

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2010

Present: Mayor Guy E. Barriger - Absent

Comm. George Holleman & Comm. Jack Lerner

Comm. Ronnie Robinette & Comm. Kenny Poole

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Pro Tempore Holleman at 5:30 p.m.

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tempore Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the following additions to the agenda. Item 5a. Handicapped parking for the new tag office; Item 7a – Budget Amendments to Police Dept. for reimbursements; Item 8a – Hiddenite Sanitary Sewer change orders; Item 9 a – Mayor Barriger’s resignation letter. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the June 1, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

No comments were made in open forum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the construction of 3 additional handicapped accessible parking spaces. One will be beside Shortcuts beauty shop and will be a regular handicapped parking space. Two others will be constructed which will be handicapped van accessible and they will be located in the town parking lot near the old jail & beside the new tag office in the parking lot beside Town & Country Drugs. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the awarding of the lowest bid for the Hiddenite School sewer project to Foothills Water & Sewer, of Stony Point for \$325,082.00. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the adoption of the Substance Abuse Policy effective July 1, 2010. Passed unanimously. See official copy retained in Clerk’s office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve the following budget amendments for the police department to receipt in a donation from crime-stopper’s & to also receipt in the reimbursement from the lightning damage to the computers. Passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to approve & adopt the changes to Town Personnel policy effective July 1, 2010.

- Only full-time employees are eligible for vac., sick or holiday pay
- Will be held one week back on pay
- Will use the FSLA 28 day pay cycle for wage calculation for the Police Dept.
- Comp. totals max out at 240 hours then convert to sick time the following January
- Holiday time earned but not used within one calendar year will be converted to sick time the following January
- Police Dept. Comp. time accumulation for exercising/physical fitness will cease effective July 1, 2010

- Retiree Coverage Eligibility Changes:

Any new hires after July 1, 2010 must work 30 years before being eligible for the retiree insurance

- 3 hours will be allotted for call back for non-exempt employees
- New Drug Policy effective July 1, 2010
- New Personnel Policy effective July 1, 2010

Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the change orders in W&S Capital Outlay for Hiddenite Sewer. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Poole to approve the contract for the WPCOG Town Planner for 2 days per month for \$\$8,600.00 per year. The contract was reduced in half due to the slow economic times. Passed unanimously.

The Town Board accepted with sadness the resignation letter of Mayor Barriger, effective July 1, 2010. See attachment B, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lerner, seconded by Commissioner Robinette to enter into closed session in order to discuss personnel. Passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the age requirement for the retiree insurance benefit. No decision was reached and further discussion will be held on July 20, 2010.

Discussion was held regarding the Town Manager's job performance and salary and future employment contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to exit closed session and to re-enter the regular session. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette, seconded by Commissioner Lerner to increase the Town Manager's monthly vehicle allowance to \$550.00 per month and to award and end of FY 09/10 bonus of \$5,000.00. The employment contract was extended until 2010. Passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2010. At 5:30 pm.

With no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Yolanda Prince, Town Clerk