

**Town of Cape Carteret
Board of Commissioners Minutes
7:00 PM April 15, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The Cape Carteret Board of Commissioners meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Debbie E. Stanley Board of Commissioners room. This is a cell-free meeting.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

Hampton Scott is in kindergarten at White Oak Elementary School. His teacher is Lori Everett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Hampton Scott.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Fowler

Commissioner King, Saunders, Seegers, and Hunt

Anna of the Carteret News Times, 2 citizens

Deputy Mary Linda Spencer

Absent: Commissioner Patterson (excused) Karen Zornes (attending Tax School)

ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA? No, Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Saunders. ***Vote approved 4-0***

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of March 11, 18 &-23, 2013 and Minutes of April 8, 2013

Resolution Requesting Services of the NC Division of Community Assistance (Municipal Initiative)

Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation 2013

Commissioner Hunt motioned to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Commissioner King. ***Vote approved 4-0***

Any Board or Committee Updates?

Commissioner King:

- Mr. King and Buddy drove around the town and looked at twelve problematic areas. He took pictures of the areas, and has flood pictures of the 2010 storm. These pictures will be used to help the engineer that we hire.
- The Mayor asked why Jeff Holt did not start on the bathrooms today. Mr. King will check with him to see when Mr. Holt will begin.

Commissioner Saunders:

- She spoke with Mary Linda about the purchase of the Access program, since she is the one that will be using it. They will revisit purchasing the 2007 program, because the 2013 program went up an additional \$20.
- The board had talked about having the county collect our taxes. The clerk informed Mrs. Saunders that the County charges two percent of the current Ad Valorem taxes, which for year would have been \$11,700 per year. She would like the board to rethink this idea.

- The health benefits are going up this coming fiscal year \$16,700, for the same deductible and co-pay that the employees have now. The other plans we visited were higher with less benefits and higher deductibles. She would like the board to remain with the same company, NC League of Municipalities/Med Cost.

Commissioner Seegers:

Fire/EMS: Reported that the fire department had 86 calls in March. (63 EMS, 17 Fires and 6 Fire/EMS) Of these calls, Cape Carteret had 24 calls. (2 fires, 20 EMS and 2 Fire/EMS calls)

ILA: The meeting included corrections to the personnel and financial policies. The fiscal meeting calendar was approved. The next meeting will be July 2013. The EMS billing is \$448,000 in outstanding funds, county wide. For our EMS department the outstanding amount is about \$200,000. There will be more of an aggressive billing procedure; the county calls a “sufficient collection”, to collect these funds.

Public Works: There were forty-nine loads picked up in two days by Bogue Sound Septic. Mr. King would like to know how much it would have cost if we had carried it to Russell’s ourselves.

Mayor Fowler:

- A reminder that the budget meeting will be April 29th at 5:00 PM.
- The Mayor asked the clerk to check with other municipalities and the League about the bills in the General Assembly. She came back with several different options, but the main thought was to budget as usual, because a lot of the bills will have opposition and may not even be passed. Worst case scenario, most of the bills will not take effect until January 1, 2014, so the impact would only be 50% of what we had budgeted. If that were the case, we could use our revenues.
- He attended the Governor’s Safe Schools Initiative, hosted by Carteret County. It was an interesting conversation and always ended up back to the short-fix of the SRO’s. There was a lot of support for all three initiatives, safer physical plants, mental health improvement, and SRO’s in schools. Everyone endorsed everything, but no one committed to anything, especially when it came to finances.
- Independence Day falls on a Thursday and staff would like to know if they may use a vacation day on Friday, July 5th and close town hall. The board said no, town hall will remain open.

OLD ITEMS: None

NEW ITEMS

Rental Advertisement for Sound Bank: The Mayor said that he has two meetings tomorrow with two prospective clients. The Mayor asked that we hold off advertising until after his meetings. The board agreed. Commissioner King said when Sound Bank leaves we will have to restore the building by closing up two of the safe areas, and the drive-up window will have to be taken out, unless another bank moves in. Mr. King said the attorney suggested that Sound Bank leave the ATM in as a kiosk. Sound Bank has not decided what they want to do. If Sound Bank takes the safes with them, they will be responsible for restoring the area to an acceptable standard. The lease notes these requirements. The board agreed to table this item.

CITIZENS GENERAL COMMENTS:

Paxon Holz asked the Board to continue the leaf and limb debris pick-up. The town is doing a good job! It is a wonderful program. The Mayor said he has had many residents thanking him for the town pick-up service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Commissioner Seegers, seconded by Commissioner Saunders. ***Vote approved 4-0***

These are the minutes of April 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Zornes, NCCMC
Town Clerk