

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

**April 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The White Lake Town Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Those present were Mayor H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel, Commissioner Tim Clifton, Commissioner Paul Evans and, and Commissioner Mike Suggs and Commissioner Dean Hilton, 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. Absent was Commissioner Tim Blount.

Invocation

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Paul Evans 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 March 14, 2023 Agenda Consent Items (#1A-1D) as presented. Mayor Womble asked if there were any questions on the current consent agenda items as presented and if not, the mayor asked to include in the agenda adoption to add under Closed Session NCGS 143-318-11(a)(5) Property Acquisitions to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(6) Personnel Matters. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO ADOPT THE APRIL 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDING ADDING NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION NCGS 143-318.11.(a)(6) PERSONNEL MATTERS. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1A-1D 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.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Womble called for any corrections and/or additions to the minutes of April 11, 2023. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED (Unanimous in favor).

March 2023 Utility Releases (\$3,583.69)

Utility releases (\$3,583.69) were presented for the Board's consideration. All leak release requests were approved by Public Works Director, Kevin Taylor. There being no discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPROVE THE MARCH UTILITY RELEASES (\$3,583.69) AS PRESENTED. (Unanimous in favor).

March 2023 Tax Releases (\$126.88)

Tax releases (\$126.88) were presented for the Board's consideration. There being no discussion, Commissioner Mike Suggs moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPROVE THE MARCH TAX RELEASES (\$126.88) AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

Administrative Matters

Lake Water Management Plan Update

Mayor Womble acknowledged Dr. Diane Lauritsen, LIMENOSCIENCES provided some updates of activities and Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented. 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. There were no further questions. No action was taken.

White Lake Stormwater Management Plan - Golden LEAF FY23-047 - RFQ PROPOSAL

Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the update on the Stormwater Management Plan. We published the RFQ and received some interest in the RFQ. Exploring adding an additional Lake management position. The goal is to have something to present to the Town Board meeting in April. No action was taken.

White Lake Streetscape Master Plan - USDA RBDG - PROJECT TIMELINE

Sean Martin, Town Administrator will present the update on the White Lake Streetscape Master Plan. At the April meeting we will discuss preliminary drawings of interested engineers with Landscaping Architects and discuss potential opportunities. No action was taken.

White Laker Water Shortage Response Plan

Sean Martin, Town Administrator presented the response. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean Hilton TO APPROVE THE WHITE LAKE WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

BUDGET ORDINANCE(s)

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-08 Water/Wastewater (\$6,700.00)

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-08 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 revenues and expenditures for the sale of a 1994 sewer machine in the wastewater department, a 1991 Chevy and a 1998 Ford F150 used in the public works department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO APPROVE THE 2023-08 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-09 (General Fund) (\$2,340.00)

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-09 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 unanticipated revenues and expenditures due to the repairs needed after a police vehicle which was damaged due to a collision with a deer from the Police Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE 2023-09 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-10 (Water/Wastewater Fund)

(\$1,090.00) The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-10 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 Water/Wastewater revenues and expenditures due to the repairs needed after a power surge damaged the trolley doors electrical system for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE 2023-10 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-11 (General Fund) (\$1,050.00)

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-11 the amendment is necessary to budget FY 22-23 unanticipated revenues and expenditures for the donation of funds to the police and fire departments to be used to help provide Christmas to a local family for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Suggs TO APPROVE THE 2023-11 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-12 (General Fund) (\$50,000.00)

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-12 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 unanticipated revenues and expenditures for receipt of ARPA enabled grant funding for the Fire Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE 2023-12 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-13 (General Fund) (\$4,789.00)

The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-13 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 unanticipated revenues and expenditures due to police and fire department donations, room rental/cleaning and Duke Energy payment for Christmas storms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Tim Clifton moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel TO APPROVE THE 2023-13 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

FY 22/23 Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-14 (Water/Wastewater Fund)

(\$44.00) The Finance Office is submitting FY Budget Ordinance Amendment #2023-14 the amendment is necessary to budget the FY 22-23 unanticipated revenues and expenditures for a settlement thru O'Reilly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. There being no discussion, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO APPROVE THE 2023-14 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. Unanimous in favor.

Open Forum: Three (3) minutes per citizen.

Bo Barefoot spoke about the trash on the streets asking that the town can look at getting the streets cleaned up.

At approximately 7:27pm, Mayor Womble stated since there was no one else to speak in the open forum he asked the Board to go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Land Acquisition. There being no further discussion, Commission Paul Evans moved, seconded by Mike Suggs TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AS PRESENTED. Unanimous In favor.

CLOSED SESSION: NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

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

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. No action was taken.

After being in Closed Session for about thirty (30) minutes or so, Mayor Womble asked that we go back into Regular Session. There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Riel moved, seconded by Commissioner Tim Clifton TO OPEN THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING BACK UP. Unanimous in favor.

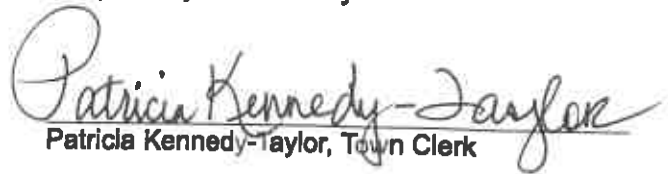
After going back into regular session the only item the Town Board needed to take action on was the Personnel Matters section to make an addendum to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters. Mayor entertained a motion to grant an extension to the Town Administrator's contract until June 30, 2027; to change the Town Administrator's address. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Paul Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Mike Suggs TO CHANGE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS AND TO EXTEND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2027.

Unanimous in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no other business to come before the White Lake Town Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Dean Hilton moved and seconded by Commissioner Paul Evans TO ADJOURN MEETING TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023. (Unanimous in favor).

Respectfully submitted by:


Patricia Kennedy-Taylor, Town Clerk

Approved:


H. Goldston Womble, Jr., Mayor