

**TOWN OF JAMESVILLE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 5/24/2022
MINUTES**

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Special Board Meeting held between 5:00 p.m. & 7:36 p.m. on 05/24/2022 at the Jamesville Town Hall, 1211 Water Street, Jamesville, NC 27846. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing measures were made available to all.

Attendees:

- Craig Tucker - Mayor
- Willis Williams - Mayor Protem
- Larris Tolson – Commissioner
- Rachel Craddock – Commissioner
- Mary Allen – Commissioner
- Kimberly Cockrell – Commissioner

- Minutes Recorder – Kimberly Cockrell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

I. Call to Order

Mayor Craig Tucker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Larris Tolson offered the prayer. Mayor Craig Tucker welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Adoption of Agenda

- Commissioner Larris Tolson made the motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Rachel Craddock seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes - 0 Nays.

III. Public Comments – None

IV. USDA – Reginald Speight & George Vital

Mr. George Vital, NC-USDA Area Director apologized for the absence of Mr. Reginald Speight, NC-USDA State Director who was not at the meeting, due to a dental procedure.

The groups engaged in a lengthy frank conversation about the seriousness of the Town's immediate and long-range needs listed below and suggested ways to go about acquiring funding.

- * Replace water and wastewater plants (over 50 years), with increased capacity.
Before COVID-19, Jamesville was in the process of replacing water plant, including debt service until prices skyrocketed. State awarded grant money (2.8 million) but not enough to allow the Town to pay debt service with additional COVID19 costs (\$1.8 million). Federal grant money needed to make project work.)
 - Municipal Engineering continue to apply for grant/loan funding.
- * Address distribution system severe infiltration problems.
 - Municipal Engineering continue to apply for grant/loan funding.
- * Relocate/renovate/raise main pumping station located in flood plain.
 - Municipal Engineering continue to apply for grant/loan funding.
- * Extend water and sewer line to ETJ, etc. Potential for increased revenue.
 - Valentine Project (\$150,000)
 - Users in extended area – potential Joint project with County

- * Acquire or improve land to relocate utility and equipment building (too close to deep well), modernize Town Hall to provide greater access to the public as well as a Community Center.
 - o Look to funding a Town Administration Building rather than a Town Hall.
 - o Begin talks with Mid-East Housing about land available.
 - Tax Card: Property Owner: Mid-East Housing Greenville
 - Property value: \$37,000
 - Land: 3.7 acres
 - Structure on Land: No
 - o Have Municipal Engineering determine square footage needed and cost for open structure and administration building.
- * Astoria Road repairs
 - o Have Municipal Engineering approach NC Wildlife about Astoria Road as an environmental hazard
 - o Have Municipal Engineering supply a cost estimate per square footage or length to build the sewer lines down Astoria Road
 - o Continue to reach out to federal and state representatives for support
 - o Solicit support from local hunting clubs and others who use the road regularly
- * Natural gas for more residents
 - o Do a drive-by survey on the number of bottled gas customers and present to regional manager.
- * Construct a Police and Recreation Department
 - o A vacant building was suggested for satellite office and multiple uses

USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Loan Program of NC and the USDA Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program flyers were distributed.

Mr. George Vital demonstrated how to navigate through the USDA grant/loan website. Even though verbal communication had already begun, Mr. George Vital strongly encourage having all communication in writing. He also suggested wording that tended to make the application more favorable to grantors as well as different project combinations for funding applications.

Commissioner Larris Tolson made the motion to instruct the Town Clerk/Finance Officer to write a letter concerning Astoria Road repairs (include a map) soliciting funding/cost sharing of the repairs and to send to the appropriate addresses. Commissioner Mary Allen seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5Ayes - 0 Nays.

V. Board Comments – None

VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Mary Allen moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Larris Tolson seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes - 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted by:
 Kimberly Cockrell
 Town Clerk/Finance Officer