

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m. at the Council Chamber, 103 North Main Street, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Lynne Green, Janet Harrington, Teresa Kelly and Jim Paschal. Also, Interim Town Manager Bob Stevens and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews.

The Mayor requested a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). 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, Mayor Andrews and Town Manager Stevens discussed some budget items for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The Town received notification from Green for Life that trash and recycling costs are going up. Currently, the sanitation charge is \$12.70. Actual cost is \$12.79. Their proposed new rate is \$9.18 for trash, \$2.88 for recycling, and a processing fee of \$2.13. The processing fee covers the cost of separating recyclable items. Some of the recycling is sold, and the recycling that can't be sold is put in the landfill. Beginning July 1, the total sanitation fee will be \$14.19. The cost of trash only would be \$11.19. Most citizens would view a decrease of \$3.00 as a reduction on their water bill. Mayor Andrews does not feel there would be many complaints about discontinuing recycling. The Town would save \$22,645 per year by no longer participating in recycling. Other towns are considering stopping recycling. The problem with recycling is there is no longer a market for glass and cardboard. The Town Board can decide this issue at the April meeting.

Solid waste has turned into a problem. That includes the limbs and brush that is taken to Weeks Landfill, which is halfway to Southern Pines. This fiscal year the Town has averaged three loads a month. It varies from one to two loads some months and three to four loads other months. \$2,160 is spent on tipping fees for brush. Green for Life provides a 33 yard dumpster at the sewer plant, which is used to hold old furniture, toilets, small appliances, etc. The dumpster is free of charge, but we are charged for the tipping fee on Wilson Road. The tipping fee is \$46 per ton, which amounts to \$4,416 per year. It costs \$6,576 for hauling off limbs and couches for the fiscal year. Picking up

curbside debris has gone from once a month to once a week. This line item is increased in the budget from \$3,500 to \$9,000. Approximately, \$3,000-\$4,000 is spent in time, equipment, and fuel to pick up solid waste annually.

The area behind the community building had been used for staging. When Howard picked up limbs, he dropped them off on a pile there. Once a full dump truck load was piled up, they would take it to Weeks. It has become an issue because people are dumping their own stuff, and possibly people from Harnett County have dumped debris behind the community building. Now, that area is closed to dumping, and no dumping signs have been put up. Public Works may be able to put some limbs at the sewer plant, but it is not located inside the Town Limits. There are restrictions as to what we place there.

Interim Town Manager Stevens advised the Town Board about future increased costs in the budget. The new Town Manager will have a five year sewer project ahead of him.

Technically, the Town Manager serves as Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Andrews has talked with Marshall Downey and Hal Hegwer about the Town using the City's Code Enforcement Officer. Unfortunately, their Code Enforcement Officer is busy with the issues in Sanford. There are a lot of ordinance violations in Town that need to be resolved and one may involve legal counsel.

Mr. Stevens advised the Town Board that an attorney will cost substantially more in the future. He also advised that a future Finance Director with experience will be very expensive. There are many budgetary issues the Town Board will have to consider within the next few years.

The Mayor wants to hold the April 27 meeting. A minimum of three commissioners present is required for a quorum so that a meeting can be held. The public cannot be prohibited from attending. However, the number allowed in the room can be limited. Mayor Andrews doesn't think two regular meetings need to be missed because the budget needs to be discussed, and the audit needs to be approved. Town Counsel does not have to be at the meeting.

There is no shelter in place in Lee County right now. The governor could deem the whole state as shelter in place. If the whole state is closed, it will be devastating to the economy. We need to support our local businesses. The shelter in place order is designed to prevent people from congregating. There are two confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Lee County.

As the Town grows, Broadway will need an additional police officer. With additional houses being built, the tax base will go up and that will help offset the cost a little. The starting pay for a new officer ranges from \$28,000-\$29,000. With everything that is needed for that officer, the total annual cost is approximately \$46,054. This projected cost includes insurance, FICA, 401K, uniforms, and equipment. Mr. Stevens has added \$4,000 to the police budget so that part-time hours could be added for additional police coverage.

The topographical survey for Watson Lake dam will be budgeted at a cost of \$6,000.

The Mayor and Interim Town Manager have not heard from Weaver Development since their meeting a few weeks ago. The planning department has not heard from them either since they gave their recommendations.

Mayor Andrews had a conference call with Duke Energy representatives. Later this summer they will be doing vegetation management. A map will be given to the Mayor so that the Town will know where they plan to cut under the power lines. They will send letters and put out door hangers in residential areas.

Mayor Andrews encouraged everyone to fill out their census by April 1.

With no further business to come before the Town Board, Commissioner Paschal made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk