## TOWN OF HAMILTON MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

**HAMILTON TOWN HALL** 

APRIL 7, 2022 @ 7pm

PRESENT: MAYOR WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONERS: SPIVEY, FREEMAN, GOODRICH, STEWART, JACKSON

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WILLIAMS AT 7:03pm. PRAYER WAS OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER STEWART FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

MINUTES FROM MARCH BOARD MEETING WERE READ BY THE TOWN CLERK. NO CORRECTIONS WERE NEEDED SO A MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS READ WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPIVEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACKSON. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

OLD BUSINESS: EMS HAS MOVED TO THE OLD TOWN HALL BUILDING. POSSIBLE LIABILITY ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS OSHA REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER STEWART REPORTED THAT 2 BIDS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE CONDEMNED PROPERTY ON SOUTH STREET. COMMISSIONER STEWART ASKED THAT THE BID OF \$5200 SUBMITTED BY DEVERAUX LLC BE ACCEPTED. MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPIVEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FREEMAN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

A CHANGE IN THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 WEST MAIN STREET FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL WAS REQUESTED. SIGNAGE MUST BE POSTED ON THE PROPERTY AND A NOTICE MUST BE POSTED IN THE NEWSPAPER ON MARCH 31. A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THIS ZONING CHANGE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2022. LETTERS TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

THE BOARD WILL REVIEW THE EMS LEASE AGREEMENT TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

MAYOR CHARLOTTE GRIFFIN FROM BEAR GRASS SHOWED THE COMMISSIONERS THE PLANS THAT ROANOKE RIVER PARTNERS HAVE FOR THE ROSENWALD SCHOOL. PLANS CALL FOR A MUSEUM ON THE HISTORY OF THE ROSENWALD SCHOOL, AS WELL AS OFFICES FOR THE ROANOKE RIVER PARTNERS AS WELL AS BATHROOMS FOR THE PUBLIC. MAYOR GRIFFIN ALSO OFFERED TO GIVE THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL AT THEIR REQUEST.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

COMMISSIONER JACKSON HAD NOTHING TO REPORT

COMMISSIONER STEWART HAD ALREADY MADE A REPORT ABOUT THE CONDEMNED HOUSE

COMMISSIONER SPIVEY REPORTED ON THE YEAR END REPORTS THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE STATE.

COMMISSIONER GOODRICH SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING THE MAINTENANCE CREW PAY RAISES AS THEY COMPLETE DIFFERENT CERTIFICATIONS. COMMISSIONER SPIVEY BACKED THIS IDEA UP AS OTHER TOWNS COMPENSATE THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR COMPLETING CERTIFICATIONS.

COMMISSIONER GOODRICH ASKED ABOUT BASEBALL THIS YEAR AND COMMISSIONER FREEMAN REPORTED THERE WAS NOT GOING TO BE A BASEBALL SEASON BECAUSE THE DUGOUTS NEEDED NEW ROOFS. SHE SUGGESTED A COMMUNITY WORKDAY TO REPAIR THE ROOFS. MAY 7th @ 10 AM WAS AGREED UPON FOR FIXING THE DUGOUTS.

MAYOR WILLIAMS REPORTED THAT A RIBBON CUTTING WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 13 AT HEADSTART LOCATION TO WELCOME THE NEW MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC SPONSORED BY TRILLIUM. MAYOR WILLIAMS ALSO REPORTED THAT NCLM WAS OFFERING TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR ANY COMMISSIONERS INTERESTED. WORKSHOPS ARE TO BE HELD MAY 9-12. THE LGC WILL COVER THE COST OF THESE WORKSHOPS.

MARVIN HILLIARD INVITED THE BOARD TO ATTEND THE GOOSE NEST FESTIVAL MAY 21 IN OAK CITY.

RESIDENT PATRICIA MORRING ASKED ABOUT THE CHECKING ACCOUNT SHE REQUESTED TO BE OPENED FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK. MAYOR WILLIAMS SAID TO BRING INFORMATION TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

RESIDENT DON SULLIVAN QUESTIONED WHY THE TOWN MOWS THE PROPERTY BEHIND EDNA ANDREWS SCHOOL. HE STATED THAT IN THE LEASE IT SAYS THAT THE HEAD START IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOWING THAT PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER FREEMAN AND MAYOR WILLIAMS SAID THAT THE MAINTENANCE CREW HAD ALWAYS DONE IT. MR. SULLIVAN STATED THAT A WRITTEN LEASE SHOULD SUPERSEDE A VERBAL AGREEMENT.

MAYOR WILLIAMS REQUESTED A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER GOODRICH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPIVEY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION MADE BY COMMISSIONER STEWART, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOODRICH. MOTION CARRIED 5-0

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