 \$20,232.76 SL- Street Lighting 216 \$ 571.03 DA- Highway 110-128 \$86,937.21 SW1- Water District 1 29-34 \$ 1,863.45 1,SW2- Water District 2 13-15 \$ 781.39 SW-3 Water District 3 13-16 \$ 15,584.05 SW4- Water District 4 4-7 \$ 4,657.27 H-3 Capital Projects 37-40 \$108,716.50
TA- Trust and Agency 7-8 \$ 460.59
TOTAL \$ 239,804.25

9. Adjournment

Minutes:

A motion by Michael Austin seconded by James Drumm to adjourn at 7:59 pm was adopted by vote

Vote results:

Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0

