

**TOWN OF WHITE LAKE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA COMMUNIQUE
August 8, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

To: H. Goldston Womble, Jr.,
Town Board of Commissioners
Sean Martin, Town Administrator

From: Pat Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk

Re: August 8, 2023 Agenda Items

- **OPENING & CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 P.M.
- **INVOCATION:** H. Goldston Womble, Jr.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approve Consent Agenda Items

The Board is requested to approve the Agenda Consent items as presented. **(Agenda Items 1 through 1E).**

ACTION: Approve the consent agenda items 1A through 1E as presented.

A. Agenda Adoption

The Board shall consider the proposed agenda as presented. Board members by majority vote add, subtract, or revise the order of items in the agenda. Once approved, the Board should follow the agenda as decided upon.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting minute and July 11, 2023 Closed Session minutes.

C. July Utility Release(s) (\$1,155.49)

- July utility releases **(AGENDA ITEM #1.C) (\$1,155.49)** are submitted for the Board's consideration. All leak release requests have been approved by the Public Works Director.

D. July Tax Refund(s) (\$52.51)

- Reductions, refunds, and releases of tax claims are matters to be decided by the Town's governing body. By NC Statute, tax refunds are not to be left to the discretion of the Tax Collector. Once a tax bill has been computed, it can only be released by specific authorization of the governing body [NC General Statute 105-380, 105-381(b), and 105-373(a)(3)]. All refunds have been approved by the Bladen County Tax Office and are in accordance with the guidelines of the General Statutes. July tax refund(s) **(\$52.51) (AGENDA ITEM #1. D)** are provided for the Board's consideration.

E. July Tax Release(s) (\$272.81)

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releases (**AGENDA ITEM #1. E**) (\$272.81) are presented for the Board's consideration. All releases have been approved by the Bladen County Tax Administrator's office.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Project Update(s)

1. White Lake "Lake" Water Management Project Update

Dr. Diane Lauritsen, Ph.D., LIMNOSCIENCES has provided her monthly report as information (**AGENDA ITEM #2A.1**). The updates will be posted on the Town's website and the www.whitelakewatch.com website.

2. White Lake Stormwater Master Plan Update

Sean Martin, Town Administrator will present project update.

3. Water AIA Project Update August 2023

Sean Martin, Town Administrator will present the project update.

B. Charge to Collect 2023 Ad Valorem Taxes

NCGS 105-321 (b) states that a "municipal governing body shall adopt and enter in its minutes an order directing the tax collector to collect the taxes charged in the tax records and receipts". The order of collection shall have the force of judgment and execution against the real and personal property. The charge to collect taxes (**Item#2B**) directing the Tax Collector to collect the 2023 taxes charged in the tax records and receipts and enter them into the governing board's official Town minutes is provided for the Board's consideration. Total ad valorem taxes billed for 2023 as of July 31, 2023 is \$813,569.19, compared to \$817,453.23 in July of 2022.

ACTION: Adopt the 2023 Charge to Collect Taxes as presented.

3. ORDINANCE(S)

A. GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE CPO #2024-01 FY22 WATER ASSET INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT GRANT FY22 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT PROJECT # AIA-D-ARP-0089

ACTION: Approve Ordinance #2024-01 as presented.

4. RESOLUTION(S)

A. RESOLUTION #2024-01 FY22 WATER ASSET INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT GRANT OF FY22 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT PROJECT # AIA-D-ARP-0089 RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF RECIPIENT

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-01 as presented.

B. RESOLUTION #2024-02 DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC AUCTION OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY. Items listed under Attachment "A" .

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-02 as presented.

C. RESOLUTION #2024-03 DECLARING PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY BY SEALED BID. Items listed under Attachment "B".

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-03 as presented.

D. RESOLUTION #2024-04 TOWN OF WHITE LAKE STORMWATER PLAN REVIEW COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-04 as presented.

5. OTHER BUSINESS/PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS**A. Departmental Briefings/Reports**

- The following departmental reports are provided as information.
- Town Administrator's Report (**AGENDA #5A.1**)
- Tax Collector's Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.2**)
- Post Office Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.3**)
- Police Department Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.4**)
- Police Department Fuel Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.5**)
- Fire Department Fuel Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.6**)
- Public Works Department Fuel Report (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.7**)
- Public Works Department Lead and Copper testing report from July was well below allowable limits per EPA standards (**AGENDA ITEM #5A.8**)

6. The Town of White Lake would like to recognize Henry Clifton Hester in appreciation of his years of service.

Present the plaque and name plate to the family of Henry Clifton Hester for his excellent professional service for over 35 years with the Town of White Lake.

7. Recognition for Kevin Taylor – Utility Management Certification

Recognize Kevin Taylor, Public Works Director, for his outstanding certification of completion in Utility Management, presented by the National Rural Water Association and North Carolina Rural Water Association.

8. Labor Day Holiday Schedule

The Municipal Complex and Post Office will be closed Monday, September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day Holiday. The Public Works Department will have an on-call person available in case of a water/sewer emergency.

OPEN FORUM: Three (3) minutes per citizen. Should state name and address.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED