

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mayor Dees called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Eddie Dees, Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, Commissioners Doris Luther, Jackie Warner, and Tonzie Collins.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Eddie Maynor

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Randy Beeman, Town Attorney John Jackson, Town Clerk Connie Spell, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, Stormwater Supervisor Melanie Clerkley, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Garage Supervisor Roy Howard, Police Chief John Hodges, Police Captain John Smith.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Michael Boarts, Highland Baptist Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Dees.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Mayor Dees presented the agenda and asked if there were any adjustments, additions or deletions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Collins and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

2. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

There were none.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mitchell, 3631 Lakeshore Drive, expressed concern with the lake level. Mayor Dees reported it should only be down for a few days to repair a broken seal. He said once the repair was complete the water would be returned to the lake.

Mr. Mitchell also expressed concerns with the end result of the water level in the lake. Mayor Dees reported the Town Attorney had been asked to research and make sure all the documents were in compliance with the specifications.

Attorney John Jackson reported he was in the process of gathering the documents for review. Mayor Dees said to the best of his knowledge Crowder Construction checked the figures and elevations and reported both were done according to the contract from McKim & Creed.

Mr. Mitchell expressed displeasure with the final out come of the lake level.

Mr. Michael Mitchell, 5411 Thompson Circle, representing The Friends of Hope Mills Lake discussed information received from Saffo Contractor, Inc., on returning to clear the lake bed. Mr. Mitchell read a letter received from Saffo stating there was never a contract for Saffo to return prior to filling the lake.

Mr. Scottie Williams, representing Saffo was present for questions.

Mayor Dees reported the agreement with Saffo on coming back was based on the fact that 70 percent of the water would be impounded and the trees would not grow back under those

conditions. He said when it was decided not to impound the water that was when the trees grew back.

Mr. Scottie Williams, representing Saffo reported if the water had been impounded to 70 percent nothing would have grown back and there would not have been a need to have a contract for them to come back.

Mr. Mitchell said he objected to not having the Lake public comment section on the agenda.

Commissioner Warner said she would like to have the Lake/Dam project comment section placed back on the agenda until the citizens concerns were satisfied.

Commissioner Warner made a motion to place the Lake Comment section back on future agendas and requested Town Manager Randy Beeman give the lake/dam project updates. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Dees presented the consent agenda and asked if there were any items the board wished to place on the regular agenda for further discussion.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

a. Consideration to approve minutes of the October 20, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Minutes approved.

b. Consideration to adopt Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Annexation Agreement – Braxton Cove.

Town Manager Randy Beeman stated the town had received a Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Annexation Agreement from the Public Works Commission to provide water and sewer extension to Braxton Cove located within the Hope Mills annexation petition zone. Mr. Beeman said once the agreement was approved and recorded in the Cumberland County Register of Deeds, the Town would be able to request the properties be annexed into the corporate limits of the Town at such time the Board so chooses and deems appropriate.

A copy of the Agreement is filed in the Book of Annexation Agreements in the Town Clerk's Office.

Water and/or Sanitary Sewer Annexation Agreement approved.

c. Consideration to approve Financial Statement as of November 10, 2008.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby presented the Financial Statement as of November 10, 2008.

Financial Statement approved.

d. Consideration to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 12 to allocate funds to purchase 26 Tazers for the Police Department using Drug Forfeiture Funds and Carnival/Golf Tournament proceeds in an amount not to exceed \$14,585.62.

The Police Department requested to purchase 26 Tazers using Drug Forfeiture Funds and Carnival/Golf Tournament funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NUMBER TWELVE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the General Fund for the 2008-2009 budget ordinance

Section 1. To amend the General Fund for expenditures related to the purchase of tazers, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Special Police Supplies	\$ 23,420.46	\$ 14,585.62	\$ 38,006.08

Section 2. To provide for the additional costs, the following revenue sources are as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Fund Bal – res for police	\$ 0	\$ 14,585.62	\$ 14,585.62

Section 3. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Town Clerk and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted by the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners this 17th day of November, 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 12 approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Town Manager Randy Beeman provided the Board with a written update on the following:

- Railroad crossing at Johnson Street.
- Viper Radio System.
- Skate Park.
- Pier construction information on Lake No. 1.
- Agreement Hope Mills Youth Association, Parks and Recreation.
- Dam Safety Committee.
- Lake Ordinance update.

6. NEW BUSINESS: None

7. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

The following departments submitted reports for the month of October 2008.

- a. Fire Department
- b. Sanitation Department
- c. Inspection Department
- d. Police Department
- e. Parks & Recreation
- f. Building & Grounds
- g. Street Department
- h. Service Garage

8. STAFF COMMENTS. None

9. OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

The Mayor and Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Luther said the department monthly reports are very informative.

Commissioner Luther said they appreciated each department's effort to reduce their budgets.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman thanked each of the speakers for expressing their concerns. Stated each department was doing an outstanding job each month.

Commissioner Warner thanked the Town Manager and Finance Director for proposing the budget cuts in case funding did not come in as projected.

Commissioner Collins thanked the VFW for a great ceremony on Veteran's Day.

Mayor Dees reminded everyone Town Hall would be closed next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

Reminded everyone the next regular board meeting would be Monday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:18 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, Town Clerk