

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Edmonds. Commissioners in attendance were: Pam Allen, Ruby Mullin, Jason Auman, and Jodi Sapper. Barbara Luther was absent.

A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes from the June 2nd Town Meeting were presented for review. After further review, Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Commissioner Sapper. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B. Police Report

The police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (864), hours worked during June were 216. There were 23 field interviews, 14 warrants served, 3 warrants drawn, 13 traffic citations, 3 written warnings, 39 verbal warnings, 8 Pedestrian/motorist assists, 8 officer assist, 1 domestic call, 4 alarm calls. There were 24 miscellaneous calls, 6 incident report, 24 miscellaneous reports, and 102 business checks. Chief Maness reported that the Police Department along with Randolph County served a search warrant on Doug Newsome's house on Boone Street. A meth lab was found on Boone Street at Doug Newsome's house. 396 grams of meth were seized. He was taken to jail and put under \$500,000 bond. The SBI is in charge of cleaning up the lab.

C. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Auman reported that the trees had been cut and the debris removed from the park. He is meeting someone over at the park in the next day or so to repair the lights in the bathroom. The gentleman is going to give him an estimate on installing motion lights at the shelter and bathroom.

There were no other committee reports at this time.

D. New Business

The budget was then presented to the town. The tax revenue is down from what we had to work with last year. The State has stopped allowing Towns to collect for privilege licenses and vendor fees. Therefore we will be losing about \$4,000.00 in revenue.

There was no change to the contribution for the Fire Department, however; the Library Contribution had to be decreased by a drastic amount.

Police Commissioner Mullin presented the Police Budget for 2015-2016. The budget will remain the same as last year; however, there are some changes to the line items. The major change to this budget is our Reserve Officer Jimmy Wells is going to be brought on as a part-time officer at \$10.00 per hour for 15 hours a week. Chief Maness will also be given a \$1.00 per hour raise. Commissioner Allen made a motion to change the Police Budget with a second made by Commissioner Sapper. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Auman recused himself from the vote on the Police Budget.

A discussion was started regarding the garbage cans that are located within the Town. There are several cans that are not being used and need to be picked up. A list of all unused cans will be brought together and be given to Clerk Morse to be removed from the Republic Services bill.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the budget, Commissioner Mullin made a motion to pass the 2015-2016 Budget with a second made by Commissioner Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Business of the Community

Jane Kissler then addressed the Board with a report on the Grants that she has been looking at for the Town. She has spoken to Robin Hussey, Town Clerk in Star and asked where she got the money for their Town Hall and Police Department and she said it was through USDA Rural Development. So she has been talking with Allen Hart at USDA Rural Development who is going to forward information on the grants available to her. She has also spoken with the NC Park and Rec who would be the group we would go to for playground equipment. Jane is planning on going by the Park to take some photos. She requested Chief Maness give her a "wish" list of things the Police Department would need and will be looking into different grants for the Police Department. She will have much more information for the Board at the August meeting.

David Fernandez raised the question of the Town possibly doing a concert series or such in order to raise funds for the Town. His suggestion is to partner with different groups in the community to promote and work on these types of thing to help the town to raise money.

Mayor Edmonds announced that James Upton and Stan Beck are going to be putting in a sewer line. They have already got the prices and are willing to allow anyone who wants to go in with them to hook on. The price to do this is approximately \$20,000. He would like to get other people included in this to help defer some of the costs.

There being no other business to address, Commissioner Allen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sapper seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Shawn M Morse
Shawn Morse, Town Clerk

Roy Edmonds
Roy Edmonds, Mayor