

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2014**

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

A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The minutes from the May 6, 2014 Town Meeting were presented for review. After further review, Commissioner Sapper made a motion to accept the minutes with a second made by Commissioner Auman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for May was presented for review. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Commissioner Mullin with a second made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Report

The police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1031), hours worked during May were 215 with 70 training hours, 2 hours at the school and 4 hours in court. There were 8 field interviews, 7 warrants served, 1 on-view arrest, 9 criminal citations, 1 DWI arrest, 14 traffic citations, 6 written warnings, 32 verbal warnings, 5 pedestrian/motorist assists, 4 officer assists. There were 2 domestic calls, 5 alarm calls, 6 miscellaneous calls, 2 incident reports, 17 miscellaneous reports and 78 building checks. They are currently looking into a larceny that took place at Quik Chek and also the larceny of a rifle. Commended Sergeant Auman for observing and stopping a car that was passing on a double yellow line, it turned out they had been involved in breaking into homes in Moore County.

C. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Mullin reported that there are three (3) members of the planning and zoning board whose positions are expiring. Wanda Hale, Rachel Wright and David Fernandez have agreed to return. Commissioner Allen nominated Ed Sapper to be appointed to the planning and zoning board. Commissioner Mullin made a motion to vote on the new members. Wanda Hale, Rachel Wright and Ed Sapper were appointed as the new members to the Planning and Zoning Board by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Mullin has been in touch with Mitchell Green regarding installing the new gate at the park. He has given an estimate of \$1,500 to install a 28 foot gate at the entrance to the ball park. After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to table this expense until the new budget is put in place. Commissioner Allen seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Allen questioned why the Town pays the County Fire Marshall to inspect, what does he inspect and who sets this fee. It was noted that this fee is set by the county.

Clerk Morse stated that a date needs to be set to work on the budget. The work session was then set for Monday, June 9th and the final budget hearing for Monday, June 30th at 7:30 pm.

D. New Business:

The Planning and Zoning Board met and Chairman David Fernandez presented their recommendations.

The first recommendation was the issue of yard sales. Someone in the community had asked whether or not a yard sale could be held more than twice per year. The Planning & Zoning Board reviewed the current ordinance and recommends that it remain at two yard sales per year, per residence and that it be limited to three days. Also, to clean up the ordinance they recommend that a permit be required, obtained from the Town Clerk, with no fee attached to this permit. Commissioner Mullin made a motion that Yard Sales remain at two per year, with a limit of three days and they must contact the Town Clerk in order to obtain a permit. The Town Clerks' phone number will be posted on the front door for residents to contact her. If a permit is not obtained, the Police can make them take it down and if they refuse to take it down they will be fined a maximum of \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Auman. The motion passed unanimously. This will be effective as of July 1st.

The second recommendation is Town Beautification. There were several comments about areas within the town that are starting to look run-down and/or need some attention. Instead of trying to legislate or place laws to try and get people to do that, the committee recommends that this Saturday, June 7th, the zoning committee and whatever town council members can join them, take a walk around town and identify areas that need attention. They could then, as a group, meet with the property owners and make recommendations on how to make the property look a little bit better. The committee also recommended instituting a Beautification Award on a monthly basis, alternating between one business and one residence if they take the time to upgrade their property. It is also recommended that a sign be put on the property that receives the award as well as putting it on the website. Commissioner Mullin made a motion recommending the Planning & Zoning Board be in charge of the Beautification Committee. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Allen proposed to the Zoning Committee a change to the sound ordinance. It currently limits noise after 10 p.m. at night and he proposed including under the sound ordinance, limitations of loud noises during church hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. such as mowing lawns or cutting trees. The sound ordinances are enforced by the Police

Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Luther made a motion to add a rider to the sound ordinance to include the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Sundays. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Luther. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Williamson then addressed the meeting. He and Mayor Edmonds met with LKC Engineering from Pinehurst last Tuesday to look at what options the Town has of getting grants or loan money for sewer service near Hwy 73/74. They are putting together a proposal with cost estimates and feasibility. They are looking at several different types of grants. They noted that the 4" line that is currently in place will handle the upgrade, the only thing needed would be a pump station further up the road. It is possible that the town may have to expend some up-front money to get things going and then as developers come in they can help cover the costs of extending the system.

Mayor Edmonds stated that he has also spoken with someone about writing a grant for the sidewalks. More information on this will come at a later date.

Allen Hale then made a proposal to the Council. He would like to see the Council develop a citizenship award to be presented once a year. Nominations can be taken from the public in the month of June and the Mayor Pro-Tem would head up a committee of five people, selected by the Mayor Pro-Tem, to meet in the month of July go through the nominations. The award could be presented at the August meeting. He would like to see the award named the Brenda Harrellson Citizen of the Year Award in honor of the hard work and dedication that Brenda has given to the Town. To qualify, you do not need to be a citizen of Seagrove. It can be anyone who does outstanding work for the Town of Seagrove. He feels that this plaque should be very meaningful. This proposal was very favorably accepted by other members of the community. Commissioner Mullin made a motion to accept Allen Hale's proposal, with a second by Commissioner Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

Steven Williamson then stated that there is still an issue with the residence on Boone Street having water flowing through his property in heavy rains. The issue is that the ditches cannot be dug any deeper due to the underground utilities. They have found a pipe at Boone Street & Hoyt that is stopped up. Permission was granted for Steve Williamson to make the necessary repairs.

David Allen, candidate for District 3 County Commissioner, North East portion of the county, then introduced himself and reminded the community about the run-off elections to be held July 15th.


Steven Williamson then presented the information from the Water Board meeting including minutes and financial information. Steve will look into a report of tankers filling up their trucks from the fire hydrants. If individuals see this happening, his phone number will be posted on the door of the Town Hall so they can report these incidents.

Commissioner Jodi Sapper then raised a question, as a private citizen, about whether or not there were any restrictions on her property. She was informed that there are

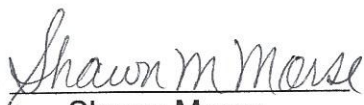
restrictions on rebuilding on commercial property and she requested a letter be written, from the Town, stating this fact.

There being no other business to address, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther and seconded by Commissioner Sapper. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Roy Edmonds, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Shawn Morse
Town Clerk