

**TOWN OF SEAGROVE
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2013**

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

A. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Items approved by motion were:

Minutes for September 3rd were presented for review. After review, motion to accept the minutes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther with second by Commissioner Hewitt. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes will be posted on the Town website within a few days.

Treasurer's Report for September was presented for review. Town Clerk Morse told the committee about the \$2,962.80 in Hold Harmless money that was unexpected for this year. After review, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Edmonds with second by Commissioner Hewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Report:

The Police report was presented by Chief Maness. He detailed the number of miles driven (1900), hours worked during September were 212.5 with 6 hours special assignment at Seagrove School, and 11.5 hours in court. There were 12 field interviews, 2 warrants served, 1 warrant drawn, 16 traffic citations, 24 verbal warnings, 5 pedestrian/motorist assists, and 4 officer assists. There was 1 alarm call and 1 miscellaneous call. There were 22 miscellaneous reports filed and 100 building checks. Chief Maness also mentioned a raid that had taken place on Old Plank Road at the Old Library but could not go into any details because it is still under investigation.

C. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Edmonds reported about the signs that are needed throughout the town. After many phone calls he was able to get the contact information for where we need to purchase the signs. The good stop signs like the ones that the state uses are approximately \$38.00 each. The street signs that are missing, 3 on Garner Street and one on Walker at Garner. The brackets will come with these signs, but the cost will depend on how long the name is for each sign. The sign that reads No Tandem Trucks is no longer made, but it can be special ordered, may be around \$25.00 a piece. There are three named street signs and eight Stop signs that need to be replaced. The stop

signs that need to be replaced are at Hoyt & Boone, Hill & Wright, Green & Wayman and Walker & Garner. They will need to be shipped to the Hardware store because they don't like to deliver to a private residence. Commissioner Edmonds made a motion to purchase all eight stop signs, the street signs and No Tandem Trailer sign. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Edmonds also informed the board about the paving that needs to be completed where the culvert was repaired and the pot holes on Yow and Auman Streets. The cost to pave will be \$950.00. There will be a total of 5 holes that will be patched. Gerald Rouse will complete the paving. All of the asphalt plants are currently closed, but should be opened back up in the next few weeks and the paving can be completed. Commissioner Edmonds made a motion to have the street repairs completed. Commissioner Hewitt seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mullin was not present; however Mayor Hale stated that she is still currently searching for playground equipment for the park. She is also looking into possible grant money to purchase the equipment. The cost is going to be somewhere between \$12,000 and \$14,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem discussed the Centennial Celebration. The day was successful. There were a lot of positive comments. The historic area at the Library was very successful. The community enjoyed all of the things that were displayed. A big thank you to all who contributed to the displays to make it a success. Eddie and Regina VunCannon did a great job along with the other committee members who made the day a success. The council would like to personally thank Eddie for the dedication and hard work that went into putting this day together.

Commissioner Hewitt had a list of issues from Commissioner Mullin to be discussed. There currently are no street lights on Yow Street. Will need to find out from the DOT or the power company to see how close the lights can be to each other. Will need to get the pole number and report it to the DOT and let the power company know which poles will need lights installed.

Stop signs at Wayman and Park Street are overgrown with vines. The town will need to have the vines cut back so the Stop signs can be seen. Commissioner Edmonds will ensure that this is done.

Commissioner Mullin was also concerned about the soccer fields. There are locks on the gates and no trespassing signs. Mayor Hale has tried to contact Chris Underwood regarding this issue.

The Zoning Committee is going to look into removing the temporary signs around town that have been up for a long period of time.

The tree has been arranged for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Deanette has been in touch with Dr. Chaney regarding this.

The zoning board is still in need of at least one more person for the committee. Commissioner Hewitt has spoken with Cindy Neef about joining the board. She is receptive to this idea. Commissioner Hewitt made a motion to appoint Cindy Neef to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Edmonds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Eddie VunCannon then joined the meeting and the council thanked him for all of his hard work on the Centennial Celebration. He passed around pictures from the day and presented a letter from the Seagrove PTO President regarding the success of the day. A total of 7 churches participated in the celebration day with free food and games. The kids really enjoyed all the games.

Regarding the banners, Eddie had turned in a 3 page report with pole number and a diagram of the poles to Duke Energy. They have sent an agreement for using the poles along with the standards.

Commissioner Hewitt announced that there is a new shop going in and she understands that it is going to be a gun shop. No one has approached the town at this time. Mayor Hale suggested that someone from the town approach them and let them know what they need to do regarding signage and business license.

There is a gentleman who is looking at opening a new business at the former Dairy Breeze location.

Also a new restaurant has recently opened.

Clerk Morse reported that an additional \$250.00 has been received for business licenses. There are still some that have not come in and notices will be sent as a reminder.

Mayor Hale announced that he has found someone to clean the Town Hall once a month prior to Town meetings. Clerk Morse's daughter Katelyn Morse has agreed to do this for \$20.00 per month. Commissioner Hewitt made a motion to allow her to clean the Town Hall for \$20.00 a month. Mayor Pro-Tem Luther seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Old Business:

There currently is no old business to be discussed.

E. New Business:

Due to the creator of the Town Seal not being present at the meeting; Mayor Hale recommended tabling the discussion regarding the Town Seal. Commissioner Hewitt

made a motion to table this discussion, Commissioner Edmonds seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Community Business:

Mike Wallace questioned the square footage of the new Dollar General Sign. Mayor Hale explained that the sign was approved under a Sign Variance. He stated that it was discussed at a public meeting and was questioned whether it needed to be done under a variance or a special use permit. It was recommended by their attorney's to continue it under a variance and was approved by the committee.

Mayor Hale recommended that the November Council Meeting be set back to 8:00 instead of the regular 7:30 meeting. Commissioner made a motion to change the time of the meeting to 8:00 on November 5th. Commissioner Edmonds seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to address, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Edmonds and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Luther. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST: Shawn Morse
Shawn Morse
Town Clerk

TOWN OF SEAGROVE
Allen Hale
Allen Hale, Mayor