

**Town of Hamilton Monthly Board Meeting
Morris Lynch Center
December 2nd, 2021 @ 7:00pm**

Present: Mayor Goodrich, Commissioners: Spivey, Goodrich, Stewart, Moring, Freeman
Meeting was called to order & Welcomed by Mayor Goodrich at 7:00pm.
Commissioner Stewart opened with Prayer at 7:01PM.
Pledge to the flag stated by all.

Approve Old Minutes tabled till next meeting.

Old Business

Mayor Goodrich called Commissioner Stewart to discuss progress on the Dilapidated House on South Street. The town has decided to pay the small amount of back taxes on the property to move forward with the process of demolishing the house.

Mayor Goodrich talked about the digital water meters. The town received a grant of \$118,000 from the American Rescue Plan to be paid in two installments which will cover the cost of the new digital water meters. The digital water meters will allow the maintenance department to take water readings simply by driving by the houses, saving two days of manual meter reading. Commissioner Spivey made a motion to purchase the digital water meters. Seconded by Commissioner Goodrich. Unanimous decision. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Goodrich called on Commissioner Goodrich to discuss the Christmas decoration contest. Winners will receive \$150.00 for 1st Place, \$100.00 2nd Place, \$50.00, 3rd Place. Commissioner Goodrich suggested that we get Mayors from local towns to come and judge the houses. The residents that wish to enter the contest must submit their information into town hall. The deadline will be December 22nd 2021 and judging will take place that night.

Mayor Goodrich read aloud the Thank you letter from Kindred at Home Foundation in regard to the Town of Hamilton's recent donation in memory of Ms. Deannie Edmondson.

Mayor Goodrich read aloud the letter of resignation from the town's accountant, Kim Cockrell.

Oath of Office taken by Mayor Williams followed by Commissioners William Freeman, Kerry Spivey, Linda Goodrich, Judith Stewart and Larry Jackson by Kimberly Griffin.

New Business

Commissioner Goodrich stated that Nancy Winslow was supposed to be in attendance at meeting to discuss the possibility of a mural on behalf of the Historic Hamilton Committee but unfortunately could not be here.

Mayor Williams called on Janice Goodman, from the Hamilton EMS. She spoke about the fact that the money that comes from the state does not get split between the EMS and the Fire Department. She also mentioned that the EMS is in need of volunteers. She asked if there was

anything that the town could do to help them out. It was mentioned that possibly the EMS could relocate to the former town hall.

Motion to approve financials and budget amendment for the drainage project that will come from our Powell Bill funds in the amount of \$35,000 made by Commissioner Spivey, seconded by Commissioner Goodrich, unanimous decision by all, 5-0. Motion Granted.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Spivey at this time has nothing to report.

Commissioner Goodrich explained the new increase size of drainage tiles to avoid flooding on streets that tend to flood during heavy rains.

Commissioner Stewart spoke about dilapidated house on South Street and said that the demolition will be moving forward soon. She also is looking into new banners and Christmas decorations for the Town.

Commissioner Freeman requested information on the town recreation department funds that haven't been received yet for the town. Former Mayor Goodrich states that from 2019 – 2020 we received \$4,200.00 and used that money to buy bases and other needs for the recreation department. Follow up to find out when they will send in the funds for this fiscal year 2021-2022. Basketball will begin soon and the floor will need to be stripped and waxed.

Mayor Williams for the Mayor's Report stated that he will host a Christmas tree lighting at the Morris Lynch Center on December 7th 2021 at 7:00PM. He will provide the hotdogs and he is hoping churches will participate in this event. Commissioner Goodrich stated that we should place a one call to all residents to inform every one of the upcoming Christmas event.

Public Comments given by Mrs. Sullivan states that the dead tree in her yard will be removed by the state.. Mrs. Green states she would like to thank everyone who supported the dementia alliance of NC. The Town of Hamilton has been a proud supporter for the past ten years.

Ms.Morring questioned the mural project and the Town's dealings with the project.

Commissioner Goodrich explained that the historical society would pay for half of the mural and request the town to cover the other half of the project. Mrs. Morring also wanted to know if Hobgood Charter School cleaned the floors once they finished renting the Gymnasium.

Commissioner Goodrich stated that Hobgood played volleyball which did not require any special waxing of the floor. Commissioner Freeman responded by letting her know that the waxing of the floors would be something the town would need to provide before basketball could start.

Commissioner Spivey stated that we will need bids for the stripping and waxing of the gymnasium floor. Once the board approves the bid, the floor will be properly waxed and the town will issue a check.

Commissioner Freeman stated that we have a new board member and requested that Mayor Williams assign new duties to all of the Commissioners. Mayor Williams stated that he will assign new duties to all Commissioners at next month's board meeting.

Commissioner Goodrich thanked everyone who brought in refreshments for the board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Spivey, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, unanimous decision by all, 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Town Clerk