

**MINUTES OF THE  
WHITE LAKE  
TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 9, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The White Lake Town Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Those present were Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor Pro-Term Tom Riel, Commissioner Tim Clifton, Commissioner Paul Evans and, and Commissioner Mike Suggs and Commissioner Dean Hilton, Commissioner Tim Blount, Town Administrator Sean Martin, and Pat Kennedy-Taylor served as Clerk to the Board. Also present were Police Chief Bruce Smith and Public Works Director Kevin Taylor.

**Invocation**

Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. declared a quorum, called the meeting to order, and gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro-Term Tom Riel led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Mayor Womble acknowledged there was an agenda and called for a motion to adopt the April 11, 2023 Agenda Consent Items (#1A-1E) as presented. Mayor Womble asked if there were any questions on the current consent agenda items as presented and if not, the mayor asked to include in the agenda adoption to add under Closed Session NCGS 143-318-11(a)(5) Property Acquisitions to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(6) Personnel Matters. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO ADOPT THE APRIL 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDING ADDING NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION NCGS 143-318.11.(a)(6) PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1A-1D AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor). Said agendas are listed as Exhibit "A". Supporting materials are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Womble called for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of April 11, 2023. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**April 2023 Utility Releases (\$1,434.22)**

Utility releases (\$1,434.22) were presented for the Board's consideration. All leak release requests were approved by Public Works Director, Kevin Taylor. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE APRIL UTILITY RELEASES (\$1,434.22) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**April 2023 Statute of Limitations for Collection of Delinquent Utility Accounts (\$1,032.31)**

Thirteen utility accounts (2017-2018) that have exceeded the NC Debt Setoff Program, a three year statute of limitations for collection and the four year statute of limitations (N.C.G.S.25-2-725(1)) for collection were presented for the Board's consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE APRIL UTILITY RELEASES (\$1,032.31) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**April 2023 Tax Releases (\$17.53)**

Tax releases (\$17.53) were presented for the Board's consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE APRIL TAX RELEASES (\$17.53) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**Administrative Matters**

**Lake Water Management Plan Update**

Mayor Womble acknowledged Dr. Diane Lauritsen, LIMENOSCIENCES provided some updates of activities and Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented. No action was taken.

**White Lake Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project Update – Phase II**

Brian Cox with Engineering Services provided a written update for Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project as information. Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the updates. There were no further questions. No action was taken.

**White Lake Streetscape Master Plan - USDA RBDG - PROJECT TIMELINE**

Sean Martin, Town Administrator will present the update on the White Lake Streetscape Master Plan. At the May 9, 2023 meeting we will discuss preliminary drawings of interested engineers with Landscaping Architects and discuss potential opportunities. No action was taken.

**WithersRavenel (USDA) Proposal for Professional Services – Developing a Stormwater Plan (Project) (\$82,500)**

WithersRavenel is presenting a proposal to the Town of White Lake for the Stormwater Master Plan (Project). Golden LEAF Flood mitigation grant funds will be used to develop a stormwater master plan that will help the town address both flood mitigation to residences and water quality in the lake. Components of this project include field data collection, modeling of existing watersheds, development of concept plans and alternatives, and a summary report. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**Presentation of Concerned Business Owners and Property Owners of White Lake Subdivision**

Mr. Billy Watson presented his presentation beginning with a history of his family being here since 1970's and that began with 3 rentals and purchase more property from Goldston's in 2018 and they had been using the street that has been blocked off since then to get on the beach. He stated in April the street was closed off and the Subdivision B property owners were not notified. He asked the Town Board to remove the dead end street signs before the Water Festival.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE(s)**

**FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-15 Water/Wastewater Fund (\$3,704.00)**

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-15 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 revenues and expenditures due to the repairs needed as a result of a break-in and replacement of tools less the Insurance deductible for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO APPROVE THE 2023-15 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-16 (Water/Wastewater Fund) (\$121,144.00)**

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-16 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 revenues and expenditures for the purchase of (3) 2022 Ford F-150 XL Supercrew trucks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE 2023-16 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-17 (General Fund) (Administration**

**Department/CMRA/Fire Department Funds) (\$18,492.74)** The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-17 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 revenues and expenditures to replace the server, UPS battery and wifi access points for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved,

seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE 2023-17 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-18 (Water/WasteWater Fund) (\$6,110.00)**

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-18 the amendment is necessary to budget FY 22-23 to replace the server, UPS battery and wifi access points for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPROVE THE 2023-18 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**Resolution #2023-07 for Approving the 2022 Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP)**

**North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (1) requires that each unit of local**

The Finance Office is submitting FY 22-23 Resolution #2023-07. Government that provides public water services or plans to provide such services shall, either individually or together with other such units of local government, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for the Town of White Lake, has been developed and submitted to the Town of White Lake Board of Commissioners for approval.

There being no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION # 2023-07 IN SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL WATER SUPPLY REPORTING PLAN FOR 2022 PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**Open Forum: Three (3) minutes per citizen.**

- Mr. Bobby Warren-1793 White Lake Dr. stated he is handicapped and why can't they use the access as they have been since the 1970's. Can he drive his golf cart over the signs? Why is the street a private street rather than a public street? Did Town employees put up the signs?
- Owners on Williams St. (could not hear name) She spoke on how can the Town allow this when no one was notified before the street was torn up and blocked? She stated her Mother can no longer go down to the beach.
- Pat ? (Could not hear her last name) She has lived here for 27 years and she is handicapped and the connector road is closed off and she can not get through the signs.
- Jan Smith-16 Whitley St. (Camp Clearwater). She thinks there is just a lot of confusion about the horseshoe road that was open for 50 years and now closed and all the red signs really look bad and she thinks it is just a lot of overkill.
- Jeffery Dick-from Davis County comes here a lot and now he can not drive his golf cart to the beach.
- Jake Womble wanted to set the record straight due to all the incorrect information going around in the media. He and the other property owners own 76% of the property in that area and the connector street has never been on the Powell Bill Map because it was a private section owned by Goldston's Beach since the early 80's. When the surveyors determined it was not a public street, it is a dead end road, Jake asked the Town to put up signs showing it is a dead end road for the safety and well-being of the citizens. Mr. Harry let them use it. Jake had a meeting with Mr. Bill Watson and Mr. Brission and tried to work out something to help Subdivision B have access to the beach. He was going to add a handicapped ramp, 30X60 parking area for overflow parking and they could split the cost. However, when he had a contract neither one of them would sign it. So being the owners of the private beach area they enhanced the beach area adding more sand.
- Jonathan Langston stated they should try to work something out. Replace the pavement, remove the red signs and put up a pavement ends sign and a speed limit sign.
- Sean Martin and the Mayor addressed the questions from the Public Comment section.

**OTHER BUSINESS/PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS**

Town Administrator Sean Martin presented the Departmental Reports.

**2023 White Lake Water Festival**

Town Administrator Sean Martin presented this information.

**May 29th, 2023 Memorial Day Holiday Schedule**

Town Administrator Sean Martin presented this information.

**Lexipol Connect 2022 Gold Award to the White Lake Police Department**

Mayor Womble presented this information.

**Low Speed Electric Vehicle information on Handout**

Town Administrator Sean Martin presented this information.

At approximately 7:27pm, Mayor Womble stated since there was no one else to speak in the open forum he asked the Board to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition. There being no further discussion, Commission Paul Evans moved, seconded by Tim Clifton TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**CLOSED SESSION: NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters**

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. No action was taken during the closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION: NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(5) Land Acquisitions**

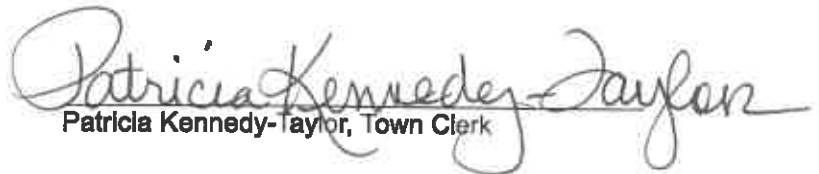
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After being in Closed Session for about ten (10) minutes or so, Mayor Womble asked that we go back into Regular Session. There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO OPEN THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING BACK UP. Unanimous in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no other business to come before the White Lake Town Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Paul Evans moved and seconded by Commissioner Mike Suggs TO ADJOURN MEETING TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023. (Unanimous In favor).

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Patricia Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk

Approved:

  
H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor