

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
December 12, 2013
7:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. ABSTRACT:

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Town Hall Board Room.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Walter Weeks, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson, Commissioner J. C. Allen, Commissioner Allen Mosby, and Commissioner Jerry Beasley were in attendance. Commissioner Don Pleasant was not in attendance.

Attorney Stacy Weaver was present.

III. CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Weeks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Walter Weeks delivered the invocation as well as lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Walter Weeks ask to change VI. Old Business, A. Consider Resolution to Sell Town Property By Upset Bid Process and Consider Resolution to Sell Property to James D. and Martha R. Hartman to just Consider Resolution to Sell Property to James D. and Martha R. Hartman. We have already taken care of the Upset Bid Process. Manager Kenny Cole asked to switch item V-B. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore and item V-C. Appointment of Town Clerk-Oath of Office. Mayor Weeks asked for approval of the agenda as amended.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Approval of Attorney Bill**
- C. Review of Financial Statements**
- D. Certified Election Results**

Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

V. MANAGER & COMMITTEE REPORTS/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Town Manager Kenny Cole reminded the board about a retirement reception on December 17, 2013 from 2-4pm for Tony Wilder at the Harnett County Government Complex.

Chief Jeremy Hall read his stats from November 14-December 12. He apologizes for missing the Christmas Parade.

Recreation Director Mike Collins opens by welcoming new Commissioner John Raynor. They started field renovations at the park. Lower field renovations are complete. They started bathroom renovations and managed to save the town the expense. They should be done with the bathrooms by the end of January and they will be handicap accessible. Recreation Department got involved in the Operation Christmas and delivered boxes of toys to Charlotte. Basketball has started and they have 3-4 teams in every age group except 13 under girls. They are ready to get the season going with practices and games in January and February.

Streets Director Gary Denton said he would speak later in the meeting.

Mayor Walter Weeks wanted to recognize Don Pleasant's commitment to the town and his time. He enjoyed his independent voice and a voice of reason. A plaque was made in his honor and Mayor Weeks delivered later that week.

Mayor Weeks asked for a motion to recess the first part of the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY.**

**APPROVED, AYES (4) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

Mayor Walter Weeks calls the meeting back to order at 7:15 pm and welcomes Judge Caron Stewart.

VI. ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD-JUDGE CARON STEWART

A. Oath of Office: Mayor Walter Weeks, Commissioner Allen Mosby, Commissioner Jerry Beasley, And Commissioner John Raynor: Mayor Weeks invites his wife, Senator Rabin, and his wife to stand with him as he takes oath. Commissioner Allen Mosby takes oath. Commissioner Jerry Beasley takes oath. Commissioner John Raynor takes oath. Mayor Walter Weeks invites John Raynor to take his seat with the rest of the board.

B. Appointment of Town Clerk-Oath of Office: Town Clerk, Courtney Kerns takes oath. Mayor Walter Weeks thanks Judge Caron Stewart again for being there. Mayor Weeks offered the floor to Senator Regan to speak. Senator Rabin expresses his gratitude and thanks the board for having him. Mayor Weeks ask for a motion to reappoint the Town Clerk to her position.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER JERRY BEASLEY**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

C. Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore: This is done by nominations and ballot vote. Mayor Weeks opens the board to nomination. Commissioner Allen Mosby nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson for reelection. No other nominations were given. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to closed nominations. All in favor.

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to reelect Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Linda Robinson for another term.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSION ALLEN MOSBY; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consider Resolution to Sell Property to James D. and Martha R. Hartman: At our November 14, 2013, Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Board accepted a bid of \$90,000 from James and Martha Hartman for the purchase of the Old Town Hall Building. It was voted to sell the property by upset bid procedure. The proper notice to sale was advertized on November 29, 2013. No upset bid was received with the specified time. Manager Kenny Cole is asking for approval of the attached resolution authorizing Sale of Personal Property at 237 North McKinley Street by Upset Bid Process, Advertisement-Notice of Offer to Purchase Property and Invitation for Upset Bid, Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property at 237 North McKinley Street by Upset Bid Process to James D. and Martha R. Hartman. The deposit of \$4,500 has been received. Mayor Walter Weeks asked for a motion to complete the sale.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON, SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

B. Discussion of Committee/Board Appointments for 2014: Town Ordinance 32.02 states that all appointments to boards and commissions will be at the first regular meeting of the Board in January each year. The Town currently has the following openings: 4 in town members and 1 commissioner for the Parks and Recreation Committee, 3 in town members for the Planning Board, 7 in town members for the Cemetery Committee, 3 Planning Board members for the Board of Adjustment. Normal advertising will be done and please distribute the applications. Mayor Weeks asks the board to please come in January ready to make the appointments.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Agreement-Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Water and Wastewater Utilities: Attached in the agenda, a Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Water and Wastewater Utilities. This agreement is authorized under section 260A-318 of the North Carolina General Statues which provides that public and private Water and Wastewater Utilities may contract with each other in the event of natural disasters. This has no impact to the budget. Manager Kenny Cole is asking for approval of the

agreement as presented. Mayor Walter Weeks ask for a motion to approve the Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present to speak.

Mayor Walter Weeks Closes the Public Forum.

X. Adjourn

Mayor Walter Weeks congratulates Commissioners Beasley and Mosby on reelection and welcomes Commissioner John Raynor.

Mayor Weeks ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Resolved to adjourn the board meeting for December 12, 2013

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON; SECOND BY:
COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR**

**APPROVED, AYES (5) MAYOR PRO-TEM DR. LINDA ROBINSON,
COMMISSIONERS MOSBY, ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND BEASLEY
NOES (0)**



Cortney Kerns, Town Clerk/Finance Officer



Mayor, Walter Weeks