

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2015

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 102 East Lake Drive, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Woody Beale, Jim Davis, Lynne Green, and Janet Harrington. Also, Town Attorney Jimmy Love, Town Manager Dustin Kornegay, and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green made the motion to accept the Minutes from the March Board Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

During Public Comments Gayle Gray of 504 South Main Street, Broadway, addressed the Town Board. Ms. Gray informed the Mayor and Commissioners that Ms. Sue Cox is retiring from Broadway School after 37 years of service as librarian. Ms. Gray encouraged the Town Board to recognize Ms. Cox for her devotion to the school and community. Mayor Andrews and the Commissioners agreed to present some type of appreciation to Ms. Cox prior to her retirement.

The Town Board scheduled the Budget Work Session for Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. The work session will be held at the Council Chamber.

Mayor Andrews discussed budgeting priorities with the Town Board. The Mayor reminded the Commissioners that the Town is losing \$17,000 in cell tower revenue. There has been no growth in the tax base. Mayor Andrews met with the Chair of the Lee County Commissioners and discussed the Town's financial position. He asked if revisiting the sales tax distribution would be an option but has not yet received a response. The Town will continue to lose \$90,000-\$100,000 annually in sales tax revenue. The Mayor explained to the Town Board that HB 903 would give a .25 sales

tax option directly to municipalities if it passes. The Town's revenue side is not looking great for the next budget year.

Mayor Andrews mentioned that the Community Building is in dire need of remodeling. The Town Board discussed the possibility of increasing the rental fees and determined that increases would become effective July 1. The Mayor suggested making repairs to the building in phases. In the first phase the two exterior doors and windows would be replaced. During the next phase the bathrooms would be remodeled. The third phase would include remodeling the kitchen. Another urgent need is adding corrugated pipe to the down spouts. The back corner has washed away. The Town Manager is getting costs for these improvements.

The Town Board agreed that the cleaning deposit will be held if the building is not cleaned immediately after an event. There should be no follow up and no appeal given. The building must be cleaned according to the rules that are given to each renter. This information will be added to the rental form. The Town Manager will ensure the rental form and rules are translated into Spanish as well.

The playground equipment was removed from the back of the Community Building due to safety issues. It was very old and deemed unsafe.

Mayor Andrews reported that the Town roads are in good shape. Colonial Drive has several sewer cuts and may need repaving in fiscal year 2016-2017. West Harrington also has several sewer cuts, but it will not be paved until more lots are sold. Fiddler Drive and Cats Drive will need to be repaved at some point.

Town Manager Kornegay is getting prices for painting and striping the no parking spaces by the tree at Town Hall and the two spots near BB&T.

Commissioner Woody Beale reported that Thelma Sloan Lane between First Street and Main Street is in bad shape. The Town Manager will check on the feasibility of putting down crusher run to resolve the problem.

Because the May meeting falls on Memorial Day, the Town Board agreed to hold the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held to present the 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget.

Commissioner Harrington made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Woody Beale. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Manager's Report, Town Manager Kornegay reported that the Edgewater project has not been completed. The overflow problem with the lake has been resolved, but the road repairs still need to be done. The contractors repaired a leaking fire hydrant on Forest Avenue and have another job to do on East Harrington, which takes priority over the Edgewater project.

Mr. Kornegay advised that the Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) notification would be printed on the next water bill. The CCR can be viewed on the Town website. There were no major violations on the report. However, there was one administrative error made last July. Lead Consumer Notices were sent out late, but the samples were taken as scheduled.

The Sandhills Area Land Trust inspected the conservation area at Watson Lake in December, and the Town just received their annual report. Everything is in compliance with the park area.

The Town Manager presented more information about the new auditors. Joyce and Company are from Cary, NC. They have significant experience in local government audits. The company consists of two partners with one senior manager on staff. They have done audits and CAFRS (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for Apex, Knightdale, and Zebulon, so they are definitely qualified to handle the audit for the Town of Broadway.

Mr. Kornegay stated that Broadway Our Way was a success. Most small towns don't usually pull off an event like ours.

The Town Manager distributed the police calls list for April. The commissioners requested that the list be expanded even further to include the number of arrests.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Davis also stated the festival was a success. People living outside of Broadway told him they were impressed with our community. They found the Town to be progressive and productive. He hopes that Broadway Our Way will continue.

Commissioner Green stated the weather and attendance were great for the festival. She expressed it is quite a feat for such a small group to have a community event such as Broadway Our Way. The only complaint she heard was that some people did not care for the band, All My Rowdy Friends. She commended Gene Dickens for doing a great job and asked that he be remembered in prayer for health issues. Commissioner Green stated that Life Radio 103 did a super job advertising the festival. They had some great ads the week prior to Broadway Our Way.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal thanked everyone involved with the festival. He believes the reason that it is a success is because the committee gets along, and all the meetings went well. Everyone that has spoken with him wants to have the festival again next year.

Commissioner Harrington thanked all of the Town staff and employees for their help with Broadway Our Way. All of the vendor responses that she has received have been positive, and they were very well pleased.

Commissioner Harrington announced that Cobe Ledford, great grandson of Ralph Hunter, is a member of the Junior Historians. He entered a contest and won for

his article on Hunter Drive. Cobe's article is on display at the NC Museum of History. He is also the grandson of Wilson and Sharon Cox.

Commissioner Woody Beale echoed the comments on the festival. He stated the committee did a super job, and it was one of the best festivals ever.

Commissioner Beale requested that the maintenance department spray the lily pads on Watson Lake. The Town Manager has spoken with Craig about this, and he plans to take care of it soon.

Under Mayor Comments, Mayor Andrews was very pleased with the success of Broadway Our Way. He estimated there were over 3,000 people in attendance. He felt that the vendors and entertainment were great. There were 69 vendors and 52 entries in the classic auto and tractor show. More BBQ could have been sold if there had been more than five cookers. The Mayor believes the BBQ Cook-off is a good draw for the festival. The Judges Contest was added, and all cookers placed with either the judges or the People's Choice. Mayor Andrews commended Dustin for handling the pork distribution Friday night. He was very optimistic and did a good job.

The festival is not a money maker. It is self-supporting and would not be possible without the support of the sponsors. Mayor Andrews stated the festival would not happen without the folks serving on the committee. They are all volunteers and put on a very good event for our community.

Dogs are still a problem at the festival. All printed materials clearly stated No Pets Please. Pets aren't allowed for the safety of the people and the animals.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Woody Beale made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval
Town Clerk