

**Town of Grantsboro
Regular Meeting of the Town Council
February 2, 2021**

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Julia Lee, Mayor Pro-tem Tom Newman, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Evelyn Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Mitchell was absent. There were 4 visitors present.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order, and Lewis offered the invocation. A quorum was established for the meeting. The agenda was approved with one additional item added upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Paul and carried. The minutes from the January meeting were approved upon a motion by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of January, which reflected \$1138.34 in revenues, and expenses of \$2656.63. Total funds were reported at \$213,708.19. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Newman, seconded by Harris and carried.

Old Business

Tim Buck, Daniel Simpson, and Beth Bucksot were present tonight to discuss with the Town Council the ongoing litter problem along 306 N. Most of the littering is from people traveling to and from the transfer station. There are currently efforts underway at the County level to help educate the public, and to organize a clean sweep once or twice a year. It was noted that for 306 N, contract help could be hired by the Town to get the area cleaned, and then other steps could be taken to try and keep it that way. Suggestions included education, volunteer groups, fees for having uncovered loads, and closer monitoring by local law enforcement. Tim Buck agreed to determine how much the cost would be to contract the clean up. No other action was taken at this time.

It was shared by Newman that Grantsboro resident Lynn Hardison had expressed a desire to fill the vacancy on the Town Planning Board. After a brief discussion, a motion to appoint Lynn to the planning board was made by Newman, seconded by Harris and carried.

Lewis gave an update on nuisance properties along the Hwy 55 corridor. The burned structure across from the town hall has been torn down, and is in process of getting cleaned up.

Letters have also been sent to Pamlico Packing, Pinnacle, and the Railroad. There has been no response at this time.

New Business

Lewis presented a copy of a proposed rent policy for rental properties that will be provided sewer service under the current CDBG Sewer Project along Hwy 306 N. The policy states that rental rates cannot be increased for a period of 12 months following completion of the project, and that the property owners will be required to sign an agreement to that effect. A motion to adopt the policy was made by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis presented a copy of the December 2020 Quarterly Report for the CDBG Sewer Project to the Council.

Lewis shared with the Council that Joe Small, who currently provides mowing services for the Town, had requested that the Town advertise for bids for those services, as he no longer wished to continue under the current agreement. A motion to advertise and accept bids through March 2, 2021 was made by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

Lewis presented a copy of the 2019-20 annual financial audit to the Council.

Ed Riggs was present to share information concerning the inclusion of Grantsboro in the Bay River Sewer District, which would also give the Town an appointment to the Bay River Sewer Board. Riggs shared that much progress had been made, and they hoped to have everything finalized soon.

Following a brief comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Harris, seconded by Newman and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for March 2, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Lee, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk