

November 1, 2018
Regular Monthly Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor; Commissioners: Williams, Staton, Freeman, and Jackson. Commissioner Everett was absent due to illness. Call to order/Welcome by the Mayor.

Prayer: Commissioner Ervin Williams and Pledge Allegiance to Flag was recited by all.

Mayor asks for a motion to approve the Agenda; motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Staton. Carried 4-0.

October 4, 2018 minutes read by the Mayor. A motion to approve minutes as read by Commissioner Jackson and motion second by Commissioner Freeman. Motion approved 4-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Public Comments:

- Citizen **Jeff Taylor**, states he had his service changed from fuses to breakers. ask for the Town to help pay for an air compressor he had to replace at his home that was damage when maintenance supervisor, William Freeman connected ground wire at the top of the house to the hot wire which caused a surge to go through his house and burn up motors in refrigerator, deep freezer and air compressor. I have attached Mr. Freeman's explanation of what happened and also the electrician's statement to these minutes. (November 1, 2018).

Mary Greene thanked Mayor and commissioners for allowing Dementia Alliance of NC to use the Morris Lynch Center facility for their annual walk event and for the Town's financial support. She reported that they did fall short of their goal this year raising \$9000.00.

Patricia Morring: Request reimbursement for material she bought to spray fire ant hills at the Lynch Center the day of Dementia Alliance Event; still questions why town WIFI cannot be made available for the public and inquired about the cable company.

Mayor asks Ms. Morring to turn in **original receipts** of her purchase as they are needed for accounting purposes. Mayor states not hearing from the cable company and the Town may need to send letter to them.

Judith Stewart: Inquired about amount spent for Public Power Day. Commissioners Williams state that Electricities reimburses the Town \$1500.00.

Ask the reason for not moving the Town Hall. Mayor states that although the last Board voted to move, there was never a time frame set for the move. Now it will be up to the present Board to approve move. Mayor then asked for motion from the Board. No motion by present Board.

Financial Report: The Board discussed the financials. Board need to approve budget amendment that the Water/Sewer Fund Account line item 4613 move \$26,880.00 to Line item 5615 to Repairs and Maintenance for check written to TA Loving and Company invoice for Lift Station Cleaning/Check valve replacement. Motion to approve by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0.

Board also need to approve Budget Amendment Electric Fund line item 4110 Appropriated Fund Balance move \$850.00 to Miscellaneous line item 5009 for tree removal at Main and South Streets.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Staton and second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4-0.

Commissioners' Report: Jackson: States that the HDVF still seeking volunteers. He states that over the years there has been a decline in volunteers. They are in the process of recruiting interested applicants. He asks that the clerk continue to add to the utility bill that they are seeking male/female motivated young people with a passion to serve as volunteers.

- **Freeman:** Jeff Taylor, town citizen, ask for the Town to help pay for an air compressor he had to replace at his home that was damage when maintenance supervisor, William Freeman connected ground wire at the top of the house to the hot wire which caused a surge to go through his house and burn up motors in refrigerator, deep freezer and air compressor. I have attached Mr. Freeman's explanation of what happened and also the electrician's statement to these minutes. (November 1, 2018).

Mr. Freeman reports gazebo handicap ramp installed will not block residential driveways. Two (2) handicap signs have been ordered and received will erect once we have resolution in place.

Staton: Streets and ditches look fine. She also read a statement addressing clarifying her position and concerns about the Town. See statement filed with the November 1, 2018 minutes.

Williams: Spoke with Mr. Wallace Parker things progressing working on some issues with architect. Should be able to look at brochure and cite plan soon.

Public Power Day items arrived. Due to weather Public Power event date was changed from 10/11/2018 to 10/12/2018.

Board need to look at closing Water/Sewer Project Fund and put balance of \$14,877.84 in Water/Sewer Fund this could help make \$26,000.00 yearly payment; will consult with the engineers before we move money. Need motion from board. Motion by Commissioner Freeman to contact engineer and if it is agreeable to close Water/Sewer Project Fund and move \$14,877.84 balance to the Water/Sewer Fund and the motion was second by Commissioner Jackson. Carried 4.0.

Town of Hamilton Christmas Parade will be December 13, 2018 4:00 PM and lineup will be at the Edna Andrews School.

Motion to go into closed session **Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)**

(5) Acquisition of real property by Commissioner Jackson second by Commissioner Staton. Carried 4-0. Motion to come out of closed session and back in open session by Commissioner Staton. Second by Commissioner Freeman. Carried 4.0. Back in open session. No action taken in closed session.

No further business discussed. Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned

Annie B. Jones 12/6/2018
Clerk

DB Mathis 12/6/18
Mayor