

Town of Cape Carteret
Board of Commissioners
Virtual Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020 – 6:00 PM

1. Meeting Called to Order at 5:59pm - Invocation-Moment of Silence

2. Pledge of Allegiance. - Due to this being a virtual meeting this was not done.

3. Adoption of the Agenda- Motion was made by Commissioner King. Seconded by Commissioner Miller.

4. Consent of the Agenda- Motion made by Commissioner King. Seconded by Commissioner Nalitz. Motion passed 5-0

5. Public Comment-

~Dr. Scott wanted to make the board aware that 10+ people use the parking lot daily between M-Th behind Subway. Some of Dr. Scott's patients like to park there. As do Subway and Salon 101 customers. There are also employees that park in this lot that would not want to pay for parking. Dr. Scott asks that the board consider this in their decision on making this a paid parking lot.

~Caleb Murphy- Mr. Murphy wanted an update on the Town's flooding issue.

~Ron Waters- Mr. Waters had questions regarding the Cape Carteret Trail.

All three of the above guests were on the public speakers list for tonight's meeting.

6. Staff Updates-

~Storm water update from town manager. Pictures from area streets were presented to the board from Bogue Sound Dr., Loma Linda, and Sutton Dr. The Town Manager shared that on Bogue Sound Dr. we own 50% of that area and the other 50% is owned by the Golf Course. John Freshwater is updating the maps.

~Update on Covid -19 as of 4:00 pm on 7/13/2020 there are 154 cases with 62 of them currently active.

~ Officer DeStefano and Officer Eschbach both received promotions. Officer DeStefano received the award of Officer of the year from the VFW.

Public Works Update-

~Working on storm water issue.

~Street Signage

~ Grass Mowing

~ Improvement on the board room

~Zach spoke about over payment to the County.

Police Dept.-

~Chief McKinney commented on the officers that he has recently promoted. Officer DeStefano and Officer Eschbach. Chief McKinney expressed a lot of growth in these 2 officers. Also, that the Town of Cape Carteret has great officers working in it.

~Chief McKinney said that there were not any violations on the speed in Town in the 25 mile per hr. zone.

7. SECU ATM Lease Agreement- This is a 4-year Lease Agreement. Commissioner King made a motion to pass with Commissioner Waters seconding the motion. Passed 5-0 Commissioner Martin did ask if the Town's Attorney had looked over this lease. The town manager replied that our attorney has review this contract.

8. Text Amendment to Section 75.05 Subsection (L) Of the Cape Carteret Code of Ordinances.

There was a lot of Discussion on this topic. Including the following:

Commissioner Waters- Stated that regarding section e all golf carts should have seat belts. Commissioner Waters also asked about the golf cart rental companies. What guidelines they follow.

Commissioner Martin- Section C states you must be a resident of the town. Anyone that is not a Cape Carteret resident should not be using our parks. There should not be any park passes for anyone that is not a resident of Cape Carteret at all.

Commissioner King- Said he has an issue with crossing the street. Hunting Bay should be able to get passes.

Commissioner Nalitz- Stated there are State Regulated Guidelines that should be followed.

Commissioner Miller- Said that there are only 2 ways that these golf carts are getting into town they are either DMV registered or they are being hauled. They may not be on any road that exceeds the speed limit of 35mph. Motion was made by Commissioner King to table until the next meeting, Seconded by Commissioner Martin.

In conclusion the commissioners all agreed that this should be tabled until next meeting. 5-0.

9. Text Amendment to Section 71.01, Schedule I, and Schedule II of the Cape Carteret Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner King – Mentioned that the streets run N to S down to the water. The other streets are connector streets. There should be 4 way stops on all the cross streets.

Town Manager- We are trying to get people to slow down. Based on feedback from Chief McKinney the biggest issue area is on Manatee Street.

Commissioner Martin-Stated that he is receiving phone calls daily about speeders in town. And he wanted to know if this is approved would all the streets be getting 4-way stop signs. And the time frame expected. He also stated this is something that the citizens are asking for.

Commissioner Miller- This should be by case and start with the biggest problem area first.

Town Manager- Again Stated that the #1 complaint in town is Manatee St. And advised the board that signs can be ordered right away.

Mayor Baker- Asked about Anita Forte

Commissioner Nalitz- Just wanted to add that he believes they see the light on Anita Forte and speed up to make the light.

Commissioner Waters-Said this is just about the priority of the town.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin and Seconded by Commissioner King
Motion passed 5-0

10. Discussion on Paid Parking at the 103 Manatee Street Lot

Commissioner King- Wanted to inquire who has used it from the business in the past. Wanted to know who it might affect. Thinks that the dumpster should be moved where it can be accessed from Manatee Street.

Commissioner Nalitz- Should do a first come style service for parking and rotate the dumpster to the Manatee street side.

Commissioner Miller agreed with Commissioner Nalitz that it should stay just as it is for citizens to use on a first come basis. No Reserved signs.

Commissioner Waters- Agrees with other Commissioners that this has never been a problem in the past. Wanted to know what day of the week the dumpster was emptied.

Commissioner Martin- Agreed this should remain as it has been in the past. Agreed that the dumpster should be moved to access from Manatee St. Motion made by Commissioner King Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote Passed 5-0.

11. Discussion of Standards for Town Assumption of Private Roadways.

Asked that Golfin Dolphin turned over to the Town to set a standard.

Commissioner Martin- Stated that there are only 4 Private roadways in town.

Commissioner King-NCDOT- Specifications should be updated.

Motion was made by Commissioner Martin for Town Assumption of Private Roadways.

Seconded by Commissioner King Motion was passed 5-0

12. Resolution(s) making preliminary findings, introducing the bond order, and authorizing the public hearing for the Cape Carteret Trail Project.

Commissioner King- He asked about getting numbers for the public as far as a tax increase. 92% of the trail was paid with grant money. The people of the town should vote.

Town Manager- replied to Commissioner King saying that it is unknown at this time but, believes this would be a 20 year loan and the tax increase could be 3 cents.

Commissioner Martin- Said this is for the citizens to vote on NOT the Board.

Commissioner Waters- He feels that the roads and streets need more attention than the trail does. He stated that we dropped the ball for Handy Mart and the School. He also wanted to know if there was ever a survey done and how many citizens were surveyed? To which the Town Manager replied that a little over 200 people were surveyed and it was 50/50.

Commissioner Nalitz-Agreed with Commissioner Waters and stated this is not a need of the town.

Commissioner Miller- Stated that no more tax dollars in this he believes this should be taken to the voters. He also wanted to know since we are having a public hearing if we need to do this in person.

Mayor Baker- Made the comment that he believes people should vote. He would like to see that money go to our roads but agrees it is up to the citizens of the town.

Town Attorney/Brett DeSelms- The Public Hearing at the next meeting on August 10, 2020 can be done both ways but will be advertised as a Virtual Meeting. August 13, 2020 being the date for a Special Meeting to decide on a vote.

The vote on Townhall meeting to have a public hearing was passed 3-2

Commissioner Miller asked why we were voting on this before we know if we are going to do this.

Town Manager- replied that we must do these 3 steps to satisfy the requirements.

Resolution to introduce bond order Motion made by Commissioner King seconded by Commissioner Martin. Vote Passed 3-2

Resolution on Bond Order Advertise 6 days prior to meeting. Motion made by Commissioner King; Seconded by Commissioner Miller vote passed 5-0.

13. Encroachment Agreement for 200 Bayshore Dr.

Commissioner Miller- What happens if we deny this request being that the work is already done? Where is this pipe tied into?

Town Manager- Stated that we could ask it to be excavated since he did not receive the proper permission.

Commissioner King – What this citizen has done is not going to fix his problem. Due to him not using the proper type of pipe and not set in gravel. The pipe is not tied into anything. This homeowner needs an Engineer to look at this.

Commissioner Martin- Said that he knows this homeowner and his front yard is like a fishbowl when it rains. He felt this citizen does need to redo this process the proper way. Also stated that the citizens of this town need to realize that digging on town property is serious issue with fines.

Motion was made to deny permit and ask for pipe to be removed by Commissioner King Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Vote Passed 5-0

14. Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5): Acquisition of Real Property-

Motion made to go into closed session by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Vote passed 5-0

Closed session

** Came back into session.

15. Commissioner Reports-

Commissioner King- Stated that he wanted to thank Zach and the board.

Commissioner Martin- He wanted to express his opinion on the trail. He said again that this is up to the citizens of Cape Carteret to vote on. He also wanted to clear up his opinion on the golf carts in town. He then thanked Zach for all his hard work. He also made mention of the Fall Festival that if we were going to cancel, we needed to let the public know.

Commissioner Waters- Awesome job to the Town Staff and wanted to follow up on Golf Cart rules and Regulations.

Town Manager - Stated that he thinks we should cancel the Fall Festival. But would like to still do Christmas in the Cape and maybe some other no contact type of event.

Mayor Baker said Awesome job Everyone! And at this time would entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin, Seconded by Commissioner Miller. Vote passed 5-0

Meeting Ended at 9:43pm

Minutes prepared by Sherrie Hancock, Town Clerk


Mayor Baker