

Town of Grantsboro
Public Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of Town Council
June 13, 2017

Minutes

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Alfred Cahoon, Mayor Pro-tem Julia Lee, Ray Poole, Tom Newman, Pat Paul, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. Kristie Mitchell was absent. There were three visitors present: Millie Chalk with Duke Energy; Sarah Davis from the Pamlico County Tax Office; and Daniel Suggs, Chief of the Grantsboro/Silverhill VFD.

At 7:00pm, Cahoon opened the scheduled public hearing for the proposed 2017-18 FY budget for the Town of Grantsboro. Lewis presented the proposed budget, which reflects \$114,250.00 in revenue and expenses. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Cahoon then called the regular meeting to order, and Lewis offered the invocation. A quorum was established for the meeting. The agenda was approved upon a motion by Newman, seconded by Lee and carried. The minutes from the May meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Paul, seconded by Poole and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of April, which reflected \$4171.14 in revenues, and expenses of \$72,239.94. Total funds were reported at \$195,207.84. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Newman, seconded by Paul and carried.

New Business

Lewis read the proposed 2017-18 FY budget resolution, which reflects \$114,250.00 in revenue and expense, and maintains the current tax levy of five cents (.05) per \$100 valuation of property listed for taxes within the town limits. The resolution was passed and the proposed budget was adopted upon a motion by Lee, seconded by Poole and carried.

Sarah Davis, Pamlico County Tax Collector, presented a new Interlocal Tax Collection Agreement. Sarah explained that the Tax Office was trying to make sure that each town within the County had the same agreement with the county Tax Office for collecting taxes on behalf of the towns. The only change would be that the County would be charging a flat 2% fee for collection of taxes, which would result in total charges remaining very close to the prior arrangement of a \$500 fee. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Paul, seconded by Newman and carried.

Unfinished Business

Lewis reported that the sidewalks were for the most part completed, but there were a few problem areas concerning erosion that needed to be addressed. The Contractor is supposed to be taking care of the problems, and final payment of the remaining contract amount will be withheld until they have done so.

Millie Chalk with Duke Energy was present to share information concerning the new streetlights being installed along the Hwy 55 corridor. The project is about 75% complete, and they hope to be finished with another week or two depending on the weather. Ms. Chalk apologized for the project taking so long, but said that there were a lot of hurdles to overcome. The Mayor and the Council expressed their appreciation for all that she had done to expedite things. Poole asked if the angle of the lights could be adjusted some to distribute light further across the roadway; Ms. Chalk said that she would check with the engineers. The inconsistency in mounting heights was also questioned.

Following a brief public comment period, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Poole, seconded by Newman and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Council is scheduled for July 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred E. Cahoon, Mayor

Ray Lewis, Clerk