

Town of Macclesfield  
Regular Session Board Meeting  
July 8, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

Mayor Pro Tem Jason Taylor called the meeting to order in the Mayor's absence. Members in attendance were Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Town Clerk Gracieann Etheridge, Public Works Director Benjy Lassiter, Town Administrator Jennifer Stanley, and Town Attorney Gabriel DuSablou. There were no citizens in attendance.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered the invocation and all in attendance recited the Pledge to the American Flag.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the June meetings. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the minutes were approved.

With no citizen concerns discussion began on old business. Mrs. Stanley reported that the money deposited from the raffle sales totaled \$5079. She also reported that Mr. Lewis stated that next year the fireworks will probably cost \$10,000 for the same show as this year that cost \$7500. It was recommended that Mrs. Stanley look for grants that may be available to help cover the cost of fireworks. Mr. Lassiter stated that Rocky Mount has a sponsor that helps pay for their fireworks. He will call Rocky Mount to see how they went about acquiring a fireworks sponsor. One of the vendors asked if the fireworks could start a little later in order for the vendors to make the most money. It was also mentioned to have the band play a little longer as well.

The large tent was discussed, and it was asked of Mr. Lassiter if he felt the tent needed to be replaced. Mr. Lassiter informed the board that the tent did not need to be replaced, just for the ropes to be retied on the middle posts.

Mrs. Stanley presented the board with the quote from the Stewart firm regarding the Land Use Plan and zoning ordinance updates. Base cost will be approximately \$32,000 with extra charges for any meetings they attend. Attorney DuSablou stated that the charges are pretty typical for the scope of work. Mrs. Stanley stated that since this is a requirement to have this updated, that if needed the funds can be used from fund balance to pay for this project. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the contract with Stewart. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried. Mrs. Stanley will contact Mr. Petrosky with Stewart and see what steps need to be taken to get this project started.

Mrs. Stanley reported that in the packets sent out was a contract for Water ORC. The town must have an orc and cannot use the previous ORC's credentials to log in to complete reports. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the Water ORC contract. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the contract was approved.

Under new business, Mrs. Stanley mentioned the fall festival. She and Mrs. Etheridge will be getting the vendor forms updated and need to have the correct date and time for the event. It was decided that the Fall

Festival will be held on the first Saturday of October and will be from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Discussion began on having a band or a DJ. That will be decided at a later date.

The potholes throughout town were brought up again. Mr. Lassiter will call Hardy Construction again to see when he will be out to repair them.

Mr. Lassiter will also follow up with Ethan regarding the contract with the fire department.

It was suggested that when there is closed session, that it be moved to the very end of the meeting. All were in agreement.

There were a couple of backyards brought up regarding the grass height. Mr. Lassiter will look at those and send notice where appropriate.

The auditors have still not finished the 2022 audit. Mrs. Stanley will reach out again this week.

Mrs. Stanley reported that she met with Mr. Naeglan last week and he is drafting a sample email for her to send out to the advisory committee regarding the required training meetings.

Mrs. Etheridge reported that the Community Building has been rented out almost every weekend.

Mrs. Stanley gave the finance report. She stated that there was a deposit of \$186,556.00 for the WWTP AIA Grant. The interest earned for the month of June was \$3,097.73.

There was an invoice emailed for NCBEMO membership for Commissioner Wooten-Jiles in the amount of \$75.00. Mrs. Stanley stated that this is the first time she has been billed and wanted to make sure the board approved the membership since it was not included in the budget planning process. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the invoice and rediscuss annually as needed. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Mr. Lassiter reported that the price to extend the park fence will be \$6,000-\$7,000. It was decided to wait and include this cost in the park upgrade.

Jeffrey's gave a quote of approximately \$7,000 to re-rock the cemetery.

Mr. Lassiter and the public works guys mowed the cemetery for the first time today.

The dump truck needs a new "Ram" – it will not dump with a full load and needs to dump 4-5 tons. Mr. Lassiter will check the cost to get this repaired.

When Mr. Wayne Wooten came out to look at where the sign from the chamber could go, he saw that the fence and bushes at the Green St end of the common, will need to be removed as it is a visual blockage for vehicles and is in the DOT right of way.

It was mentioned that it appears that Mr. Mandrake Lewis has had the old town hall lot surveyed. There was also some people seen looking at the BBQ House.

It was asked if To the Top Tires was still open. There are some junk vehicles in the yard there which could pose a safety hazard for any young children in the area. Mrs. Etheridge will make contact with the owner.

With no further items to discuss, Commissioner Braxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.