

**MINUTES OF THE
WHITE LAKE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The White Lake Town Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October, 10, 2023 at 1879 White Lake Dr., White Lake, North Carolina. Those present were Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel, Commissioners Mike Suggs, Tim Blount, Paul Evans, Tim Clifton, and Commissioner Dean Hilton. Sean Martin, Town Administrator, and Pat Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk were absent. Mary Jo Lennon filled in for the Clerk and Police Chief Bruce Smith and Kevin Taylor, Public Works Director were also present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Paul Evans led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Adoption

Mayor Womble acknowledged there was not an agenda supplemental and called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1A-1E and adopt September 12, 2023 minutes as presented. Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Suggs TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1A-1E 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. (Unanimous in favor).

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Womble called for any corrections and/or additions to the September 12, 2023 minutes and Closed Session minutes from the August 8, 2023 minutes. Supporting materials are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes. **Exhibit "A"**

September Utility Release(s) (\$901.80)

September Utility releases were submitted for the Board's consideration.

September Tax Release(s) (\$946.83)

September tax releases were provided for the Board's consideration.

September Tax Refund(s) (\$68.23)

September tax refunds were provided for the Board's consideration.

Adopt Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Suggs TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1A-1E AND ADOPT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 MINUTES AND THE AUGUST 8, 2023 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 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. (Unanimous in favor).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Project Update(s)

- **White Lake "Lake" Water Management Project Update**

Dr. Diane Lauritsen, Ph.D., LIMNOSCIENCES has provided her monthly report as information. Mayor H. Goldston Womble presented updates. Commissioner Tim Blount commented about an article on the Bladen Online website in reference to money awarded and if the Town of White Lake could contact someone in the Legislature to try to apply for some of these grants. Mayor Womble told him that when

the Town Administrator gets back, he can answer Commissioner Blount's questions. Commissioner Dean Hilton comments that he and Brian had been together and are going to try to get a meeting with DWQ, Parks and Recreation.

- **White Lake Stormwater Master Plan Update**
Staff will present the project update. In the Town Administrator's absence Mayor H. Goldston Womble presented the update.
- **Water AIA Project Update**
Staff will present the project update. In the Town Administrator's absence Mayor H. Goldston Womble presented the update.

On-Call Professional Engineering and Related Services Master Agreement-Engineering Services, PA. Mayor H. Goldston Womble presented the contract proposal from Engineering Services, PA. to enter into a Master On-Call Service Agreement for a three-year period, with the option of a two (one-year) extensions.

On-Call Professional Engineering and Related Services Master Agreement-WithersRavenel, Inc. Mayor H. Goldston Womble presented the contract proposal from WithersRavenel, Inc. to enter into a Master On-Call Service Agreement for a three-year period, with the option of two (one-year) extensions.

On-Call Professional Engineering and Related Services Master Agreement-McGill Associates, PA. Mayor, H. Goldston Womble presented the contract proposal from McGill Associates, PA. to enter into a Master On-Call Service Agreement for a three-year period, with the option of a two (one-year) extensions.

Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. asked to take action on all three of the above Professional Engineering Services as presented. Commissioner Paul Evans made a motion and Commissioner Dean Hilton seconded TO APPROVE THE ON-CALL AGREEMENTS AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor)

Memorandum of Understanding between Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Project and the Town of White Lake, NC.

Staff presented an agreement between the Town of White Lake, Bladen County, and the North Carolina Department of Commerce to take part in the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies Project to outdoor recreation economy strategy plans, asset development and other plan implementation services, and other CORE Project work products. Commissioner Dean Hilton made a motion and Commissioner Mike Suggs seconded TO APPROVE THE MOU AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor)

Agreement for Training and Uniform Reimbursement for Police Officers

Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. presented an agreement to remain competitive with other agencies in the region in the recruitment of new police officers. Commissioner Tim Blount made a motion and Commissioner Paul Evans seconded TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor)

Presentation(s)

Town of White Lake Streetscape Master Plan Presentation

Mr. Brian Starkey, Director of WithersRavenel of Parks and Recreation presented a proposal for the Streetscape Mast Plan. Commissioner Mike Suggs made a motion and Mayor-Pro Tom Riel seconded TO APPROVE THE STREETSCAPE MASTER PLAN AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor)

OTHER BUSINESS/CONCERNS:

Departmental Briefings/Reports

Department heads provided a brief update of current activities in their department. Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. presented updates.

OPEN FORUM: Terri Hawley spoke on a meeting coming up with UPLIFT. She stated that White Lake is now one group and Elizabethtown is now one group and we are no longer together with the

Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce. She stated that White Lake needs to meet together about the White Lake Water Festival and other things that we could be doing here at White Lake.

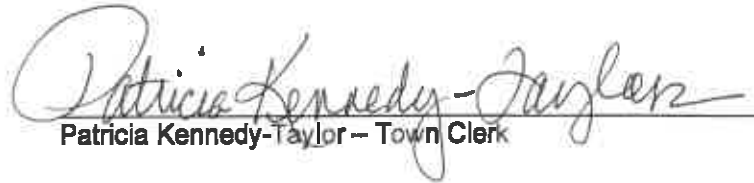
Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. called for a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Dean Hilton made a motion and Commissioner Paul Evans seconded TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. (Unanimous in favor) No Action was taken while in Closed Session.

After about 30 minutes in closed session, Commissioner Tim Clifton made a motion and Commissioner Mike Suggs seconded TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. (Unanimous in favor) No Action was taken while in Closed Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED


There being no other business to come before the White Lake Town Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO ADJOURN THIS OCTOBER 10, 2023 MEETING. (Unanimous in favor).

Respectfully submitted by:



Patricia Kennedy-Taylor -- Town Clerk

Approved:



H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor