

**Town of Macclesfield
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Town of Macclesfield Town Hall
June 13, 2022
4:00pm
MINUTES**

Members Present
Emily Turner, Mayor
Paula Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Lewis, Commissioner
Joyce Braxton, Commissioner
Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner

Staff Present
Pam Hurdle
Christie Cobb

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 2:00. She introduced the Board, Staff, and Guests.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Turner.

The Mayor's concern is that information disclosed in closed session is being leaked to the public. Please do not share confidential information. The mayor will recommend censure or other appropriate actions if this continues. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked if more training is needed. Mrs. Hurdle said one day retreat is possible for training.

Citizens have been making requests for salaries, town hall spending, contracts. All concerns should be directed to Mrs. Hurdle, then to the board.

Review of Water/Sewer matter. LGC recommended the rate increases. The town has the opportunity to follow the recommendations or risk take over.

Our fireworks company suffered an explosion in LaGrange with one fatality. We were contacted and they will not be able to shoot our Fireworks. Mayor Turner contacted Senator Fitch, who forwarded her to the Fireworks Division of the Insurance Commission. They state that Zambelli may be available. Mayor Turner is waiting for a return call from Zambelli. Ther fireworks budget will remain \$6,000.

Benji Lassiter's work truck has a locked up motor. He is shopping around for options. The first estimate for a re-worked motor is \$7,000. He is also looking in to the possibility of a state work fleet vehicle.

The cemetery needs cutting. Christie Cobb will call and check on that.

The Mayor reminded the Board of the June 25, 2022 Prostate Cancer Awareness BikeATHon and that both donations and volunteers are needed to make the event successful.

Commissioner C. Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Second by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles. Meeting adjourned. Public Meeting at 6:00pm June 13 at the Community Building.

Respectfully Submitted on Monday, June 13, 2022

Christie Cobb, Town Clerk

Supplemental pages as referenced in these minutes follow and are a part of the official record.

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Paula Lewis, Mayor Pro-Tem
Charles Lewis, Commissioner
Joyce Braxton, Commissioner
Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner

Staff Present
Jennifer Stanley
Benji Lassiter
Christie Cobb
Pam Hurdle

Others Present
Christopher Edwards, Attorney
Lt. Tinder, ECSO

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 2:06. She introduced the Board, Staff, and Guests.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Turner.

Motion to approve agenda and previous minutes was made by Commissioner P. Lewis, second by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles. Vote 4-0 passed.

Scheduled Business:

Lt. Tinder of the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office addressed the board about beginning policing services in July 2022 at the rate of \$30 per hour. His recommendation was 15 hours per week (5-10 or 6-11) possibly staggering days and times. He recommended hiring extra deputies for events, possibly 4 for July 4. He answered citizen questions and listened to citizen sharing of concerns for speeding and drugs. He stated he would come by the Town Hall after discussing matters with the Sheriff.

For enforcing issues at the park, the town is asked to get a Dawn to Dusk sign.

Citizen Concerns

To the question about flushing hydrants, hydrants are flushed monthly at the end of the lines.

To the issue of limbs overhanging light lines, the Town of Wilson has been contacted for the HOT areas. The town team is completing the rest of the work, planning to continue once per week. It was also recommended that the town look into calling other tree removal services.

Old Business

Mayor Turner mentioned the Friday Night Karaoke on the Park, a family music event with food trucks.

Mayor Turner discussed the Saturday, June 25 Prostate Awareness Bike-a-thon and the need for items like Gatorade and protein bars and volunteers to welcome and assist riders.

July 3 event will run from 5:00pm to 11:00pm with a local band, and vendors.

New Business

Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget. The budget was presented to the Board on May 9 and approved by LGC on May 16. Pam Hurdle read the Budget Message. Mrs. Hurdle notified the Board that the WWTP grant has two phases and will be a huge improvement to our Town water/sewer system. The budget for over two years has increased to \$4,000,000.

Citizens were allowed to comment and ask questions about the budget. Concerns including the decreasing number of residents, town salaries, and financial concerns for the high number of widows and senior citizens. It was discussed that the citizens would like the Town to find ways to increase businesses in the town. One resident spoke about the need for a Senior Center.

Commissioner P. Lewis made a motion to approve the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Second to the motion by Commissioner Braxton. Vote 4-0. Budget approved.

Financial Reports, which included bank balances and monthly revenues and expenditures, were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Public Works reported that the sign for the community center was in the process and would be billed after July 1. Also, the Dodge Truck needs to replace the motor (or the truck). B. Lassiter is researching and getting estimates. B. Lassiter said the town would be responsible for concrete slabs under benches donated to the town. The Board viewed bench options. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to accept the backed bench in the photo, second by Commissioner P. Lewis. Vote 4-0. Bench was approved.

Meeting location and time was discussed. Concern was that the tables and chairs should be rearranged for better communication. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion for the meetings to be held at the Community Center at 2:00. Second by Commissioner Braxton. Vote 4-0. Motion passed.

Cemetery Bids were reviewed and phone calls requested to the bidders were discussed. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to accept the bid of Marty Hobgood. Second by Commissioner P. Lewis. Vote 4-0. Motion passed. C. Cobb or B. Lassiter will contact Mr. Hobgood.

ENC Locality Contract was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to approve the contract with a five year term. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles second. Vote 4-0. C. Cobb will contact Locality to get the contract in place.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles will present grant ideas at the next meeting. Also, she would like the Town Facebook page to feature local Principal of the year.

Mayor Turner wanted input on the best ways to look into increasing commerce in town.

Motion by Commissioner P. Lewis to Adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Braxton. Vote 4-0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next Board Meeting July 11, 2022 at 2:00 in the Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted on Monday, June 13, 2022



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Support documents, as referenced in these minutes, follow and are a part of the official record.