

Regular Board Meeting Session Minutes – June 9th ,2025 @5:00pm

Mayor Michael Speight called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles offered prayer. Everyone in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

All in attendance were Mayor Michael Speight, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Commissioner / Mayor Pro Tem Jason Taylor, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Town Clerk Gracieann Etheridge, Town Attorney Gabriel DuSablon, Lieutenant Robert Tinder with the Edgecombe County Sherriff Office, and Macclesfield Grocery Store owners Mr. & Mrs. Patel.

Next there was a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of the GLF contract extension and a closed session at the end. This motion was made by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles and seconded by Commissioner Taylor. With none being opposed the motion passed.

Approval of the minutes (regular & closed) sessions motion was given by Commissioner Lewis, and second by Commissioner Braxton with none opposed the motion passed.

Next was Commissioner Lewis with a motion to go in the Public Hearing for the FY 26 Budget at 5:10pm. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion; and with none opposed; the motion passed.

No citizens showed up for the budget hearing.

So, with no concerns from the citizens, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to close the public hearing of the FY 26 budget. It was seconded by Commissioner Braxton; and with none opposed the motion passed.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to accept the FY 26 budget; it was seconded by Commissioner Lewis; with none opposed the motion passed.

Under citizens' concerns Mr. & Mrs. Patel of the Macclesfield grocery store were expressing their concerns with current rates and pricing of their utility bill. Also, with the new building of the Dollar General he does believe his sales will decrease tremendously.

Under Old Business the commissioners asked about the updates on July 3rd, vendors and sponsors, and if the 50/50 and raffle tickets were available. Also, mayor Speight asked if the July Celebration banners could be put out for citizens to know of the upcoming event. Clerk Gracieann reported of the different businesses that the town had received donation checks from. She had already mailed out the sponsor letters informing surrounding businesses of the July Celebration. The did discuss there was a band signed up. Also, Abrams were going to bring some rides for kids' entertainment.

There were some conversations about some upcoming updates on the town hall and what companies would do the work and what quotes we needed and had relieved already. There needs to be some plumbing work, and roofing upgrades that need to be completed.

Mayor Speight was discussing the needs at the community building like door repairs, locks, restrooms, and the appearance of the building concerns with the upkeep of it.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was asking about the internet. They were informed that it was installed and working properly.

Then there was the update/ information concerning the post office parking lot being paved and re-stripped. The board members were informed that the money for the parking lot came Powell Bill money, and it cost \$11,500.00. Some of the citizens did say that it looked nice. The maintenance guys were going to re-stripe the lines in the parking lot.

Inside the commissioners' packets there was one quote about the cameras to be installed around town from a company called Security 101 out of Raliegh NC. They all agreed that with that quote being so expensive, they didn't want to proceed with that company. We were also waiting on a quote from Locality Networks from Pinetops, NC. They asked ECSO Tinder if there were any alternatives. He began to explain how they use what they have. Also, someone stated that Town of Pinetops got a grant for them, but that's based off the fact that they have a police department. The board members were disusing looking on Gov deals to get some equipment.

The commissioners next asked about the update on the grapple truck that was recently purchased from Town of Pinetops. Things like where it was located, and when it would be delivered to the town and if it was the motor in the truck or the motor in the prop arm that needed to be replaced. They were discussing maybe knowing someone who could do diesel mechanic work on the motor. Having the truck can cut down on the amount of time it would take to get the trash runs done on Fridays. This could make it where one person could operate it, and the bed can hold more trash.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles was asking about the CBDG-NR housing project and if there were any updates on it.

Under New Business they went on to discuss the GFL contract extension for two years. With further continuance of all the same previous conditions.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to accept the two-year extension, and it was seconded by Commissioner Braxton, with no opposed; the motion passed.

On to administrative reports Gracieann reported the interest gained in each account from the paperwork provided within the packets. There was a question asked about the ATM

being brought to town. They were informed that several emails had been sent out and we haven't received any responses yet. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked who the lowest bid for the WWTP project; and the contractor was TA Loving.

Public works representative was not presented at this meeting. Stating that he had nothing to report to the commissioners.

There were commissioners concerned about the park equipment; some citizens had requested that it be brought up. Commissioner Taylor wanted to thank the law enforcement for coming to our meetings and that it was much appreciated. He also spoke about the development resolution on Hwy 111 with the land developers. That new housing being added to the community would grow it and benefit the entire community. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles also commented that she visited the other new housing development, and they were nice and very appealing. Commissioner Taylor discussed the issues with having the Facebook page. ECSO Tinder made a comment that the post can be made without comments. The town has a Municipal Impact webpage for information and updates. Citizens can sign up for email updates to stay connected to town events. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to resolve the Facebook page, it was seconded by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion, with none opposed the motion passed.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles had some concerns about the trash/debris not all getting collected on the town's weekly routes. They discussed a few different options to try different things to figure out how to get it all. She also shared there was a company that could help get the town's regular ordinances completed at a cheaper price.

All Commissioners complimented Chevy for getting a lot of the work orders completed/ caught up.

Commissioner Braxton was asking if there was a procedure for flagging the yards that need attention. There are some door hangers that can be given out. If the homeowners don't fix the situation they will be written a letter.

Commissioner Braxton stated that she got the see-saw seats upholstered from her own money. She was wondering when someone would do some type of inspections of the playground equipment. Also, what swings/equipment could be bought to replace what's already there with each budget year. The commissioner wants the time frame of the sun-up until sun-down to be enforced with ECSO.

Mayor Speight was discussing having some driveway curbs installed at some of the properties to help citizens enter and exit their properties. Also, try to get property owners with construction materials on open tailers to dispose of at the dumps. They all discussed

that if contractors do the work, then they need to haul away the trash, and if a citizen does the work the town needs to be responsible for the debris pickup.

Announcements were that there will not be a meeting in the month of July, the next board meeting would be August 11th at 5pm at the Town Hall, we will be closed Thursday June 19th & Friday, July 4th, the Independence celebration will be held July 3rd from 5:00 pm until they shoot off the fireworks.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles wanted to get the special events for a gentleman who wants to play music in the town common.

A motion was made to go into closed session by Commissioner Braxton, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor, with none opposing the motion passed at 6:08pm.

And a motion was made to go into open session by Commissioner Lewis, motion was seconded by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles, with none opposed; the motion passed at 6:31pm.

Adjournment motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Wooten-Jiles. With none opposed the motion passed. The meeting came to an end at 6:32pm.