

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
March 1, 2021 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 2021, at the Town Hall. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [] Clif Williams, Mayor

Commissioners Present:
[X] Coley Jordan
[X] Brad Lee
[X] Jeff Peed
[X] Tina Taylor

Attendance:
[X] Kevin Bonner – Fire Chief RTF&R Tax
[X] Brenda Jones – Rescue Squad Captain RTF&R Tax
[X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Chuck Bonner – Public Works Director
[] Curt Hendrix – Recreation Coordinator
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance

Mayor Pro-Tempore Brad Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Peed led in prayer.

A motion to approve the proposed Agenda was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor with a 3 to 0 vote.

There was no citizen participation during the public comment period.

At this time, Mayor Williams joined the meeting via teleconference.

The proposed minutes for the regular January 4, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Peed and seconded by Commissioner Jordan, with a 4 to 0 vote.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD

Fire Chief Kevin Bonner presented the Richland Township Fire & Rescue Tax 2021-2022 proposed fiscal year budget. Both departments were pleased to report that RTF&R Tax Board had voted to reduce the fire tax by 6 cents per \$100/property valuation. Ongoing vehicle maintenance issues for both departments were discussed as well as the unlikelihood of a South Creek Sub-Station happening any time in the near future. The Mayor and Commissioners commended all representatives of Fire and Rescue that were present for their service and the upstanding way they were running their respective departments. A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the proposed Fire and Rescue budget with a vote of 4 to 0. The proposed Richland Township Fire and Rescue Tax budget will now go before the County Commissioners for final approval.

Under Old Business, Public Works Director Chuck Bonner reported on the upgrade to the Water Treatment Plant. Duke Energy has completed their changeover of the power connection. He is still not pleased with the lack of production on the site. Selena Alford, an NCDEQ representative, had stopped by and had inquired on the progress. He is still waiting to hear back from Mike Tolson with Mack Gay and Associates

Also under Old Business, the Clerk and the Public Works Director covered the issue of a probable large leak of drinking water that Public Works is trying to locate. Mike Houston from NCRWA and Beaufort County are helping to locate the leak. The meter hookup to the county water has been tested and is working fine. Mr. Bonner let the Board know NCRWA will be back on the 5th to search with sonar equipment. After some discussion, which included loss of revenue and how the leak may be chemically traced, the conversation came to a close.

There was no other New Business

Under Staff Reports the Public Works Director Chuck Bonner gave a written report which included the following:

- Water leak in 10 inch main was repaired at 4th and Main streets.
- Water plant emergency generator has arrived and installed and Hicks Propane will be installing the gas lines
- Beaufort County Commissioner John Rebholz says that the county has received 135 million dollars from the COVID relief bill and the county will try to spend a portion of that on improving internet service
- Royce Ham is done trapping the rats at the wastewater facility
- A professor from NC State will be coming in the spring to tour our wastewater facility and look at lining the Town up for possible Community Development Block Grants
- Dwight Lancaster will be conducting another smoke test on our collection system this spring
- NCDOT is aware of the ditching needing to be done on 33 at the intersection of 5th St. and they are also going to look into the collapsing tile on South 5th St. between John and Helen Drives at the entrance to Hooker house.
- We are still having a problem with inflow/influent at our lift station across from Town Hall
- Purchased a new high powered nozzle for the sewer machine for better clog removal

The Clerk read aloud a letter from Cynthia Crane of the Aurora Fossil Museum thanking the Town of Aurora Board of Directors for their support of the museum which is attached. She also reported that the final closing of the FEMA documentation had just occurred on Town damages from Hurricane Mathew in 2016.

There being no Board Comments and no further business, the March 1, 2021, regular meeting adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk