

**Minutes for Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
Pikeville Town Hall
6:00 pm, Monday, August 8, 2022**

Present: Mayor Johnston, Commissioner Hooks, Commissioner Galloway, Commissioner West, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Katsenios

Absent: None

Staff Present: James Sullivan, Town Manager, Eric Faust, Finance Director, Michael Milam, Deputy Finance Director, Harry Lorello, Town Attorney, Rodney Jarman, Police Chief, Nicholas Perez, Officer, Wendy Holland, Town Clerk

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mayor Johnston gave the invocation.

Mayor Johnston led all in attendance in Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Adoption: Commissioner Hooks made a motion to adopt the agenda minus the Regular Session minutes for July 11, 2022, and minus the Special Meeting minutes for July 27, 2022. Commissioner West seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes: None

Public Comments:

Russell Robertson – 205 Musgrave Street, Pikeville, NC

Mr. Roberston requested an answer from the Board of Commissioners as to the reason the Town Manager was fired. There was no response from the Board.

Mr. Roberston requested an explanation from the Board as to why a member of the Board had a conversation with him discussing Mr. Sullivans employment.

Mr. Robertson stated he felt the board had made a bad decision.

Dennis Lewis – Streets of Wayne County

Mr. Lewis stated he had received a letter of noncompliance in reference to his grass. He owns property located at 100 E. Church St, Pikeville. Mr. Lewis felt the town should try having a conversation with him before threatening him to cut his grass. Mr. Lewis mentioned he had not received a response to his request concerning a water leak. Mr. Lewis commented prayer and Pledge of Allegiance should have been included in the special meeting.

Lida Fultz – 403 W. Main Street, Pikeville, NC

Lida Fultz expressed her disappointment in the article published in the Goldsboro News Argus concerning the Town of Pikeville. Ms. Fultz commented board members are in a responsible position and should handle themselves professionally.

Angela Roberston - 205 Musgrave Street, Pikeville, NC

Angela Roberston stated she is disappointed in certain individuals of the Board. Mrs. Roberston stated if a board member is found guilty of the same reason the Town Manager was released, the board member should do the honorable, ethical thing and take the same punishment.

Reports:

A. Wendy Holland, Town Clerk

In your package you will find an email from Robert Tankard, with NCDENR. The email states that the moratorium has been lifted for the Town of Pikeville. Be aware that these reports have been during a drought. With that, we do not know if the ongoing work that was done has helped or the drought. McDavid Associates will continue their work to apply for the second round of the Sewer Project due September 30th.

Commissioner Thomas agreed that given the recent drought the town should be cautious calling the sewage infiltration a win.

As required by the state a copy of the Annual Wastewater Performance Report has been supplied to you, the Board of Commissioner. It has also been posted at the Town Hall.

SUEZ, Utility Service, came on Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 to do our annual washout for the Water Tank. The Water sample was sent in on Wednesday and the results were confirmed on Friday that all was good to put the water tank back online. The tank was put online on Friday.

B. Finance – Gary Pittman/Eric Faust, Finance Director

The BB&T loan mentioned in last month's Board Meeting was paid off July 1, 2022. The July financial statement will be modified to include June 2022 expenses that were processed in July, 2022. The second round of AARPA money has been received.

C. Police Report: Sgt. Rodney Jarman

See Attached

Committee Reports: None

New Business: Presented by Harry Lorello, Town Attorney

Camera Policy: Harry Lorello, Town Attorney will draft a camera policy delegating the interim town manager authority over the camera and alarm system. The town clerk will be the custodian of records. Commissioners will only have access to the building during normal business hours.

Alarm System: See Camera Policy

Interim Manager: Kathie Fields will be interim Town Manager. This will be a temporary position lasting no longer than three months.

Commissioner Galloway made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Kathie Fields interim Town Manager. Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners Comments: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Robert G. Johnston, Mayor



Wendy Holland, Town Clerk