

TOWN OF BROADWAY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 2021

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 103 N. Main Street, Broadway, North Carolina.

Board members present were Mayor Donald Andrews, Commissioners Tommy Beal, Lynne Green, Teresa Kelly, and Jim Paschal. Also, Commissioner-Elect April Collins, Town Counsel Jimmy Love, Town Manager Eddie Thomas, and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews. Mayor Pro Tem Beal gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consent Agenda – Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes and the October financial statements. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Kirk Smith, 3108 Avents Ferry Road, Sanford, NC, expressed his thanks to Police Chief Hinnant for years of service to Lee County and to the Town of Broadway. Mr. Smith appreciates him and asked God to bless the Town Board as they seek his replacement. Commissioner Smith also stated he was pleased to see many BLET students at the Veterans Day Ceremony.

Chief Hinnant reviewed information and quotes he received from Core+ (Axon) for five body cameras and four tasers. That would cover four patrol officers and one reserve officer. Axon would enter a five year contract with the Town. If problems arise with the cameras or tasers, Axon would replace them at no cost. As new technology is implemented, they would also issue replacements to the Town. With this price comes eight licenses that would be issued for four full-time and four reserve officers. Video backup is stored on a cloud based system monitored by Axon. Both the City of Sanford PD and Lee County Sheriff's Department use Axon. The Chief or his designee would be responsible for distributing the videos. Commissioner Paschal asked about training. Chief Hinnant explained officers must be trained on the use of the taser, which requires being shot with the taser. Mayor Andrews advised there is an effective policy for tasers, but no policy is in place for body cameras. Chief Hinnant was advised by Axon that the

price for 60 months goes up 3% after December 31. He feels that the Police Department does need body cameras.

Town Manager Thomas believes the body cameras and tasers would benefit the safety of the general public and the staff. It would be beneficial to have compatibility with our mutual aid partners. The information is preliminary, and the company will make themselves available to discuss the information in further detail. The Town does have resources with the City and County to help put the package in perspective so that the Town Board can make a sound decision.

Chief Hinnant advised body cameras would protect officers from certain liability and from being heavy handed. It would serve as backup when complaints are made. Tasers are considered a secondary weapon that can be used instead of a gun. Chief Hinnant said the Town had two tasers, but one died two years ago and the other one needs to be updated. The cost of the 60-month contract is \$50,000.

Commissioner Green asked if officers will record every incident to which they respond. Chief Hinnant advised the protocol will be set up in the policy. It could be written for use on every call or for calls meeting certain criteria. He advised no dash cams are included in this package.

The 2011 Crown Vic patrol car has been taken out of service. It needs to be declared as surplus so that it can be sold. The patrol car will be sold by sealed bid as is, where is. The new patrol car was ordered in July. It was last reported it would go on the assembly line the first of December, and hopefully the Town should have it in January. Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to declare the 2011 Crown Vic as surplus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paschal. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular December meeting date falls on December 27, which is a holiday for staff. After discussing December 13 or December 20 as potential dates, Mayor Pro Tem Beal made the motion to hold the Town Board meeting on December 20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Andrews advised the oaths of office will be administered and an organizational meeting will be held.

Mayor Andrews advised Dennis Pinnix, with State Code Enforcement, will give the Town a price for updating the Town Ordinances. They haven't been updated since the 1990's. SCEI is continuing to work on code enforcement issues and has abated a few items.

Manager's Report – Mr. Thomas advised the Town has gained approval to use the admin truck as an emergency vehicle. It has been outfitted with lights and siren. Sgt. Gunter is using it on weekends. The public has responded favorably to it, and it seems to be going smoothly.

Town Manager Thomas mentioned that Barbara Cox will be out sick the next few days, so Town Hall will be short staffed. It may take a little longer to respond to calls.

The Town Manager stated he is back full speed. He thanked everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and concern. He thanked the Town Board for everything they do for Town staff and wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Kelly expressed her thanks to all those who helped decorate the Town for Christmas this past Saturday.

Commissioner Paschal wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Green apologized for not helping on Saturday and thanked April Collins for her efforts in organizing the decorating for Christmas. Ms. Collins remarked they are continuing to decorate. Commissioner Green wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal couldn't help with the Christmas decorating because he was babysitting all day Saturday. He viewed the last TJCOG meeting. They will assist with filling out paperwork for ARPA funds. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Comments – Mayor Andrews gave an update on the time capsule. The contents are in Greensboro. The company is running behind, so the Mayor won't be contacted until February at the earliest. The company said they had seen worse contents and were able to salvage them.

Lett's Tree Service will put up the Christmas wreaths on Wednesday. The Christmas flags will be put up, also.

Mayor Andrews expressed his appreciation to the DAV Chapter 5 for hosting the Veterans Day Ceremony. They did a superior job with the program, and it was attended by the biggest crowd in quite some time. Mayor Andrews extended kudos to Dr. Sloan for being awarded the Order of the Longleaf Pine. He couldn't think of a better recipient for that honor. Dr. Sloan has done so much to enhance the Broadway and Boone Trails communities. He has impacted many lives over the years, and the recognition was well deserved.

The BOW festival committee had a good meeting last Tuesday. They will not meet in December. Festival information will be going out in January.

The Broadway Lions Club Christmas Parade will be held on December 11 at 2:00 p.m.

The tree lighting ceremony will be held December 5 at 4:00 p.m. The program needs to be finalized. There is still a need for music.

Lett's Tree Service will take down the crepe myrtle on South Main Street that is pushing up the sidewalk. The tree is also crowding the awning and is growing on top of the building. It has outgrown the space and needs to come down.

Mayor Andrews wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

The Mayor entertained 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 Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

After returning to regular session, Commissioner Kelly made the motion to offer the position of Town Manager to John Godfrey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Beal thanked Town Manager Thomas for always taking care of big and little issues on a timely basis. Mr. Thomas stated it was his pleasure.

Mayor Andrews appreciated Mr. Thomas' diplomacy and will miss working with him. Town Manager Thomas expressed that as a follower, it was easy to get behind Mayor Andrews as a leader. The Town Manager commented working for the Town of Broadway is the best job he has ever had.

Mayor Andrews announced a reception will be held for Chief Hinnant on December 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. It will be a floating event, and the public is invited to attend.

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

Donald F. Andrews
Mayor

Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk