

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Jim Davis, Lynne Green, and Janet Harrington. Commissioner Woody Beale was excused from the meeting because he was out of town. 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. The Mayor gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Andrews requested that Item B. Appointment to the Joint Environmental Affairs Board be added to the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to accept the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Town Manager Kornegay presented the annual operating budget ordinance for fiscal year 2015-2016. Mr. Kornegay reported that all funds are balanced, and all revenue and expenditures are accounted for according to G.S. 159.7 The Local Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Town has lost \$17,000 in revenue due to the loss of the Verizon cell tower. This loss in addition to the revenue lost because of the sales tax redistribution results in a decrease of 1.6% in the budget. There is a 3.2% decrease in the General Fund. Since this year is an election year, there is a cost included for the election. The budget includes a 2% COLA for all employees. The Town has experienced an increase in insurance costs, which was expected. One quarter of the Clerk's salary has been moved to the Water & Sewer Fund, which will be reflected in the budget as well.

The Town Manager recommended the tax rate remain the same at \$.44 per 100 valuation. Because of the \$17,000 loss in revenue, cuts had to be made to the budget. Most of the cuts have been made in Capital Improvements. Any renovations will have to be phased in slowly. There is a slight increase in Water & Sewer Fund due to moving

one quarter of the Clerk's salary. Water and Sewer rates will remain the same. The debt service will be paid off in six years, and the reimbursement of the General Fund will be completed in two years. Town Manager Kornegay assured the Town Board that staff will continue to work as effectively and efficiently as possible and endeavor to provide excellent customer service on a daily basis. The budget will be adopted at the June meeting.

Mayor Andrews opened the Public Hearing for discussion of the budget. There were no comments. The Mayor then closed the Public Hearing.

The Town received one application for the Joint Environmental Affairs Board. Jeff Griffith submitted an application to serve on this Board. He is a retired civilian from the US Army. The Mayor feels Jeff will do a good job because he asked good questions and showed interest in serving. Commissioner Green made the motion to appoint Jeff Griffith to the Joint Environmental Affairs Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrington. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor stated there is still one vacancy on the Planning Board. Wilson Cox and April Collins agreed to serve another term. Harold Stone has stepped down, leaving the vacancy. The three year term begins July 1.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Manager's Report, Mr. Kornegay gave an update on Mayberry of Broadway. Mrs. Harriet Carter is still pursuing her dream of building a senior retirement community in Broadway. The facility would consist of 13 units with a common area providing a library, exercise room, large kitchen and dining room. She is trying to purchase land in Thomas Place. The property is not zoned for that type facility, so it would have to be rezoned. Mrs. Carter will have to pursue straight or conditional rezoning. Althea Thompson has recommended she get conditional rezoning. With straight rezoning the intentions for the property are not known or discussed in a public forum. Conditional zoning requires submission of detailed plans, a technical review committee and is much more detailed than straight rezoning. Mrs. Carter held a meeting on May 18 but very few people attended. Town Manager Kornegay advised the Town Board that the rezoning issue may come before them in the near future.

Mr. Kornegay is in the process of getting estimates for replacing the doors and windows at the Community Building.

Watson Lake has been sprayed. Fish will be purchased and placed in the lake this weekend.

The Edgewater project still hasn't been completed. The Town Manager has made several calls to the contractor and will give him till the end of this week to get it done. If the deadline is not met, Mr. Kornegay may switch to a different route.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Harrington commended the Mayor on his Memorial Day speech and the DAV for the service at the NCVN. There was very good attendance. She also commended Lee County Commissioners Oldham and Smith for attending the service in Broadway. The Town received many positive comments about its display of American flags.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal echoed the comments about the Memorial Day Service.

Commissioner Green commended Dustin, Barbara and Laura for their hard work on the budget. She also likes the flags flown throughout Town.

Commissioner Davis reported that JR Holt approached him about the condition of Church and JR Holt streets. It is obvious both streets haven't been paved in quite some time. Both need to be resurfaced. The Town Manager responded that he would check into it and place these streets on the priority list for repaving.

Under Mayor Comments, Mayor Andrews talked with Principal Raley about the Town Board's intention to recognize Sue Cox on her retirement. Mr. Raley invited the Mayor to attend the retiree luncheon at Broadway Elementary scheduled for June 10 at 1:00 p.m. The retirees will be recognized at 1:30. The Mayor plans to present a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Cox for 37 years of service to the students at Broadway Elementary.

Mayor Andrews reported that the Sanford Area Growth Alliance has a new website that is up and running. The Executive Committee felt that SAGA was not progressing fast enough and several goals and objectives were unmet, resulting in a change in leadership. Joy Thrash has been hired as Interim CEO of the alliance. She has prior work experience with the NC Defense Alliance and most recently with the Fayetteville/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor has heard very good comments about Ms. Thrash from those who have met her. The next SAGA meeting will be in June.

Mayor Andrews advised that the budget for F/Y 2015-16 is as thin as it can get. Lee County is proposing a 7.5% increase in their tax rate, which means the Town will get less money. \$42,000 was lost in tax revenue this year. The Town has lost \$66,000 since the sales tax distribution changed. There is no growth in the tax base. Many challenges are ahead, but we've been very efficient. Moving forward another revenue source is needed. The Mayor commended the Town Manager on the great job he did preparing his first budget.

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

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval
Town Clerk