

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 3, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Hale. Commissioners in attendance were: Edmonds and Mullin.

Mayor Hale announced that tonight's meeting is an organizational meeting. The organizational meeting takes place after all of the newly elected officials' are certified by the election board. Before handing over the gavel to the newly elected Mayor, the council granted Mayor Hale the opportunity to address the public and thank the community for allowing him to serve for the past four years. He spoke about the "countless nights worrying about one thing or another, a lot of feuding in the past but there has also been a lot of camaraderie, but together we stuck." He stated that he stuck in there because the majority of people asked him to. While many asked why he stayed through all the problems, he stayed because the people elected him to do it. The town is growing, with the new grocery store being built; and the new Super Dollar General coming to town. There are many more things coming in the future and that is because the people that were elected stuck together and believed in each other. Hale congratulated the newly elected council and stated that he hoped they continue to work together toward bettering the community of Seagrove. Hale thanked the community for their getting more involved in the happenings of the town. He has been encouraged to see the number of people who now come out to the monthly town meetings and are getting more involved in what is happening. He then thanked each commissioner individually for working with him and the town in making Seagrove a better community.

Mayor Hale then passed the gavel to the newly elected Mayor, Roy Edmonds. Edmonds then thanked everyone for electing him to this position. He stated that he is a little nervous about taking this position but he hopes to do the best he can. Edmonds said that he does have an agenda and that is to see the sewer lines run to the by-pass in the future. He is hoping to bring the town together in harmony and be a Mayor for everyone in the Town.

Roy Edmonds was then sworn in as the new Mayor of Seagrove by Judge Wilkins. The new commissioners, Ruby Mullin, Barbara Luther, Jodi Sapper, Pam Allen and Jason Auman were then sworn in by Judge Wilkins.

Mayor Edmonds then called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

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

Items approved by motion were:

The minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> Town meeting were presented for review. Commissioner Mullin noted that Eddie Von Cannon's name was misspelled in these minutes. Town Clerk Morse will make those changes prior to posting on the website. After further review, Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Commissioner Jason Auman. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report for November was presented for review. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Jodi Sapper with second by Commissioner Pam Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

## **B. Police Report:**

The Police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1774), hours worked during November were 248 with 8 hours special assignment at Seagrove School, 42 Training hours and 5 hours in court. There were 22 field interviews, 12 warrants served, 1 prisoner processed, 1 on view arrest, 36 traffic citations, 25 written warnings, 38 verbal warnings, 6 pedestrian/motorist assists, and 5 officer assists. There were 2 traffic accidents, 1 domestic call, 1 alarm call, 8 miscellaneous calls, and 3 incident reports. There were 31 miscellaneous reports filed and 138 building checks. Chief Maness stated that the Sargent was investigating a stolen ATM card that had been used. This has been solved. They also had a small child at the school who attempted suicide.

## **C. Committee Reports:**

Prior to addressing the committee reports Mayor Edmonds announced that Commissioner Mullin will be the liaison for the zoning committee, Commissioner Auman will be liaison for the parks and that he will continue with the streets.

Commissioner Mullin reported that she will forward Keith's number to Commissioner Auman and that since there is no mowing going on he needs to work on the roads at the park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Luther had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Auman stated that he wanted on record that because he is a paid police officer for the town, anything that has to do with the police department or the town budget directly affecting his salary, he will not be voting on.

Clerk Morse did not have anything new to report.

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

Police Commissioner Mullin asked Clerk Morse the allocation of the purchase of new police car affecting police budget. Clerk Morse is checking with an accountant to ensure the correct recording of this allocation.

In regards to the Water Board Representative replacement, Commissioner Mullin nominated Steve Williamson, SKC Contractor. Mr. Williamson has agreed to do this. He has also agreed to take his name out of any bids for work for the town to avoid a conflict of interest. Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept Steve Williamson as the Water Board Representative; the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. The motion passed unanimously.

The town had someone who was supposed to be working on the Town's website. Since nothing has been done on the website, Edward Sapper has agreed to take over working on and updating the website. Commissioner Mullin made a motion to select Ed Sapper as the new website coordinator. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Auman. Motion carried unanimously, with Commissioner Sapper abstaining.

Police Commissioner Mullin stated that when he took over as Police Commissioner two years ago, he had an agenda he wanted to accomplish and all has been accomplished. He has agreed to continue as the Police Commissioner and will meet with Chief Maness, Sargent Auman and Mayor Edmonds to begin developing a new agenda for the Police Department.

There are still several businesses that have not paid their privilege licenses for this current year. Clerk Morse will send out statements to those who have not paid giving them 10 days to pay or we will have the town police stop by the businesses that have not paid.

In regards to the \$2,500.00 that the TDA had donated for the Centennial Celebration it was decided that since those funds had not been used, they will be returned to them.

Commissioner Mullin mentioned that the light at the flag pole is not currently working. Clerk Morse will contact Progress Energy to have repaired.

Commissioner Mullin also mentioned that a new light needs to be put up in the curve on Auman Drive going toward Yow Drive. Progress Energy needs to be contacted and given the pole number so a new light can be put up there.

The Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade is coming up on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. There have been 290 bags of candy put together to be handed out at the Tree Lighting.


The issue for adding more people to the zoning board was tabled until the next meeting.

**E. Community Business:**

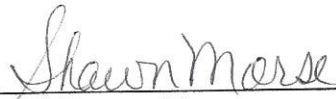
Ed Blake announced that Lowes Hardware has donated 2,700 color lights for the Christmas tree. Commissioner Mullin thanked the community for all the donations that were given for the Tree Lighting.

There being no other business to address, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther and seconded by Commissioner Mullin. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Roy Edmonds, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Shawn Morse  
Town Clerk