

Town of
Pikeville
The Gem of Wayne County

Minutes for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6: 00 pm, Wednesday, August 9, 2021

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Gardner, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner West, Commissioner Hooks

Commissioners Absent: Mayor Hooks

Staff Present: Jon Barlow, Town Manager, Eric Faust , Interim Finance Director, Michael Milam, Interim Assistant Finance Director, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Craig Edwins, Police Chief

Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Commissioners Gardner opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2021 and July 26, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Gardner and seconded by Commissioner West to approve the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Town Manager Barlow presented a staff report as follows:

- WWTP Site Visit

NC DEQ staff conducted a site visit at the wwtp last week. The purpose of the visit was to inspect the plant for permit compliance. Specifically, they focused on the amount of flow the Pant receives during periods of heavy rain and the effect on the water levels on the lagoons. In fact, the recently completed lagoon is already full. Annual reports for calendar year 2020 show the average daily flow at the plant was 181,068. The permitted flow capacity of the plant is 140,000 mgd. The inspectors suggested that the spray irrigation runs times be increased as much as possible without causing runoff.

- 102 Vail St. Electric Service

The homeowners at 102 Vail St. have been experiencing unusual electrical conditions recently. At their request the Town had its electric service contractor, Southern Electric, to inspect the electric service to the house. The Town's equipment was found to be working properly and not causing any issues.

- Town Hall Renovation Project

In 2018, the Town received a grant for \$50,000 to perform some building improvements to Town Hall. I understand some estimates from local contractors were obtained, but work was never

authorized to begin. My recommendation is to update the list of needed improvements and solicit quotes from interested contractors.

- **Water Leaks on Lane St. and Harvey St.**
2 small water service lines were reported as leaking and have been repaired by our contractor Cox-Edwards.
- **Debris Chipper**
The chipper is in the shop for repair. It should be ready by the end of this week.
- **Annual Solid Waste Report**
The Annual Solid Waste report is due to DEQ no later than September 1, 2021. This is a report all municipalities with a solid waste program must submit annually.

The Police Chief reported that the business owner at Railroad St. and W. Ham St. requested permission to park a trailer on Railroad St. to use as storage. The Board did not take any action, but there was a consensus to check with the railroad company to see if it is permitted.

Town Attorney Lorello presented Ordinance Amendment 21-001, **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PIKEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, REPEALING CURRENT CHAPTER 10 § 10.05 AND REPLACING WITH NEW CHAPTER 10 § 10.05 PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; AND REPEALING CURRENT CHAPTER 30, SECTION §30.01 AND REPLACING WITH NEW CHAPTER 30, §30.01; PROVIDING FOR THE BODY OF GOVERNMENT; AND REPEALING CURRENT CHAPTER 31, §31-01 AND REPLACING WITH NEW CHAPTER 31, §31.01 PROVIDING FOR A TOWN MANAGER”**. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Galloway. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

The Town Manager presented a summary of the lease agreement between the Town and Steve Hooks for the lease of the town owned spray fields. The current lease is expired and a new one needs to be formalized. Commissioner West noted that the last lease payment received from Hooks was in 2019. The consensus of the board was to meet with Hooks and report back to the Board.

The 2021 paving project bids were presented to the Board by Trey Gurley from McDavid Associates. Mr. Gurley noted 3 bids were received. The lowest bid of \$149,500 from Legion Asphalt, Inc. Mr. Gurley explained he negotiated with the low bidder to get the quote closer to the \$100,000 ceiling set by the Board. The final price is \$102,500 or \$114,500 including engineering fees. The Manager suggested using \$9,500 from the building renovation to construct the 4 parking spaces next to Town Hall and increase the total Powell Bill funding by \$5,000 to \$105,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Hooks and seconded by Commissioner Galloway. The vote was 4-0 to approve the contract with Legion Asphalt in the amount of \$102,500.

Mr. Gurley presented a final adjusting change order for Pikeville contract no. 20. The original contract amount was \$2,722,000. The amended final closeout contract amount was \$2,488,043. A motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Hooks. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

Mr. Gurley then presented final adjusting change order for contract no. 21. The original contract was in the amount of \$156,175. The final adjusting change order amount is \$138,496. A motion was made by Commissioner Hooks and seconded by Commissioner Galloway. The vote was unanimous 4-0.

In a final matter, Mr. Gurley informed the Board that the State Water Infrastructure Division has grants up to \$50,000 available to local governments to study sewer related I&I issues. The application period closes in September 2021. The Board requested that a resolution authorizing application be prepared for consideration at its September Board meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter opened the floor up to public comment. Garrett Johnson, President of the Greater Pikeville Improvement Committee stated the Gazebo needs attention. They are preparing a budget for material needed to make repairs for the Board to consider at its next meeting. He mentioned that he does not think allowing the trailer for storage on Railroad St. is a good idea. Other items discussed included the need for maintenance on the sidewalk at Church St. and Railroad St. As well as repainting the handicap crossing in front of the barbershop on West Railroad St.

Kelly West inquired about the status of the swing set repair at the park. And the need to fix the sound system in the Council chambers. Last, she made an inquiry about last year's budget worksheets.

Eddie Lewis requested that a pothole on the street in front of the cemetery be repaired and the city limit sign in front of Dollar General be moved for safety reasons.

At 6:59 p.m. a motion to enter into closed session per G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) Personnel was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Hooks. The motion carried 4-0.

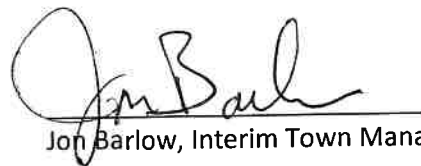
At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Hooks and seconded by Commissioners West to go out closed session and return to open session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Carpenter stated that Wendy Holland has been hired by the Town as its new Town Clerk/Finance Director. Her first day of employment will be August 23, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hooks and seconded by Commissioner West. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Charles Hooks, Mayor



Jon Barlow, Interim Town Manager