

TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET
WORK SESSION MINUTES
7:00 PM February 11, 2013

Call to Order

The Town of Cape Carteret Board of Commissioners' work session came to order at 7 PM in the Debbie E. Stanley Board of Commissioners Room.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Seegers

Roll Call

Present: Mayor David Fowler
Commissioners King, Seegers, Hunt, Patterson and Saunders
Attorney Curtis, Carteret News Times and 6 citizens

Moment of Silence:

William Robinson of Star Hill

Any changes to the agenda? No, Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Seegers. ***Vote approved 5-0***

Planning Board Report & Building Inspector's Report: Brandon Hawks

- January fee collections were \$5298
- The Multi-use Path bid was extended one week, due to an addendum for aggregate sub-base that was left out of the original bid. The Mayor said that Mr. King and Brandon were blind-sided about the aggregate sub-base. DOT said Cavanaugh did not put it in drawings, and Cavanaugh says it was DOT's fault. We will not be able to get a refund from Cavanaugh but they did lower the price for the new engineering cost. DOT agreed to reimburse the town up to \$46,650 through a Division Pedestrian Enhancement Grant to help with this problem. The town's portion would be 20% of anything over \$147,000. Commissioner King said the town's total cost for this project should not be more than \$21,000. (A Funding Table was presented) Another problem came up about the requirement of a temporary construction easement on adjoining properties. The planning board would like direction from the BOC about the sidewalk easement in front of Shackelford's property. The multi-use path bids should come in at about \$150,000 and the engineering inspection should cost about \$22,000. The board, by a consensus of 4-1 (no Seegers), agreed to approve applying for the Division Pedestrian Enhancement Grant. The Mayor noted that the multi-use path is 2100 linear feet, and that adds up to a cost of almost \$200,000 for four-tenths of a mile.
- The planning board met to discuss the rezoning of a parcel owned by Ethel Shackelford. She would like to rezone it from a B-10, Professional Buildings, to a B-20, Retail and Sales, for the purpose of a beauty salon/therapeutic massage/yoga business. The planning board approved the rezoning. The BOC agreed to hold a public hearing on March 11, 2013. During this discussion, the sidewalk came up and the board agreed that a quit-pro-quo would be allowed in getting the temporary construction easement. This will also help Mrs. Shackelford from having to put sidewalks in because of the rezoning change.
- Cape Carteret Pond update: Several meetings have taken place with several state agencies. DWQ stated the pond is not under their jurisdiction. The Corp of Engineers stated that the pond pre-dates their permitting procedures, but would require permits if repairs are made. Coastal Federation suggested that the two churches work with the Town to pursue a 319 grant. The churches would be responsible for the matching part of the grant.

Board of Adjustment: None

Police Chief's Report: Donald Miller

- The white trailer sitting in the parking lot is our new trailer we received through a grant.
- The next DWI checkpoint will be next weekend.
- Officer McKinney is doing well and may be back as soon as April.
- The Cape Carteret Baptist church was approached by the school about using the church as a possible evacuation center for the children. The church does not have a problem but the keys to the building will be held by the police department.

Clerk's Report: Karen Zornes

2012 delinquent taxes due as of Feb 11, 2013 is \$18,568

Committee Reports

Fire Dept. & Interlocal Agency: Commissioner Seegers

- If anyone is interested, he has a copy of the new proposed Fire/EMS budget and the ILA personnel policy.
- Month of January there were 55 EMS calls, 6 EMS/fire calls and 12 fire calls. Of these calls, Cape Carteret had 21 EMS calls, 2 EMS/fire calls and 3 fire calls.

Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Seegers:

- During the last Leaf and Limb pick-up we had 66 loads taken to Russell's. There are 15 loads still at the shop. The cost, including labor, fuel, and the disposal fee was approximately \$6500. The pick-up took the public works men three weeks to complete.
- The leaf vacuum was sold at a cost of \$8,615 and the chipper was sold for \$2,101. The board thanked Commissioner Patterson for getting the equipment up "for sale" on the website.

Commissioner King:

- The Marine Fisheries meeting is scheduled for February 28th. Commissioner King would like as many board members as possible, to make an appearance at this meeting.

Commissioner Saunders:

- We have been reviewing all the financials. We have moved the emergency fund to Sound Bank for a .35 interest rate compared to the .0005 at NCCMT. We kept the PSA CD at Sound Bank and we have another CD that will renew soon. Mrs. Saunders has checked with all the local banks for rates. We are not looking at keeping the money just in town, but rather at the bank with the best rate.

Commissioner Patterson reminded everyone that the retreat meeting will be on March 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Emerald Isle Beach and Pool Club.

Mayor's Report

- We received our second quarter ABC Board Distribution in the amount of \$6,839. The Mayor thanked County Commissioner Terry Franks and his ABC board for rectifying injustices that we were victims of for far too long.
- In reference to Commissioner Saunders report. The board tried to clean up a lot of financial issues related to the budget. With Mr. Hunt's guidance, we saved a lot of money; we were able to cut taxes, give raises and have a surplus in our budget. Nobody else in this county did that. Now, we are cleaning up the Capital Reserves money. It was a little confusing. The rates were ridiculous. He thanked Commissioner Saunders, Commissioner Hunt and Ms. Zornes for their help.
- The Mayor would like the Board to wrap up some loose ends that the board spoke about at the last retreat. We have five meetings until the end of the fiscal year. He would like a game plan for the sidewalk issue, the street study, the bathroom upgrade, and the storm water study by the end of this fiscal year.

- We need to discuss the limb and leaf pick-up. The men picked up over 200 piles of debris. The mayor thanked them publically for their hard work. We need a more efficient way. The staff is inundated with phone calls about the pick-up.
- The last quarter of the fiscal year he would like the board to concentrate on the 2013-14 Budget.
- The Mayor apologized to the Town of Bogue for misspeaking. He was not aware that they gave \$1,000 towards the SRO. He thanked them for the contribution they gave in 2007, and said; hopefully they will give again in 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Yes, agenda items)

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OLD/PENDING ITEMS: none

NEW ITEMS: none

Citizens to Speak

Steve Peters: He spoke to the board about the Community Watch Program. He is very impressed with the history of this program that has been around for 38 years. When you have an active community watch program the crime statistics drops significantly. The town's program has been operated by a few folks that are now "of age". The community has doubled in size and they are in need of younger members. The board has been very supportive of this program and he would like the board to help promote volunteers when they are out in the community talking to residents. He asked if the board would come to the meetings from time to time.

Ed Keating: I do not know if the residents realize that this is a town sponsored organization. Perhaps that information can be put out in the Town Crier.

The Mayor said we have the information posted on our town website and we are putting the information in the Town Crier. The clerk said she would be glad to slip an article in the tax bill this year.

Announcements

Don't forget your loved ones this Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM on a motion by Commissioner Seegers, seconded by Commissioner Hunt. ***Vote approved 5-0***

These are the minutes of February 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Zornes, NCCMC
Town Clerk