

**Town of Grantsboro**  
**Regular Meeting of the Town Council**  
**May 6, 2025**

**Minutes**

The Grantsboro Town Council met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Attending were: Mayor Tom Newman, Mayor Pro-tem Evelyn Paul, Ray Poole, TW Harris, Julia Lee, Kristie Mitchell, and Ray Lewis, Clerk. There were 4 visitors present.

Lewis offered the invocation, and Mayor Newman called the meeting to order. A quorum was established, and the agenda for the meeting was approved upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Paul and carried. The minutes from the April meeting were approved upon a motion by Harris, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

Lewis presented the finance report for the month of April, which reflected \$4221.02 in revenues, and expenses of \$3805.23. Total funds were reported at \$279,527.22. A motion to approve the finance report as presented was made by Mitchell, seconded by Lee and carried.

**Old Business**

Request was made to contact property management for the old Burger King property concerning keeping the property mowed. Lewis will reach out to them.

**New Business**

Lewis shared that a motion was needed for formal approval of the annual audit contract with CRI. A motion to approve the contract was made by Poole, seconded by Mitchell and carried.

Lewis presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 for the Council to review. The proposed budget projects \$80,300 in revenues and expenses. Poole requested that a separate line item be included for donations, apart from dues and fees as it currently is. A public hearing will be scheduled for June 3 prior to the regular meeting to receive any public comments on the proposed budget.

Harris shared that the Postal Service was considering consolidating the Grantsboro, Alliance, Bayboro, and Stonewall locations, and a possible site may be the old CVS unit in Pamlico Square shopping center.

During the public and Council comment period, Grantsboro resident Christa Baker was present to share her concerns about Horses for Valor, located at 1303 Hwy 306 South. Residents Freddie Ethel and Garrett Wildt were present also. Ms. Baker believes Horses for Valor to be in violation of the Town's zoning ordinance. Several other concerns were also shared, such as traffic, lack of privacy, and trespassing. Ms. Baker invited any of the Council members to come and visit. Lewis has already reached out to Town attorney David Baxter regarding the legality of the facility and options for the Town, but has not yet received a response. The Council informed Ms. Baker that after we received a recommendation from Mr. Baxter, that they would follow up with her.

Following the comment period, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul and carried.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council and a public budget hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Newman, Mayor

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Ray Lewis, Clerk