

**TOWN OF WHITE LAKE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA COMMUNIQUE
February 13, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

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

From: Patricia (Pat) Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk

Re: February 13, 2024, Agenda Items

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

1. Approve Consent Agenda Items

The Board is requested to approve the Consent Agenda items as requested. **(Agenda Items # 1A-1F).**

ACTION: Approve the agenda (to include the Supplemental Agenda if one is provided).

A. Agenda adoption:

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

B. Approval of minutes

January 16, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

C. January Utility Release(s) (\$944.94)

January Utility Bill Releases are provided for the Board's consideration. All leak requests have been approved by the Public Works Director. January 2024 Utility Bill Releases **(\$944.94) (AGENDA ITEM #1C).**

D. January 2024 Tax Release(s) (\$605.47)

Reductions, refunds, and releases of tax claims are matters to be decided by the Town's governing body. By NC Statute, tax releases 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 releases have been approved by the Bladen County Tax Office and are in accordance with the guidelines of the General Statutes. January 2024 tax releases **(\$605.47) (AGENDA ITEM #1D)** are provided for the Board's consideration.

E. January Tax Refund(s) (\$2,642.29)

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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 releases have been approved by the Bladen County Tax Office and are in accordance with the guidelines of the General Statutes. January 2024 tax refund (\$2,642.29) **(AGENDA ITEM #1E)** are provided for the Board's consideration.

F. Unpaid 2023 Tax Listing: G.S. 105-369(a)

G.S. 105-369(a) states that on the second Monday in February the municipal tax collector must report to the governing board total 2023 taxes that are liens on real property. Tax Collector Tina Merritt-Smith is submitting to Council the 2023 Tax Advertising Report **(AGENDA ITEM #1F)** for advertising purposes during March, 2024.

2. PRESENTATION

Elizabethtown ~ White Lake Chamber of Commerce Presentation.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. PROJECT UPDATES:

1) White Lake "Lake" Water Management Project Update

Dr. Diane Lauritsen, Ph.D., LIMNOSCIENCES has provided the most recent update of activities for the month of February 2024 and 2023 White Lake Monitoring Report **(AGENDA ITEM #3A.1)** for the Town of White Lake as information.

2) Water AIA Project Update

Sean Martin, Town Administrator, will present the project update. **(AGENDA ITEM #3A.2).**

3) Storm Water Master Plan Update

Sean Martin, Town Administrator, will present the project update.

4) Amended to Contract to Audit Accounts FY ending June 30, 2022 – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA. Bryon Scott with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA. provided an Amendment to Contract to Audit Accounts for 21/22 to modify the original due date on the contract from 10/31/22 to 3/29/24. **(AGENDA ITEM #3A.4).**

5) Contract to Audit Accounts FY Ending June 30, 2023 – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA. Bryon Scott with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., PA. submitted the contract to Audit Accounts for FY 2022-2023. **(AGENDA ITEM 3A.5).**

B. Request to Participate in the 2024 OSFM Grant Cycle

- 1) Fire Chief Dale Brennan** is asking the Board to authorize participation in the 2024 OSFM Grant Cycle in hopes of securing grant funds in the amount of \$48,030 (\$24,015 OSFM Grant - \$24,015 local funds) (50/50 match) to purchase 1-Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA (2018 Edition) w/CGA Cylinder Connection, 4.5 Standard Harness w/Parachute Buckles, Standard Belt w/no escape rope, E-Z Flo Regular w/Standard Hose, Universal EBSS accessory hose, no airline connection, no spare harness kit, Pak-tracker, no case, Packaged 2 SCBA per box (Black). 2-CYL&VLV Assy, Carb, 45min, 4500. 1-AV3000 HT w/Kevlar lining and 4-strap Harness-Red, Medium (\$11,500). 10-Energy Turnout Gear, 10-Black Diamond 16" NFFPA Rubber Boots-Lug Sole & Kevlar Lined-Insulated, Model 945 (\$36,530). **(AGENDA ITEM#3B.1).**

ACTION: Approve the request to participate in the 2024 OSFM Grant Cycle as presented.

- 2) Fire Chief Dale Brennan is asking the Board to authorize participation in the 2024 OSFM Grant Cycle in hopes of securing grant funds in the amount of \$10,000, Non-Matching Grant and not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase Fire Department Apparatus Tires. **(AGENDA ITEM#3B.2).**

ACTION: Approve the request to participate in the 2024 OSFM Grant Cycle as presented.

C. MULTI-USE PATH TASK FORCE

Commissioner Hawley request the creation of a group of some staff, elected officials, planning board members, and several citizens who can work on moving forward with the multi-use path. The multi-use path is something many citizens would like to see extended.

4. ORDINANCE(S)

- A. ORDINANCE#2024-04** Declaring a road closure for the White Lake Water Festival Parade Saturday, May, 18, 2024 from 10:00am to 12:00pm on White Lake Dr. (SR1515) between Hwy 53 and US Hwy 701. **(AGENDA ITEM#4A).**

ACTION: Approve Ordinance #2024-04 as presented.

5. RESOLUTION(S)

- A. RESOLUTION#2024-12** Approve Municipal accounting services, cybersecurity, and technical assistance memorandum of agreement. **(AGENDA ITEM #5A).**

ACTION: Approve Resolution #2024-12 as presented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS/PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS

(Other Commissioners Business Not on the Agenda (Non-voting Items))

A. Departmental Briefings/Reports

Department Heads will provide departmental updates at this time and answer any questions the Board may have. The following monthly reports are provided as information.

- Town Administrator's Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.1)**
- Finance Report **(ITEM #6A.2)**
- Tax Collector's Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.3)**
- Post Office Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.4)**
- Police Department Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.5)**
- Police Department Fuel Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.6)**
- Fire Department Fuel Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.7)**
- Public Works Department Fuel Report **(AGENDA ITEM #6A.8)**

B. Annual Town of White Lake Waster Water Report Fiscal Year 2023

C. Trail Festival Weekend is February 16-19, 2024

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

CLOSED SESSION: §143-318.11. (a) (6)

MEETING ADJOURNED

*Happy
Valentine's Day*

