

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Edmonds. Commissioners in attendance were: Pam Allen, Ruby Mullin, and Barbara Luther. Commissioner Jason Auman and Jodi Sapper were absent.

**A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report**

The minutes from the March 1<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting were presented for review. After further review, Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for March was presented for review. After further review, a motion was made by Commissioner Mullin with a second made by Commissioner Allen. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Police Report**

The police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1206), hours worked during March were 283.5, with 5 hours in court. There were 36 field interviews, 4 warrants served, 3 criminal citations, 25 traffic citations, 8 written warnings, 43 verbal warnings, 12 Pedestrian/Motorist assists, 3 officer assist, 1 traffic accident, 1 domestic call and 1 alarm call. There were 7 miscellaneous calls, 3 incident reports, 33 miscellaneous reports, and 127 business checks. Chief Maness reported that the 5K Run/Walk that was held on Saturday was a success. There were no incidents and approximately 123 people participated. Chief Maness also gave an explanation about the report about warrants served. Mr. Fernandez had questioned about the number reported last month. He stated that it did not mean that they arrested 16 people in Seagrove but could have been one person with several warrants a piece. Mayor Pro-Tem asked the Chief about the legality of a trailer being parked on the street that impedes the flow of traffic. The Chief stated that if the trailer impedes the flow then yes it is illegal. He will check on this.

David Fernandez then asked a question about the noise ordinance for the Town. He has had difficulty with trucks using their engine brakes while traveling by their Bed and Breakfast. It has been disturbing his guests. Chief Maness will contact the DOT regarding getting a sign stating "No Engine Brakes" at the city limits. The board also asked the Chief to find out about getting the timing for the stop light changed. It changes very quickly and could possibly cause a serious accident.

**C. Committee Reports:**

Commissioner Mullin had nothing to report.

Clerk Morse reported that Mr. Morgan had given the town a check for \$165.00 which is supposed to be the balance due on the vendor fees for the Pottery Festival. Clerk Morse noted that in reviewing the records, no vendor fees have been paid for the last two years, so this check will not be accepted. She has drafted a letter to the Museum of North Carolina of Traditional Pottery, Inc. informing him that we had not received any money for vendor fees for the last two years, that the vendor fees for 2014 had increased to \$30.00 and that they now owes the town \$3,180.00 for these two events. Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion allowing Clerk Morse to send the letter to the North Carolina Museum of Traditional Pottery, Inc. giving them 30 days to pay these fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **D. Old Business**

Commissioner Mullin, Mayor Pro-Tem Luther and Planning & Zoning Chairman Bill Dursa met with Phil Morgan regarding the issue of the illegal sign on his building. Mr. Morgan refuses to cooperate or work with the Town. Clerk Morse will be sending another letter which will include the amount of civil penalties and that if they are not paid, the Town will begin further legal action.

#### **E. New Business**

Kevin with Fresh Cuts has recently purchased the old Citgo sign that he would like to put up on this property for the grocery store. He has an application for the sign and will get to the Planning and Zoning Board for their approval.

Mayor Edmonds questioned about the cost of running the new sewer line to the property that Jeremy McNeill has purchased. David Fernandez stated that he met with the Water Board and they stated that the biggest expense is taking the line under the roadway. Mr. Fernandez recommended that the Mayor speak with the Water Board about this.

Mayor Edmonds attended the latest State Pottery Board meeting that was held recently. He stated that they are willing to help get new signs installed for the Pottery businesses in the area.

#### **F. Business of the Community**

David Fernandez spoke about the need to better move people around the Town than we currently have. The town really needs to look at ways to make the Town itself more appealing and "user friendly" for the visitors to the Town. He suggests that a comprehensive plan be developed to help move visitors around the Town. It was also suggested that the Town really needs to look into getting a grant to help with improvements in the town.

Commissioner Mullin announced that the Seagrove Family Restaurant is now open for dinner on Thursday and Friday's until 9:00.

There being no other business to address, Commissioner Mullin made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Luther seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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ATTEST: Shawn M. Morse  
Shawn Morse, Town Clerk

Roy Edmonds  
Roy Edmonds, Mayor