

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
WHITE LAKE  
TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
January 10, 2023**

The White Lake Town Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Those present were Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Commissioner Tim Clifton, Commissioner Tim Blount, Commissioner Paul Evans and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel, Commissioner Dean Hilton and Commissioner Mike Suggs, 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.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Tim Clifton 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 January 10, 2023 Agenda Consent Items as presented. Commissioner Tim Blount had a few questions, and the Mayor answered them. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 10, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Womble called for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of December 13, 2022. There being none, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2022 MEETING AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**December 2022 Utility Releases (\$185.95)**

December utility releases (\$185.95) were presented for the Board's consideration. All leak release requests were approved by Public Works Crew Leader Lee Cain. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER UTILITY RELEASES (\$185.95) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor). Said release is listed as Exhibit "A". Supporting materials, which are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes.

**December 2022 Limitations on Use of Remedies, G.S. § 105-378(a) for Uncollected Ad Valorem Taxes for 2012 (\$2,115.22)**

N.C.G.S. § 105-378(a) Use of Remedies Barred states that no county or municipality may maintain an action or procedure to enforce any remedy provided by law for the collection of taxes or the enforcement of any tax liens (whether the taxes or tax liens are evidenced by the original tax receipts, tax sales certificates, or otherwise) unless the action or procedure is instituted within 10 years from the date the taxes became due. Unpaid ad Valorem taxes for 2012 have exceeded the statute of limitations for the Tax Collector to collect the taxes. Tax Collector Tina Merritt-Smith is asking the Board to consider releasing uncollected taxes for 2012 in the amount of \$2,115.22. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton (Unanimous in favor). Supporting materials, which are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes. as Exhibit "B".

**December 2022 Tax Releases (\$54.01)**

December tax releases (\$54.01) were presented for the Board's consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER TAX RELEASES (\$54.01) AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor. Said release is listed

as Exhibit "C". Supporting materials, which are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes.

**December 2022 Tax Refunds (\$1,660.33)**

December tax refunds (\$1,660.33) were presented for the Board's consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER TAX RELEASES (\$54.01) AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor. Said release is listed as Exhibit "D". Supporting materials, which are hereby incorporated by mention and are made a part of these minutes.

**Administrative Matters**

**Lake Water Management Plan Update**

Mayor Womble acknowledged Dr. Diane Lauritsen, LIMENOSCIENCES provided a written update of activities for the month of December and a survey from May 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979. Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the update. 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. Commissioner Tim Blount had questions about the water rates and wanted to see more copies of how the tax revenue is used in the future. Sean Martin answered Commissioner Tim Blount's questions. No action was taken.

**Resolution(s)**

**Resolution #2023-05 Resolution declaring property as surplus and authorizing disposition of property by sealed bid.** The Public Works Department has 2 vehicles (1992 Chevrolet 1500 truck and a 1998 Ford F-150) that have become surplus to the needs of the town; Staff is asking that the Town Administrator be authorized to dispose of the above listed vehicles via the sealed bid process. There being no discussion, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2023-05 AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**Departmental Briefings/Reports**

Departmental reports were provided as information.

**Recommendation to appoint a new (In-Town) Planning & Zoning Board Member was made to consider Lisa Young as a replacement for the vacant seat.** There being no discussion, Commissioner Tim Blount moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPOINT LISA YOUNG AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE VACANT (IN-TOWN) SEAT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

**The Town of White Lake will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Open Forum-Public Comment**

1. Jonathan Langston spoke on behalf of the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce to update the Town Board on the upcoming events on January 18, 2023 was the Uplift Tourism Program and on January 19, 2023 was the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and invited everyone to join them.
2. Alan Pittman addressed some of the information in Dr. Diane Lauritsen's reports.

**Closed Session:**

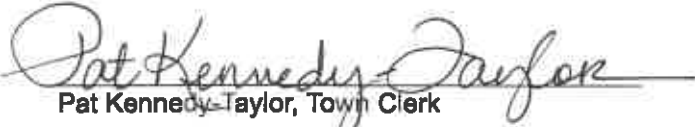
Mayor Womble asked the Board to go into Closed Session under G.S. § 143-318.11.(5) to discuss Land Acquisition. Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton THAT THE WHITE LAKE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION UNDER G.S. § 143-318.11.(5) LAND ACQUISITION. (Unanimous in favor).

After approximately twenty (20) minutes in Closed Session, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS GO OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AND BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. (Unanimous in favor). No action was taken during the Closed Session.


**Meeting Adjourned**

There being no other business to come before the White Lake Town Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 10, 2023 MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WHITE LAKE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO A FEBRUARY 8, 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP AT 5:30PM (Unanimous in favor).

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Pat Kennedy Taylor, Town Clerk

Approved:

  
H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor