

TOWN OF BROADWAY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 24, 2023

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 24, 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, April Collins, Lynne Green, and Teresa Kelly. Also, Town Counsel Jimmy Love, Town Manager John Godfrey, and Town Clerk Laura Duval were present. Commissioner Paschal was absent from the meeting.

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

Police Chief Evan Gunter introduced Broadway's newest officer, Devan Gross. Officer Gross was sworn in last Wednesday morning. He is 24 years old, single, and has no children. Officer Gross is a Chatham County resident and recently completed BLET at CCCC. His brother also works in law enforcement. Chief Gunter stated Officer Gross is already learning a lot. On his first day he and Chief Gunter had an overdose call, which required giving the victim two doses of Narcan. On Officer Gross' second day they had a larceny call and found the suspect hiding in a vacant trailer. Today they went to a domestic, a disturbance, and assisted the Lee County Sheriff's Office with a Lidar event. They issued four tickets for speeding and drug violations. The Mayor and Commissioners welcomed Officer Gross to the Broadway Police Department.

Chief Gunter advised Sgt. Nelson received the Exemplary Service Award for participation on the Critical Incident Team presented by CIT (Crisis Intervention Training). This is the second time Sgt. Nelson has received this award. Sgt. Nelson exhibits patience when working with people with mental illness and treats them with respect. The Town Board expressed congratulations to Sgt. Nelson.

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

Consent Agenda – June 26 Board Meeting Minutes and June financial statements. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to accept the consent agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Casey Thomas, 300 S. Main Street, Broadway, discussed the accidents that have occurred in his front yard. On July 1 a drunk driver ran the stop sign at Mansfield Drive and drove into his yard. This accident was the third one in less

than three years. It has happened at least eight or nine times during the eight years he's lived at this address. If it weren't for the trees in his front yard, the car could have run into the living room where his daughter was sleeping on the couch. Mr. Thomas requested a security bollard be put up. This bollard would withstand a hit by a car and not only protect his home and family, but it would also protect walkers. Mr. Thomas also asked the Town Board to ensure the police officers get the training they need so that they can perform field sobriety tests.

Laura Phillips, 6500 Saddlepath Circle, Raleigh, bought a parcel of land off Lawrence Road. She and her parents want to build two homes on their property. They are having a difficult time getting an easement to the road. One way they could get an easement to the land is off Bradley Road through a piece of property owned by the Johnson family. They are willing to give Ms. Phillips an easement, but there is a sewer pipe on their property. Ms. Phillips asked if they could drive across that pipe and what permits are required, or whether they could get an easement on the land at the WWTP. It would consist of a driveway for two homes and a shop. Ms. Phillips explained her property is in Harnett County, and part of the Johnsons' property falls in Lee County and part falls in Harnett County. Mayor Andrews advised he has spoken with Town Counsel about this issue. The Town has an easement from the Johnsons, and the line is a gravity fall wastewater line. Attorney Love advised Ms. Phillips that the Town would need to see a specific plan where they would cross the easement. Ms. Phillips brought a map and also has a plan and will get it to the Town Manager. Mayor Andrews advised Mr. Godfrey would get back with Ms. Phillips.

New Business – Mayor Andrews presented a bid for the EB-5870 sidewalk project along S. Main Street. Sandhills Contractors, Inc. bid \$92,900, and Morgan Trucking and General Construction, Inc. bid \$143,704.50. Withers Ravenel reviewed the bid packets to ensure the companies met the bid requirements. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to award the sidewalk project bid in the amount of \$92,900 to Sandhills Contractors, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously. The contractor would like to start the project by August 1 so that they can complete it before school starts.

Commissioner Collins made the motion to adopt the resolution for the AIA Sewer Grant in the amount of \$400,000. This grant will be used for the AIA on the sewer. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

A budget ordinance is required so that the AIA sewer grant can be put into the budget for the work to be done. Commissioner Kelly made the motion to adopt the grant ordinance for the AIA Sewer Grant in the amount of \$400,000, which will be expended out of engineering and administration services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Andrews advised the Town will apply for an AIA water grant in the fall. The AIA, completed by engineers, will determine what's in the ground and the size and condition of it. This is another step in the process with the City of Sanford.

Mayor Andrews gave the highlights of the Preliminary Engineering Report on the interconnect. Earlier, the feasibility study on the sewer expansion gave the options: do nothing, expand the WWTP, or run an interconnect with the City of Sanford. At that time the Town Board decided an interconnect was the best option for the Town. Mayor Andrews and Town Manager Godfrey have had ongoing conversations with the leadership team of the City. In addition to the AIA, they requested a PER be done on the interconnect. It requires that a forced 10" main would be run from Broadway's WWTP to Sanford. The City feels that our best connection point would be near CCCC. As of two weeks' ago, the projected cost is approximately \$31.5 million. The interconnect involves running nine miles of pipe along the right of way to connect to the City. It is projected to be a four year project once it starts. The next step in the process is Withers Ravenel reviewing the PER with the City. The Town will have to secure funding for the interconnect and will look at grants.

A few months ago a resolution for lowering the speed limit in the business district on S. Main Street was adopted. DOT has indicated the Town needs to adopt an ordinance changing the speed limit because the current Town ordinance states a 35 mph speed limit. A Public Hearing must be held before adopting a change to an ordinance. The speed limit would be reduced to 25 mph from East Harrington Avenue to Thelma Sloan Drive. The lower speed limit would be another effort to help calm down the traffic on Main Street.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to hold a Public Hearing at the August meeting to amend the speed limit ordinance for traffic control on S. Main Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Green asked why drivers continue to assault Mr. Thomas' property. Mayor Andrews advised it is believed to be caused by distracted drivers and/or drivers under the influence. They don't slow down at the stop sign and drive straight into his yard. A year ago DOT installed a larger stop sign with reflective strips and they also put up a stop sign ahead sign. The Town Board agreed they do not want any harm done to Mr. Thomas and his family. A barricade seems to be the best deterrent to the problem. Since S. Main Street is a DOT road, the Town has contacted DOT about the issue. The sidewalk belongs to the Town, but everything else on the other side of the sidewalk belongs to Mr. Thomas.

Mayor Andrews advised that Justin Rosser has agreed to serve another term on the Planning Board. Shannon Siegfried, of 600 Seminole Road, has applied for the Harnett County ETJ vacancy, and Tammie Adcock, of 434 Swann Station Road, has applied for the Lee County ETJ vacancy. Shannon is employed as a teacher with Lee County Schools and is a Broadway native. Tammie is a retired registered nurse and is a lifelong Broadway resident. Commissioner Green made the motion to appoint Shannon Siegfried to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beal. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kelly made the motion to appoint Tammie Adcock to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report – Town Manager Godfrey advised a water main break occurred on Lee County Line road on June 28. Public Works staff went to the scene and turned off the water late that night. The next morning Sandhills Contractors came and repaired the leak.

On July 6 a re-bid meeting was held for awarding the EB-5870 sidewalk project. Two bids were submitted with the lowest bid from Sandhills Contractors.

Yarborough Heating & Air repaired the HVAC unit at the Community Building on July 11. A leak was repaired where the unit leaked Freon

On July 12 four bids were received for the 2014 Ford Interceptor. High bid was awarded to Robert Arnold.

On July 13 the Mayor and Town Manager met with Withers Ravenel to receive the final version of the Preliminary Engineering Report for the sewer interconnect project.

Police Officer Devan Gross was sworn in as Broadway's newest police officer on July 19.

Mr. Godfrey completed and submitted the Powell Bill Report for FY 2023 to NCDOT.

Staff continue to work hard and efficient even in the midst of daily challenges. We all work well together as a team, and Mr. Godfrey is grateful for their contributions to our Town.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Collins has received complaints again about speeding on Main Street. Chief Gunter and Sgt. Nelson are certified in radar. Officers Stone and Gross are scheduled for radar school next week.

Commissioner Green inquired about field sobriety training. Chief Gunter explained standardized field sobriety training is a week long course. Officer Stone and Sgt. Nelson are certified. They can issue citations for DWI. Commissioner Green congratulated Sgt. Nelson on receiving the Exemplary Service Award with Critical Incident Training. Chief Gunter stated the other officers will attend that class as well. Being short staffed made it difficult to get officers additional training.

Commissioner Collins asked Ms. Phillips if it would be better for them to get an easement on Lawrence Road. There is a dirt road to get to their land, but the adjacent property owners prefer not to give them an easement for legal access. The Phillips are asking for an easement over the Town's easement off Bradley Road. Further discussions will be held with Town Counsel.

Mayor Comments – The Mayor gave an update on the Watson Lake Dam rehab. The Division of Dam Safety sent a list of several things that must be done and verified.

The kudzu was removed from the dam last week. The division is mandating that grass be grown on the side of the dam. The Town is waiting for a quote to seed and straw the dam. Mowing the grass will be a challenge. As the Town completes the requirements, documentation along with pictures must be sent to the division. Another item on the list is cleaning off the spillway. The Town has contacted someone to do this. The deadline for having the list completed is September 15. Then the Town will apply for an engineering and design grant from FEMA through the Division of Dam Safety.

Mayor Andrews has picked up the remaining items from the time capsule. The contents are very fragile. An event will be held so that the public can view the documents, but they can't be handled. Items may be covered with plexi-glass then placed on a table for viewing. The first time capsule event was sponsored by the Garden Club. It was suggested that a joint event be held to view the contents and another time capsule buried in the fall of the year.

The dedication for the NC Disabled Veterans Monument is scheduled for Sunday, October 1. The event is a work in progress. The committee is lining up speakers and planning the event.

The Town continues to work with State Code Enforcement to enforce grass, cars, and other ordinances weekly. Most of the time SCEI gets a response from violation notices. Once notices are mailed, citizens are given 10-15 days to correct the violation then SCEI follows up as necessary. All SCEI documentation is furnished to Town Manager Godfrey. Concerned citizens can reach out to the Town Manager if they notice probable ordinance violations. Code enforcement does not monitor esthetics.

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 Collins. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn.

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Donald F. Andrews  
Mayor

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Laura K. Duval, Town Clerk