

**November 7, 2019
Town of Hamilton
Monthly Board Meeting**

Present: Mayor Matthews; Commissioners Williams, Staton, Freeman, Everett and Jackson.

Meeting was called to order/welcome by the mayor. Prayer was made by Commissioner Williams. Pledge to Flag was recited by all.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Everett and second by Commissioner Staton. Agenda approved 5-0.

Mayor read October 3, 2019 minutes. There was one correction to minutes that has been noted and corrected. Motion to approve with one correction by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Freeman motion carried 5-0 unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Ms. Judith Stewart:** asks if there is an application given to rent the Edna Andrews School gym. Commissioner Williams states that it is the same one used for the Lynch Center.

Ms. Patricia Morring states the Open House for Headstart had low attendance because it was not advertised well. Commissioner Williams states that attendance was good as people came at different intervals.

Financial Report: Mayor and Board reviewed the financials and did not see any concerns at this time.

Commissioners Williams Reviewed Budget Amendments with the Board and ask for a motion from the Board to approve Amendments. Motion to approve by Commissioner Everett and was second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 5-0 unanimously. See Budget Amendments filed with November 7, 2019 minutes

Commissioners Report:

- **Jackson:** Nothing at this time.
- **Staton:** Nothing at this time.
- **Freeman:** Drain tile on Railroad Street and off South has been replaced; drain tile behind Ms. Blanks home has been repaired, The water tank is being sandblasted and painted with Aproxoy. He asks Board permission to sell old mower that need transmission and deck states he has someone interested in purchasing it. Motion to sell mower by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion approved 4-0 unanimously. Commissioner Freeman did not vote.

Items left in the EAS gym a bookshelf, 6 old desks, 1 table, 2 metal carts, 5 filing cabinets. Need to be moved out of the gym he suggests giving them to residents on first come basis or could put on Gov Deal. Board is in agreement.

Commissioner Williams: Thanked Sycamore Baptist Church for donating books to the Library also Ms. Mary Greene for putting us in touch with the Hope Plantation. Ms. Greene said they had more books, Commissioner Williams state that school has enough for right now. Ms. Morring said that they could use them for their library.

Commissioner Williams reports talking with Mr. Parker two weeks ago about the Veterans' Village project, and that Mr. Parker states that the contractors inspected the building for asbestos and ran field test. He also states that Tom Tillis and GK Butterfield are assisting with pulling data

information that they are requesting. Mr. Parker states that it looks like part of the Baptist Home can be saved.

Ms. Chevelle Summers "Annie's Catering" estimates that she will need approximately \$5,000.00 to complete restaurant renovation and she is asking if Town can assist her in any way. We can send out economic development letters for grants, try to get Committee of 100 to find matching grant \$2500.00. Will seek \$500.00 from another business and he asks Board for a motion that the Town partner with \$2000.00. Economically for the Town will be an incentive because it will create two job opportunities for citizens and they look to add more later on. A motion for Town to approve \$2000.00 matching grant by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion carried 5-0 unanimously.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session by Commissioner Jackson and second by Commissioner Staton motion carried 5-0.

Back in open session. No action taken in closed session. Mayor Matthews states that William Freeman, Maintenance Supervisor, reports he has 3360 of compensatory time and is asking the Town to pay him for 2000 hours of this time he asks a motion from the Board. Commissioner Williams motion that pursuant to Town attorney, Richard James review personnel policy and bookkeeper find funding in the budget that Commissioner Freeman be compensated. The motion is second by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Freeman did not vote.

A motion by Commissioner Williams that the Board schedule a special call meeting November 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM to allow Town Attorney to present personnel policy findings and research on compensatory time. Motion second by Commissioner Everett carried 4-0 unanimously. See Commissioner's Williams full report filed with 11/7 2019 minutes.

Commissioner Freeman states that an electrical upgrade will be done on Horton Street at 10:00 AM and there will be some power outage at that time.

No further business discussed. Commissioner Everett motions to adjourn meeting and second by Commissioner Staton. Motion carried 5-0 unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Annie B. Jones 12/7/19
Clerk Date

DS Matthews III
Mayor Date