

Town of Macclesfield
Regular Session Board Meeting
November 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Speight at 5:00 pm. Members in attendance were Mayor Speight, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Commissioner-elect Patrick Bridgers, Town Clerk Gracieann Etheridge, Public Works Director Chevy Taylor, and Town Attorney Gabriel DuSablon. Citizens and guests in attendance were Mr. Robert Cochran, Mr. Daniel Cochran, Mrs. Stephanie Cintron, Mr. Albert Joyner, Mrs. Barbara Joyner, Mr. Ben Farmer (UCP COG), and Mr. Joshua Hollis (Mid-East Commission).

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered the invocation and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried. Commissioner Braxton made a motion to approve the minutes from October 13th, including the CDBG-NR public hearing, the CDBG-NR minutes from November 11, 2023 and the minutes from October 21st. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Mrs. Etheridge administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Patrick Bridgers.

The board recognized Mr. Ben Farmer to speak. He explained that there were two other minutes that need to be approved for the grant. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to approve the minutes from November 11, 2023, and October 13, 2025. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried. The board gave Commissioner Bridgers an explanation of the grant.

The board recognized Mr. Hollis to speak. He apologized for the mix up for attendance at the previous meetings. It was explained that he and a colleague have been working on the Code of Ordinances for the Town. They have separated the current ordinances out into three "books" according to the General Statutes; Book 1 – Foundational information, Book 2 – Health, safety, and welfare, and Book 3 – General Ordinances. They will be providing an updated zoning map. They will provide a draft copy for the board to go over and notate any changes they want to see made. They will meet with the planning board as it gets organized. Mayor Speight asked when the draft will be completed. Mr. Hollis reported that they would have the draft ready for the December meeting. There will be notes in each section regarding what was changed/updated. Mrs. Etheridge stated that they should contact Andrea Radford to see what they have done on the zoning ordinances. It was stated that the ordinances were not as bad as some they have seen.

Mrs. Cintron stated that she was thinking of starting a food pantry since the SNAP benefits have stopped. There are a few in Pinetops and Tarboro area but nothing here in town. There are residents that don't drive, and she feels it would be beneficial. It was mentioned to possibly hold the food pantry in the Town Hall. It would basically be a shelf or cabinet stocked with non-perishable food

items. It was mentioned that maybe some of the local churches could donate to it. Mrs. Cintron stated that she would be willing to oversee it. A plan of action will need to be discussed and presented.

Mrs. Etheridge gave the finance report with balances of the checking accounts and NCCMT accounts. Expenditures for the previous month totaled \$173,017.36 and revenues totaled \$202,923.36. The NCCMT accounts earned \$2,606.45 interest.

Mrs. Etheridge reported that in response to Commissioner Wooten-Jiles' question last month, we do have to pay closing costs on the WWTP project before any funds can be requested.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked about the asbestos removal in the alley. Mrs. Etheridge reported that it has been completed.

Mayor Speight called on Mr. Taylor for the Public Works report but first congratulated him on a job well done since he has taken over as Public Works Director. Mr. Taylor passed out an email with pricing on 6" pumps from United Rentals. He is waiting for pricing on the 4" pumps. One rental for a pump was approximately \$3000.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that the gazebo has some loose rails. He and the Public Works staff went to check it and it needs a lot of work. Commissioner Braxton asked if we could build bigger. December 4th is the tree lighting. The steps were replaced last July. The roof looks good but the poles and rails need to be replaced.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked how the grapple truck was coming. Chevy stated that it is a work in progress. Mayor Speight asked about selling the old bucket truck. Attorney DuSablon stated that the board could pass a resolution to sell it to the person depending on the value of the truck.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that the shop has no heat except in the office room and bathroom. He has brought this up in the past, but it hasn't gotten to the board. Mayor Speight told him to look for a used wood heater.

Mayor Speight mentioned that the Pro-Construction estimate needed to be updated since the two quotes were added together. He said that Pro-Construction was going to tear out everything.

Mayor Speight and Mr. Taylor are still working on the Cale Town water and sewer taps. They will be getting with Mr. Rich Moore from McDavid Associates for a plan on how to set them up. Mr. Chris Weaver will need to provide a complete map of how things will be set up.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked about the customer from last month that was requesting reimbursement for having a plumber come out to her home. Mr. Taylor stated that he met with the plumber and the issue was on the customer's side, not the town side as stated previously by the plumber. Mr. Taylor has not heard anything else from the customer.

Discussion began on new service electric fees. There are water and sewer tap fees but nothing for the electric service. Mayor Speight recommended that Mr. Taylor call Pinetops to see what they charge. There will need to be a policy regarding this. This item will be tabled until next month.

Mayor Speight mentioned that Mr. Albert Joyner is looking for a place to move his sign to, off 124. Mrs. Etheridge mentioned that the only other town owned property is at the water tower on 124. Mr. Joyner needs to move his sign by December 2025. Attorney DuSablou stated that the zoning ordinance needs to be consulted. There will need to be a sign agreement and a vote. The right-of-way and setbacks need to be checked as well. It was asked if any of the land by the fire department was owned by the town. Maybe the board could ask for permission from Fire Chief Ethan Strickland to place it there.

Mrs. Etheridge stated that we received a copy of the zoning ordinance emailed from Stewart Engineering that should be presented to the board by next month.

Mrs. Etheridge asked the board for their approval of the Tree Lighting flier to be put in the bills. She reported that there would be singing, live nativity, and activities for the children. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to include the fliers in the utility bills. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the motion carried.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles asked for an update on the audits. Mrs. Etheridge reported that Mrs. Stanley has been emailing every week to get updates. Mayor Speight asked when we signed a contract with them.

Commissioner Braxton asked for an update on the park. We are waiting on the grant. She asked about the Christmas decorations. Mr. Taylor stated that they are going through them and testing them. Mr. Taylor also mentioned the Christmas tree for the tree lighting is needing to be replaced.

Mayor Speight asked if "Big O's" is on the town water. Mr. Taylor reported that it is on our water. Someone is looking for a lot to place storage buildings on.

Mayor Speight stated that Samuel does cameras and the hardware and four (4) cameras will run approximately \$1600. Mayor Speight asked him to bring quotes.

Mr. Taylor asked if we could ask residents to put numbers on the houses if they do not have numbers on them. The board agreed to have it put in the bills.

Commissioner Braxton asked about the lights at the entrance door. There will be a work order put in to replace the bulbs.

Mayor Speight asked the board about Christmas bonuses. It was stated that there was a policy approved last year to do \$200 across the board.

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.