

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

December 12, 2016

**MINUTES**

7:03 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 Rey presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Dobbins  
Alderwoman Densie Lucas  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman James O'Garra was absent.

**Others Present:**

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Elisa Jernigan, Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources	Tom Cooney, Public Works Director
John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation	Rosa Henegan, Human Resource Officer
Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Doris Snider, Senior Center Director	Claiburn Watson, Finance Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

**2. Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins gave the invocation.

**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.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**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 November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes for November 28, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

## **8. Presentations**

### **a. 2017 Property Tax Revaluation**

Mr. Joe Utley, Cumberland County Tax Administrator, gave the Board of Aldermen an overview of the Cumberland County tax revaluation. He stated they do this to equalize all property values at 100% of fair market value. The State requires counties to perform revaluations at least once every 8 years. The County last did a revaluation in January 2009. It takes 2½ to 3 years to complete the revaluation. He provided an overview of the Schedule of Values which is only one step in the process but serves as the framework or foundation for the process. He also reviewed the calendar for the Schedule of Values and for the tax notices and appeals. He stated the Tax office is already looking at reviewing damaged property due to Hurricane Matthew and the values will reflect the damage. He directed people to visit the County Tax Administration website for information regarding revaluation.

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

### **b. Manager's Update**

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- He thanked everyone in the room for the work on several recent events: the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Senior's Christmas Luncheon, Breakfast with Santa and Shop with a Cop were all well planned and executed events and are a great way to kick off the Holiday Season.
- Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon is the Wreaths Across America event. Mayor Rey will give opening remarks. Last year there were 2,100 to 2,200 wreaths. This year they will have 5,000 wreaths which shows how much this event is growing.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about an update on the audit review and requested a status report. Mr. Davis stated Mr. Dobbins will provide the Board with an update in the Closed Session.

She also asked why the Board of Aldermen members did not know that the Town had hired a new Police Chief and asked why the Board was not notified prior to it being released in the paper. Mayor Rey stated that Mr. O'Garra jumped the gun and should not have made a statement. At the time he made the statement we had not hired anyone and by making the statement he created an uncomfortable situation for the candidate, his employer and for the Board of Aldermen. It was highly inappropriate for him to make statements regarding this situation. Mr. Davis apologized to the Board and stated we will seek to do better in the future.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Budget Amendment 2017.6, CIP, Police Annex and Waste Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement**

Mr. Cooney stated he is requesting a Budget Amendment to move money from the Town's savings account into an active project account to reroof the Police Annex and two buildings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Severe damage was done during Hurricane Matthew and he hopes FEMA will cover most if not all of the costs. He stated they are in the process of obtaining quotes. They have two quotes currently but expect to receive more this week. He is confident the cost will not exceed the amount he is requesting.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about the estimates and Mr. Davis and Mr. Cooney clarified that they expect to get at

least one more estimate in this week and possibly three more if everyone responds to the request. Mr. Davis stated if the estimates come back and we do not believe we received a fair market value price, we will come back to the Board prior to moving forward. Mr. Cooney explained the urgency in getting approval is due to the time delay in the Board's next meeting. The damage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is allowing water, when it rains, to pour into the building and flow across one of the electrical panels which creates a very dangerous situation. He assured the Board that the cost will not exceed the requested amount. Alderwoman Sutherland stated we should have three quotes and Mr. Cooney stated we will not proceed without at least three quotes. Alderman Christian asked if we have safety precautions in place in the interim and Mr. Cooney stated we have a temporary rain shield in place but it may not be adequate should we have a downpour and it will not be adequate for the long term.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2017.6.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Lucas

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2017.6 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

**b. Budget Amendment 2017.5, Senior Enrichment Center**

Mr. Watson advised Budget Amendment 2017.5 is to budget the receipt and expenditure of the Florence Rogers Trust Grant for \$322.50.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2017.5.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2017.5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

**c. Board to Determine Meeting Schedule for December 26, 2016**

Mayor Rey asked the Board to consider cancelling the December 26, 2016 meeting.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to cancel the December 26, 2016 meeting and call a Special Meeting is necessary.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**10. Closed Session, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege**

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:07 p.m.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**Vote:** Unanimous

**11. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderwoman Lucas

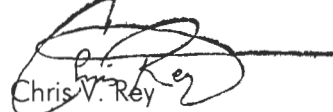
**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor