

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

January 8, 2018

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 Larry Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

William "Bill" Zell, Interim Town Manager
Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Rosa Henegan, HR Officer
Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police
Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Rhonda D. Webb, Town Clerk

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director
Sam Jones, Recreation Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

The Clerk provided the Board of Aldermen with an amended agenda. Alderwoman Sutherland requested to add boil water advisory clarification as item 10d.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as amended.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

6. Introduction of Town Manager

Mayor Dobbins introduced Daniel Gerald as the Town's Manager and he received a standing ovation. Each Board Member also thanked Mr. Zell for stepping in to fill the position on the interim.

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

7. Approval of Consent Items

The Board approved the consent items:

- a. Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of the December 3, 2017 Special Meeting
- c. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Special Meeting
- d. Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Special Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of November 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, December 3, 2017 Special Meeting, December 11, 2017 Special Meeting and Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Special Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

8. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

9. New Business

a. Update on Overhills Sewer Project

Mr. Cooney stated the project is a Cumberland County project, managed by their engineering department to provide sanitary sewer service to the Overhills Park District. The original project was supposed to be completed by December 2017 but there were issues that had to be reworked. The expected completion date is the end of March or early April.

Alderman Christian inquired about whether the home owners will pay to connect to the lines and Mr. Cooney stated he does not know for certain about the process that the County is using for this project but that is usually how the process works but he is not aware of the fees or the process at this time. Alderman Christian also inquired when they will be hooked up to our wastewater treatment plant and Mr. Cooney advised when the construction is accepted and they throw the switch on the lift station. He also advised that the County will also be working, in the future, in Bragg Estates on a sewer project.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired if the County is still holding meetings with the Overhills residents and Mr. Cooney stated he is not familiar with their schedule. She requested to know when the next meeting will be held. Mr. Cooney stated he will let the Board know.

Alderwoman Cooper clarified that Town staff will handle repairs on the lines once they are in place and inquired if we have enough staff for that. Mr. Cooney stated right now we are short staffed but we will do the best we can with what we have. He also stated that during the first year, issues are usually covered under warranty and they will be calling the contractors during the first year for this type of work.

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

10. New Business

a. Case 17-127. Site Plan Review, Mommy's Daycare

Mr. Cooney stated this is a request from the property owner who is requesting approval of the submitted site plan for the property located at 411 North Main Street off of Elizabeth Street. The property is in the Main Street Overlay District. They would like to install a classroom space next to the small metal building already on the property. He stated it is allowable and requested approval. He also stated the Main Street Overlay District does not allow a 6 foot fence but with this being a day care facility and to help keep the children safe the Town allowed them to put the 6 foot fence there.

Alderman Christian inquired if they are planning to improve any other sites on this property and Ms. Page from County Planning advised no.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 17-Budget Amendment 2018.4

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo and Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department Action Memo and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

b. Mayor Pro Tem Vote Correction

Mayor Dobbins stated that during the December 11, 2017 meeting we failed to request and no one offered a second to the motions made for nominations for the Mayor Pro Tem position. He then requested a second to the motions made at the December 11, 2017 Board Meeting regarding the Mayor Pro Tem position. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra made a second to the two motions, one for the nomination of Soña Cooper and one for nomination of James O'Garra for the Mayor Pro Tem position. Mayor Dobbins then announced that the vote for James O'Garra for Mayor Pro Tem stands.

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

c. Local Fireman's Relief Fund Board Appointments

Chief McLamb requested two appointments from the Board of Aldermen for the Local Fireman's Relief Fund. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra nominated Mayor Dobbins and Alderwoman Cooper seconded the nomination. Mayor Dobbins accepted the nomination. Alderwoman Cooper nominated Alderman Christian and Alderwoman Jackson seconded the nomination. Mayor Dobbins offered to serve a two-year term and Alderman Christian offered to serve a one-year term. All Board Members voted to amend the nominations to include the terms.

Action: The Board approved the appointment of Mayor Dobbins to a two-year term and the appointment of Aldermen Christian to a one-year appointment on the Local Fireman's Relief Fund.

Vote: Unanimous

d. Boil Water Advisory Clarification

Mr. Cooney reported the situation involved a PWC water main break. At that time Spring Lake was primarily getting their water from Harnett County. Spring Lake did not have to go under the boil water advisory at that time. The reason behind the boil water advisory is that when the water pressure drops low the likelihood of bacteria getting into the water is higher. This was the Saturday night scenario and we were still getting water from Harnett County. Sunday morning Harnett County also experienced issues with water main breaks and they advised us that they could no longer provide us with the water that we needed. At that time we had to switch back to PWC who was under a boil water advisory so we also had to go under a boil water advisory. Water samples were taken from several points around Spring Lake and were sent to the lab. This morning our samples came back clean. We were prohibited from lifting the boil water notice until PWC lifted their boil water notice.

11. Closed Session – G.S. 143-319.11(2)(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: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into Open Session.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

12. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb
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Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Larry D. Dobbins
Larry Dobbins
Mayor