

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

**September 12, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The White Lake Town Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Those present were Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel, Commissioner Tim Blount, Commissioner Mike Suggs, Commissioner Tim Clifton, and Town Administrator Sean Martin. Also present were Police Chief Bruce Smith and Public Works Director Kevin Taylor. Commissioner Paul Evans and Commissioner Dean Hilton were absent.

**Invocation**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Mike Suggs 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 September 12, 2023, Agenda Consent Items (#1A-1E) with the modification that Closed Session be removed from the agenda. Mayor Womble asked if there were any questions on the current consent agenda items as presented. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO ADOPT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1A-1E WITH THE MODIFICATION THAT CLOSED SESSION BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. (Unanimous in favor).

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Womble called for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of August 08, 2023. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 08, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**August 2023 Utility Releases (\$3,601.22)**

Utility releases (\$2,127.78) were presented for the Board's consideration. All leak release requests were approved by Public Works Director, Kevin Taylor. There being no discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2023 UTILITY RELEASES AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**August Statute of Limitations for Collection of Delinquent Utility Account(s) (\$261.99)**

Two utility accounts (2018-2019) that have exceeded the NC Debt Setoff Program of a three-year statute of limitations for wastewater collection and a four-year statute of limitation for water collection were presented to the Board for consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO APPROVE THE AUGUST STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNT(S) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**September Statute of Limitations for Collection of Delinquent Tax Account(s) (\$3,629.48)**

Eighty-three (83) tax accounts (2013) that have exceeded the NC Debt Setoff Program of a ten-year statute of limitation for tax account balance collection were presented to the Board for consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT(S) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**Administrative Matters**

**Lake Water Management Plan Update**

Mayor Womble acknowledged Dr. Diane Lauritsen, LIMENOSCIENCES provided updates of activities and Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented. The updates will be posted on the Town's website [www.whitelakewatch.com](http://www.whitelakewatch.com). No action was taken.

**White Lake Stormwater Master Plan Project**

Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the update on the White Lake Stormwater Master Plan Project Timeline. No action was taken.

**Water AIA Project Update**

Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the project update. No action was taken.

**RFQ Award – On-Call Professional Engineering and Related Services**

Sean Martin, Town Administrator, presented three (3) Statement of Qualifications to the board for Consideration from WithersRavenel, Inc., Engineering Services, PA, and McGill Associates, PA. There being no further discussion, the mayor asked for a motion to approve the three On-Call Engineering and Related Services Request for Qualifications as presented, Commissioner Tim Blount moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel TO APPROVE THE THREE ON-CALL ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**Resolution #2024-05 Phase 3 Sewer Improvements Application**

It is resolved that the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible unit of government in financing the cost of planning and/or construction of water/wastewater projects. The Town of White Lake has need for and intends to plan and/or construct a wastewater system project described as the Phase 3 Sewer Sanitary Improvement. As a result, the Town intends to request state funding assistance for the project. There being no further discussion, the mayor asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #2024-05 Phase 3 Sewer Improvements Application, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-05 PHASE 3 SEWER IMPROVEMENTS APPLICATION. (Unanimous in favor).

**PROCLAMATION(S)**

**2023 Year of the Trail Proclamation**

It is proclaimed that 2023 is "The Year of the Trail" in the Town of White Lake, North Carolina. The Town of White Lake's natural beauty is critical to its resident's quality of life, health, and economic wellbeing and the trails that span across our community are an integral part of the recreational and transportation possibilities of our area and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our residents and our visitors. There being no further discussion, the mayor asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Year of the Trail Proclamation, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel TO ADOPT THE 2023 YEAR OF THE TRAIL PROCLAMATION. (Unanimous in favor).

**OTHER BUSINESS/PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS**

Town Administrator Sean Martin presented the Departmental Reports.

**INTRODUCTION OF MARY JO LENNON**

Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr. recognized Mary Jo Lennon as the new Finance Director for the Town of White Lake. Mary Jo was hired on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and is a Certified Public Accountant with a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from Campbell University in Accounting.

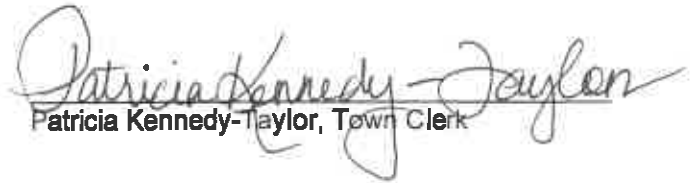
**Open Forum:** Three (3) minutes per citizen.

- Terri Hawley – discussed the pH of the lake after Tropical Storm Idelea and stated that the 6.2 ground water pH could bring down the pH in the lake. Terri also stated that DEQ has notebooks on the aquifers surrounding White Lake, and that a groundwater study needed to be conducted.

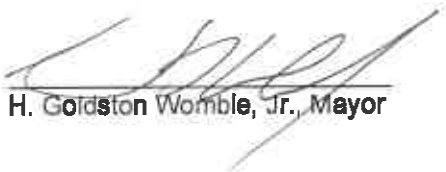
**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no other business to come before the White Lake Town Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved and seconded by Commissioner Tim Blount TO ADJOURN MEETING TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023. (Unanimous in favor).

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Patricia Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk

Approved:

  
H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor