Town of Spring Lake Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Municipal Building 300 Ruth Street Spring Lake, NC 28390

<u>September 8, 2014</u>

MINUTES

7 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra Alderman James Christian Alderman Richard Higgins Alderwoman Densie Lucas Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager Paul Hoover, Public Works Director Troy McDuffie, Police Chief Tina West, Interim Finance Director Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director John Kleinhert, Maintenance Director T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief Gail Elder-White, Recreation Director Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Lucas asked for a moment of silence in honor of former Spring Lake Mayor, Newell Taylor.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by: Alderman Higgins Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

6. Approval of Consent Items

The Board approved the consent items:

- a. Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Proclamation, 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance 2014
- c. Proclamation, Fall Litter Sweep 2014

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Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items, the minutes of August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, Proclamation for 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance 2014 and Proclamation Fall Litter Sweep 2014. Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Nathaniel Fitch, 735 Goodyear Drive spoke regarding the roadway in front of Sonic and the need for a turn lane for traffic turning left into Sonic. Mr. Metcalf advised NCDOT has placed this issue under study and Mr. Metcalf has not heard from DOT since he called several weeks ago about this issue. He stated he will keep calling to make sure NCDOT continues to study the area. Mr. Metcalf stated he will let keep Mr. Fitch updated on a monthly basis. Mr. Fitch asked the Town Attorney about the requirements to start a benevolence fund with the proceeds he receives from a raffle that he will held in May 2015. Mayor Rey advised we are in the beginning stages of creating a Spring Lake Foundation which will be the proper place for citizens to make contributions for the community and he hopes the Foundation will be in place before Mr. Fitch is ready to make his contribution.

8. Presentation

a. Yards of the Month, September

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients who were in attendance. Mr. Starnes presented them with a small gift token as well. The following people won the award for September:

Dorothy and Reyna Thompson, 1004 Diane Circle Richard and Armetta Weaver, 709 Freda Court

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Bragg Estates Sewer Service

Mr. Jeffery Brown, Engineer and Infrastructure Director for Cumberland County Public Utilities Division, gave the Board an overview of the Bragg Estates Sewer Service. He stated this situation is very similar to the Overhills situation that the Board previously approved. He stated the Health Department contacted the County regarding failing septic systems in the Bragg Estates Subdivision. They applied for funding but did not receive any in the last funding cycle. They are now approaching USDA for assistance and in doing so they need the Town's support. He clarified that the area that could be served by gravity was the only area considered.

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

9. New Business

a. Resolution (2014) 18, Supporting Bragg Estates Sewer Service

Mr. Blumenfeld requested the Board approve Resolution (2014) 18 to support the County's attempt to gain funding for the Bragg Estates Sewer Service. Mr. Blumenfeld clarified that we will not be involved in the billing or maintenance of the system. Mr. Brown clarified that the County will not control the water but will put shut-off valves on for the sewer. The County cannot mandate that residents connect to the sewer but if they call for service on their septic tank they will be required, at that time, to connect if they

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hadn't already.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 18. Motion by: Alderman Christian Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

b. Resolution (2014) 17, Approving Overhills Sewer Service Agreement

Mr. Blumenfeld requested the Board approve Resolution (2014) 17 which is for the sewer service agreement with Cumberland County. The agreement has been approved by the Town Attorney and has already been approved by Cumberland County. The Board pledged their support and the terms of this agreement when they approved a Resolution of Support in 2013.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 17. Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Second by: Alderman Christian Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Overhills Park Water and Sewer District Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement and Resolution (2014) 17 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

c. Capital Purchase Request, Police Department

Chief McDuffie requested the Board approve the purchase of two new police vehicles to replace two aging, high mileage and high maintenance vehicles that are part of the current fleet. Alderman Higgins expressed concern about passing a budget just a month or so ago and already doing two budget amendments. He would like for us to get a better handle on what our finances look like before we approve this request. Alderwoman Sutherland also expressed the same concern and inquired about the urgency of this purchase. She remembers being told during the budget process that the Police Department could make do for this budget cycle without getting the vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated he believes we need to take care of the Police Department and follow the recommendation of the Town Manager and Police Chief. Alderwoman Lucas asked about the timeline to purchase these vehicles and expressed support for the Police Department.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the capital purchase of two police vehicles. Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian Vote: 3-2 Yes No Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Alderman Higgins Alderman Christian Alderwoman Sutherland Alderwoman Lucas

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

d. Resolution (2014) 19, Interlocal Agreement Dispatch Service

Mr. Metcalf advised the Board that this agreement is the agreement that we entered into five years ago

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when the Town consolidated dispatch services with Cumberland County Emergency Communications Center. He tried to get the amount reduced without success and recommended Board approval. Alderman Christian asked about the issue with calls being pushed to Fort Bragg before getting to the right place. Alderwoman Sutherland expressed concern with the same issue and requested we get better service for our citizens. Mr. Metcalf stated he emphasized the serious issues we have with this service and stated he will stay on top of this issue.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 19. Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Interlocal Agreement for Consolidation of 911 Dispatch and Resolution (2014) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

e. Ordinance (2014) 15, Amending Traffic Schedule, Stop Sign

Ms. Webb advised the Board tasked staff to erect a stop sign at the curve on Weaver Street. This is a housekeeping measure because the stop signs are listed in the Spring Lake Traffic Schedule which is part of the Town's Code of Ordinances and therefore, must be amended by Ordinance. Ordinance (2014) 15 will reflect the Board's wishes as directed at the last meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 15. Motion by: Alderman Christian Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Spring Lake Traffic Schedule with changes noted and Ordinance (2014) 15 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

f. Ordinance (2014) 16, Amending Ordinance (2014) 14, Effective Date

Ms. Webb advised the Board previously adopted Ordinance (2014) 14 to annex Mr. Boyd's property. While initiating the initial zoning process for Mr. Boyd's property, Ms. Webb learned that the annexation laws had changed regarding effective date of annexation and requested the Board amend the effective date for Mr. Boyd's annexation to the date they adopted the annexation ordinance.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 16. Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Second by: Alderman Higgins Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2014) 16 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

f. Resolution (2014) 20, Approving Financing for E-One Rescue Truck, Fire Department

Ms. West advised the Finance Department received three proposals for the financing of the E-One Rescue Truck. She recommended approval of BB&T's proposal for a five-year loan with a 1.97% interest rate. The annual debt payment will be \$20,781.69. She stated by reducing the number of years to repay the loan by two years, the Town will benefit from an interest savings of \$3,724.32. Alderwoman Sutherland asked how much we received from the sale of the two surplus fire vehicles and Ms. West advised

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approximately \$60,000.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 20. Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra Second by: Alderman Higgins Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Table of Proposals and Resolution (2014) 20 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment ten.)

10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. Motion: Alderman Higgins Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC Town Clerk

