

TOWN OF PIKEVILLE

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Pikeville Town Hall

7:00 pm, Monday, June 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Pikeville, NC, was held at 7:00 pm, on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Charles Hooks, Mayor

Robert Hooks, Commissioner

Jimmy Gardner, Commissioner

Russell Carpenter, Commissioner

Steve West, Commissioner

In attendance were Lisa Pate, Town Administrator; Justin Minshew, Town Attorney; Craig Edwins, Chief of Police; Joanne Honn, Town Clerk; Katie Johnson, Town Deputy Clerk; and Perry Jones, Utilities Supervisor. Also in attendance were 10 residents and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and opened the meeting with a short prayer. Thereafter, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner Carpenter, to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of May 7, 2018, Commission Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

QUESTIONS

Mayor Hooks posed question to Attorney Justin Minshew regarding 1. Ownership and 2. Beer and Wine on ballot. Mr. Minshew responded that 1. There is no signature yet therefore the town does not own yet and 2. Mr. Minshew called the Board of Elections and they need a letter stating exactly what the Town is requesting to be on the ballot. Mr. Minshew is sending all required documents to the Board of Elections. Motion was made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the report given by Mr. Minshew.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

1. Perry Jones, Inspection
2. Meeting for the budget – Reconvene on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 pm with Gary to go over the first part of the budget. Any ideas to add or delete from the budget should already be prepared. Before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Regarding the Finch Land agreement: Lisa stated we do not own the land yet. Mayor Hooks asked if the private easement could be leased, for pennies on the dollar, to keep the land cleared and clean, maybe to Mr. Alton for a barn for farming.
2. Regarding the Powell Bill Paving Project: Lisa and Mayor Hooks rode through town to see what needed to be resurfaced. Need to know the quantity in the areas to be paved; Mayor Hooks took the golf cart and measuring wheel and determined that it will be 450 square yards. It was determined that the paving can be done within the cost limit set at \$87,253.02.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lisa stated that letters of interest letters were mailed out and the town has received letters back from three vendors; ST Wooten, Allen Grading, and Bridgepoint for bidding on the town paving project.
2. The budget workshop date is set to be Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm. It will be decided at that meeting when the budget will be signed and it will be posted on the website.
3. Lisa explained that the town hired Cindy Bailey as town clerk. Ms. Bailey's previous employer, Nunn, Brashear, & Co, asked Ms. Bailey to return to work for them and offered a great package. It was stated that Friday would be Ms. Bailey's last day. It was asked of the commissioners to pull the packets of applicants – Joanne Honn has volunteered three days prior to board's approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner West, to hire Ms. Honn on 30 days probational period at the rate of \$18/hour. (This amount is already included in the budget) The motion carried.
4. Lisa sent out 22 tall grass letters and updated that all but 1 has complied. Commissioner West inquired if new letters were to be sent out.
5. Mrs. Rudy Corger (Robbie) has notified the town that two-thirds of the cars at Collier Motors will be destroyed since Mr. Bobby has passed away. They can only sell/liquidate 4 per year. They are taking bids for the work to be done since it such a huge undertaking. Robbie is cutting the grass and they are clearing the land to get it cleaned up and looking better.
6. Katie Johnson is over the Pikeville Merchant Association and Detective Jarman is helping with committees and catchall events to try to get more involvement in Pikeville. It was mentioned that a discount card fundraiser is one possibility to raise funds. The cost of the cards is \$730 and if they are sold for \$6.25 each, that

would give a profit of \$1800. There is a Halloween in the park event being planned. There would need to be a minimum of \$500 investment for decorations and a maximum of \$1000 to be placed in the budget. There will need to be volunteers and food vendors. The Revitalization Committee will be geared towards business owners to help repair and spruce up the downtown area.

7. Lisa spoke with Don Pate on four different occasions regarding the repair of the library door. Lisa asked for a letter to provide an explanation for when the door will be repaired. It is supposed to be repaired this weekend.
8. Regarding the purchase of the land: Justin Minshew has run into a snag – BB&T has asked for a lot of information. Lisa spoke with Julia at USDA regarding the HUD settlement statement and Julia will send a letter to BB&T with this information. Motion made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner West, motion carried.
9. Servpro experience is a nightmare. Lisa stated that she is very unsatisfied. Mr. Tony Turner stated that it would take 4-6 weeks to complete the cleaning from the fire. The items to be cleaned have been sent back 3rd and 4th times and are still not cleaned like they should have been as promised by Mr. Turner. The board agreed to go to closed session to discuss the contract with Servpro.
10. Lisa had a staff meeting regarding BCBSNC. There are two choices with the new plan – Alternate 1 (employees have to contribute) or Alternate 2. Mayor asked to check for the commissioners to obtain BCBS.
11. Mr. Perry Jones stated that when Mr. Alan Clark performed the inspection, 2 of the floats were down at station #2 and it needs a bypass switch and valve to discharge the water if it gets full. Keen Plumbing is the lowest bidder at \$6972.00. Motion made by Commissioner Gardner, 2nd by Commissioner Carpenter. Gary needs to add a line item for Keen Plumbing to the budget to get the repairs taken care of.
12. Mayor Hooks read the listing of motions passed and it was noted that all items highlighted on the sheet have been taken care of. Mayor Hooks wanted to know the date that Perry will be renting the backhoe and was informed that it would be done this week. It was decided to move discussion of personal items of employees that were lost in the fire to closed session.
13. Chief Edwards stated that Chase Serlick turned in his two weeks' notice and will be going to work at Selma. Two deputies will need to work overtime to cover .
14. Public Forum:
 - Lionel made the comment to remove the bid made by a commissioner on the road paving project since the mayor is a Bridgepoint employee. It was decided that the bids would be sealed.
 - Bonnie and her husband live on North 4th Street and have lived here the past 2 years with their 4year old. She runs or walks daily and has noticed lots of trash through the town and has picked up the trash on multiple occasions. It was suggested that there be a quarterly town clean up through the town and at the playground. She also mentioned that the utility bills seem very high. She

has also noticed that nobody seems to stop at the stop sign at Church and Washington Streets. There is a dog behind her that howls a lot as well.

15. Motion was made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner West to go to closed session
16. Motion was made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner Carpenter to exit closed session and return to regular session.
17. Motion was made by Commissioner Carpenter, 2nd by Commissioner Hooks to change the meeting time to 6:00 pm. The new time will be put on the bills.
18. It was agreed to recess the meeting at 9:02 pm

June 13, 2018

Passing of budget amendment 2017-2018

The town will have to use an interim budget for the month of July – It will be using the July 2017 budget. The town will reconvene on June 25th to pass the interim budget. There will be a budget workshop on July 9th and a meeting on July 23rd to pass the 2017-2018 budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner Carpenter, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Hooks, 2nd by Commissioner West, motion carried.