

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Dees. Commissioners Collins, Warner, Maynor, Gorman, and Luther were present.

Others present were Town Manager Randy Beeman, Police Chief John Hodges, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Police Captain John Smith, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, and Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey.

Rev. O'Keefe, Cumberland United Methodist Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Collins.

1. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS.

Mayor Dees presented the agenda and asked if there was any item the Board wished moved to the regular agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Dees asked to add the following addendum items to the regular agenda for discussion:

- A. Consideration to approve Financial Statement through April 16, 2008.**
- B. Consideration to authorize use of \$5,055.45 from Police Department carnival proceeds for purchase of stop sticks, spit nets, and first aid.**
- C. Consideration to adopt Resolution declaring surplus 500 feet fire hose and authorizing donation to Gray's Creek Fire Department.**
- D. Consideration to waive Code of Ordinances, Section 102-311, signs Permitted in Any District: (8)(e), Temporary Political Signs, allow placement of political signs at the Recreation Center on established days for One-Stop voting.**

Commissioner Collins made a motion to add the addendum item to the consent agenda. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. STATUS REPORT ON HOPE MILLS LAKE/DAM PROJECT.

Mayor Dees said they were continuing to pour concrete to build the foundation slab and the walls. They are installing water stops to convert the water back through the new structure and in the four weeks the water will be diverted to finish the last wall. Mayor Dees said the projected completion date is in August, but the substantial completion could be done early August.

Mayor Dees said Crowder was working on the swimming area, taking out the retaining wall and grading. He said they are working on the boat ramp and replacing the concrete. The pedestrian bridge design is finished and they are waiting for the Engineer's signature before submitting it to the Board for approval. He said they had received news from the Corp of Engineers and from Dam Safety that the lake bed would not have to be cut again, but there would be some pockets where there might be some oxygen problems and the fish would go somewhere else until it died out enough for them return to the area.

Mayor Dees said they were given permission to work outside of the jurisdictional area of the swimming area where it had washed away down into the lake bed. He said Town Manager Mr. Beeman, Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and he was fortunate to attend the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) award presentation in Raleigh. He said Hope Mill won this award which states:

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The ACEC presents a 2008 Public Sector LEO Award to the Town of Hope Mills, Hope Mills, North Carolina, for their exceptional practice of team building and practice between client, engineer and contractor. He said there were 5 or 6 other recipients in the State that won this award. Mayor Dees said this award was based on clients of a ACEC/NC member firms who demonstrate a fierce commitment to loyal adherence to qualifications-based selection, excellent communication with the consultant team, and on-time payment for services.

Mayor Dees opened the floor for public comments and/or questions, and there were none.

3. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM R. DAVIS.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to adopt resolution honoring the service of Town Attorney William R. Davis. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dees presented the resolution to Mr. Davis and read same.

RESOLUTION
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF
WILLIAM R. DAVIS, TOWN ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, Mr. William R. Davis has faithfully served the Town of Hope Mills as its Town Attorney from July 1, 1986 until his retirement on April 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to recognize and express appreciation of William R. Davis for the dedicated service he has made to the Town of Hope Mills while serving as Town Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners extends to Mr. William R. Davis and his family blessings for good health and best wishes for the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby expresses on behalf of the citizens of Hope Mills, sincere appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Davis' service as Town Attorney for approximately 22 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the formal minutes of this meeting of the Board of Commissioners, and that a copy be given to Mr. William R. Davis, Town Attorney.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk

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Mr. Davis thanked everyone and said it had been an honor and privilege to serve the Town and he was very proud of the Town of Hope Mills. He also thanked his family for being supportive of him all the years he served the Town of Hope Mills.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Dees said the Town would like to thank Mr. John David Katzer, Camila Dawn Daub and Steven Allen Ferrell for their act of valor and the acts of a Good Samaritan. He read into the record letters from the Hope Mills Police Department.

On the early morning of March 20, 2008 there was a robbery attempt of the Kangaroo Store located at Rockfish and Camden Road intersection. Two unidentified black males entered the store with a semi-automatic pistol. At that time they encountered a delivery man (John David Katzer), from McLean Trucking who was dropping off inventory. A struggle ensued and three shots were fired. One of the shots from the .45 caliber pistol struck Katzer in the chest. After being shot, Katzer, fighting for his life, managed to get the pistol from the suspect and thwart the robbery.

During this time passing motorists Camila Dawn Daub heard the shots ring out and noticed the commotion inside the store. She knew something bad had happened. With total disregard for her own safety she pulled into the parking lot and observed Katzer lying on the floor bleeding. Daub entered the store and began administering first aid to Katzer, holding direct pressure to the gunshot wound until medics arrived.

Each person at the site is in his/her own world of fear and confusion, yet each seems to give what assistance they could give at the moment. Without each person being where they were at the time of this event, the story could have ended much differently.

Without John yelling to Shelly, to stay where she was, she may have been injured herself. Without Camila forgetting about her own safety and entering a hostile area, to give aid to John, he may have bled to death.

I would like for the Town of Hope Mills, the Hope Mills Police Department to recognize the efforts of both John David Katzer, for his acts of Valor, and Camila Dawn Daub for her acts of the Good Samaritan. We deal with people daily who do not want to get involved, but here we have two individuals that stepped out of their comfort zone to protect and give aid.

Steven Ferrell, was also present at the Kangaroo store when the two suspects attempted to rob the store at gunpoint, your co-worker and friend, John Katzer put his life in danger to protect the clerk on duty, and was shot by one of the suspects. You had the presence of mind, immediately after hearing the shots to go to the aid of Mr. Katzer. Your actions may have saved his life, due to your quick thinking, by getting Mr. Katzer to lay down on the floor, and administer first aid until Mrs. Daub came into the store and took over.

You had the presence of mind to convince the clerk to call 911, and to stand and watch over the scene in case the suspects returned until Law Enforcement arrived. By assistance on scene, the life of your friend and co-worker, John Katzer was protected and allowed Law Enforcement to receive the necessary information needed to investigate this case.

Mayor Dees said on behalf of the Town of Hope Mills, Hope Mills Police Department, they would like to thank them for everything they did, and to recognize them for their valor and unselfish acts of heroism that night.

5. PRESENTATIONS.

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a) Mayoral Proclamation Volunteer Week, April 27 - May 3, 2008.

Mayor Dees read the Proclamation for Volunteer Week into the record. As Mayor of Hope Mills he proclaimed April 27 - May 3, 2008 as Volunteer Week and urged all citizens to recognize the valuable contributions made by volunteers and to participate in and support their various programs and projects. Further, he commended the countless area volunteers for their faithful service to the Town of Hope Mills.

b) Mayoral Proclamation National Day of Prayer-May 1, 2008.

Mayor Dees read the National Day of Prayer Proclamation into the record. As Mayor of Hope Mills he proclaimed May 1, 2008 as the "National Day of Prayer in the Town of Hope Mills," and urged all citizens to observe this day by joining members of all faiths and creeds all over our community and nation in seeking divine guidance for ourselves, our leaders, and our country.

c) Mayoral Proclamation Loyalty Day May 1, 2008

Mayor Dees read the Loyalty Day Proclamation into the record. He encouraged all citizens to join at the Hope Mills Armed Forces Veterans Memorial Park at 5:00 p.m., May 1, to pause in a special ceremony by the Hope Mills VFW; and further, reaffirm our allegiance to our Flag and Country, and that we proudly display our Flag that day as a clear manifestation of our loyalty and patriotism.

d) Mayoral Proclamation Older Americans Month May, 2008.

Mayor Dees read the Older Americans Month Proclamation into the record and presented the same to representative of each of the Senior Citizens groups in Hope Mills.

e) Mayoral Proclamation Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week - May 11-17, 2008.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and presented same to Police Chief John Hodges. Mayor Dees called upon all citizens to especially honor and show sincere appreciation for the police officers of the Town of Hope Mills; and further, he called upon all citizens to show their thanks to our police officers who make it possible for us to leave our homes and families in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing they are protected by those willing to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violate the law.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were none.

7. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A STREET CLOSING ORDER FOR THE CLOSING OF AN UNOPENED, UNDEDICATED ALLEY, APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET, THROUGH PROPERTY OF JAMES A. DAVIS, FROM CAMERON ROAD TO HONEYCUTT AVENUE.

Mayor Dees opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone to speak in opposition or in favor to this matter, and there were none.

**STREET CLOSING ORDER
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A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF AN UNOPENED, UNDEDICATED ALLEY THROUGH PROPERTY OF JAMES A. DAVIS, APPROXIMATELY 200'+/- FROM CAMERON ROAD TO HONEYCUTT AVENUE

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2008, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills directed the Town Clerk to publish the Resolution of Intent of the Board of Commissioners to consider closing an unopened, undedicated alley through property of James R. Davis, approximately 200'+/- from Cameron Road to Honeycutt Avenue, in the Fayetteville Observer newspaper once each week for four successive weeks, such resolution advising the public that a meeting would be conducted in the Town Hall, Bill Luther Board Meeting Room, 5770 Rockfish Road, on April 21, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of March, 2008, ordered the Town Clerk to notify all persons owning property abutting the subject alley, as shown on the county tax records, by registered or certified mail, enclosing with such notification a copy of the Resolution of Intent; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has advised the Board of Commissioners that she sent a letter to each of the abutting property owners advising them of the day, time, and place of the meeting, enclosing a copy of the Resolution of Intent, and advising the abutting property owners that the question as to the closing of an unopened, undedicated alley through property of James A. Davis, approximately 200'+/- from Cameron Road to Honeycutt Avenue, would be acted upon, said letters having been sent by registered or certified mail; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk has advised the Board of Commissioners that adequate notices were posted on the applicable street as required by G.S. 160A-299; and

WHEREAS, after full and complete consideration of the matter and after having granted full and complete opportunity for all interested persons to appear and register any objections that they might have with respect to the closing of said street in the Public Hearing held on April 21, 2008; and

WHEREAS, it now appears to the satisfaction of the Board of Commissioners that the closing of said unopened, undedicated alley is not contrary to the public interest, and that no individual owning property, either abutting the alley or in the vicinity of the alley or in the subdivision in which the alley is located, will as a result of the closing be thereby deprived of a reasonable means of ingress and egress to his property;

NOW, THEREFORE, subject to the reservation of easements to the Town of Hope Mills for utility purposes as shown on a map recorded in Book of Maps N/A, Page N/A in the Office of the Cumberland County Register of Deeds, the unopened, undedicated alley through property of James A. Davis, approximately 200'+/- from Cameron Road to Honeycutt Avenue, as shown on Cumberland County Tax Records, is hereby ordered closed, and all right, title, and interest that may be vested in the public to said area for street purposes is hereby released and quitclaimed to the abutting property owners in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-299.

The Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute quitclaim deeds or the necessary documents in order to evidence vesting of all right, title and interest in those persons owning lots or parcels of land adjacent to the street or alley, such title, for the width of the abutting land owned by them, to extend to the centerline of the herein closed alley (with provision for reservation of easements to the Town of Hope Mills for utility purposes) in accordance with the provision of G.S. 160A-299.

The Town Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to file in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Cumberland County a certified copy of this Resolution and Order.

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Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Maynor, and duly seconded by Commissioner Collins, the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 21st day of April, 2008, in the Town Hall, Bill Luther Board Meeting Room.

Upon call for a vote, the following Commissioners voted in the affirmative:

Commissioner Luther, Commissioner Maynor, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Warner, and Commissioner Collins

and the following Commissioners voted in the negative: None

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2008, at 7:57p.m.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk

Commissioner Maynor made a motion to adopt Street Order Closing as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CONNIE F. SPELL, ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER/TOWN CLERK, EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2008, SUBJECT TO TERMS OF CONTACT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Mayor Dees presented the contract of employment for Connie F. Spell, Assistant Town Manager/town clerk.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to appoint Connie F. Spell to Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk effective May 19, 2008. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACTED CONSULTING SERVICES FROM PHYLLIS C. REGISTER, EFFECTIVE MAY 19, 2008.

Mayor Dees presented the proposal for contracted consulting services Phyllis C. Register, effective May 19, 2008.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept proposal for contracted consulting services from Phyllis C. Register, effective May 19, 2008 as presented. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT REX JOHNSON, DEBORAH JOHNSON, AND LAWRENCE SMITH TO THE HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mayor Dees presented committee applications from Rex Johnson, Deborah Johnson, and Lawrence Smith, and asked the Board for their recommendation on appointing them to the Historic Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Rex Johnson, Deborah Johnson, and Lawrence Smith to the Historic Advisory Committee. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT SPECIAL WORKING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOPE

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MILLS PARKS & RECREATION AND THE HOPE MILLS YOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Beeman presented the Agreement of Hope Mills Parks and Recreation and Hope Mills Youth Association. He asked that the Board appoint the recommended committee members. He said the purpose of the committee is to develop an agreement between the Hope Mills Youth Association and the Town of Hope Mills Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Beeman said Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell had confirmed the participation of the individuals. He said the committee membership is nine members comprised of three members of the Town of Hope Mills, three members of the Hope Mills Youth Association, and three neutral members.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to appoint Special Working Committee members as written, and to replace Eddie Dees Town of Hope Mills member with Mr. Gary Dove. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM KENNETH LEWIS CONCERNING USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES, I.E. GOLF CARTS, ON TOWN STREETS.

Mayor Dees read a letter from Mr. Kenneth Lewis on the use of electric vehicles on Town streets. He asked that Mr. Beeman research to find out if other municipalities are using such vehicles, and bring a report back to the Board.

Commissioner Gorman said he felt Mr. Lewis had brought up some very good ideas, and expressed concerns with the liability insurance on the Town.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion for the Town Manager, Police Chief bring a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion.

Commissioner Collins said from his understanding Mr. Lewis will have to petition the General Assembly to have the laws changed. He said you can not operate golf carts on any street.

The vote on the motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT CRITERIA AND AUTHORIZE DISBURSEMENT OF 2007 FALL AND 2007-2008 WINTER RECREATION FEES.

Mayor Dees presented the payment criteria and said it had been discussed in detail at an earlier Board meeting. He said there was a typographical error, and the Board made a recommendation on the fall sports payment, but the Board failed to include the winter sports payment. He said the recommendation at that time was the Town would give the Hope Mills Youth Association up to 50 percent of the registration fees providing they would provide receipts showing how much they had spent.

Commissioner Warner made a motion to disburse funds upon receipts, up to 50 percent of fall and winter registration fees. Commissioner Maynor seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Commissioner Maynor, Mayor Dees said the Board will provide 100 percent disbursement of the receipts that are provided, and up to 50 percent of the registration.

The vote on the motion carried unanimously.

14. INFORMATION ITEM: REPORT ON STATUS OF OLD CHRISTMAS TREE.

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Town Manager Randy Beeman addressed the Board on the repair and underground wiring requirements for placement on the Town Hall campus. He said the overall estimate of repair, replacement, and installation of wiring is approximately \$7,500.00. He said the Board action on February 18, 2008 approved the purchase of a replacement Christmas tree at a reduced off-season price of \$6,577.97 plus freight of \$350.00.

Mr. Beeman said the delivery of the new tree will be delivered in a couple of weeks. He said the Town staff must acquire additional storage space and the storage cost is \$135.00 per month for an annual cost of \$1,620.00.

Mr. Beeman said he recommended future Board consideration of declaring the old Christmas tree surplus and disposition by appropriate legal process.

Commissioner Luther asked to have Mr. Beeman to obtain information on having a storage building constructed.

15. OLD BUSINESS: TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATES.

Town Manager Randy Beeman read the following old business updates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges is making contact with vendors/contractors for bids. Mr. Hodges is also contacting the overhead door contractors/vendors for pricing for removal, replacement as per the recommendation of HMC Consultants.

RAILROAD CROSSING - JOHNSON STREET.

The recommendation for replacement of the pavement with concrete crossing pads and the work will entail approximately two weeks of road closure at the crossing. The placement work by CSX Railroad is in review and development of estimates is in process. The contact representatives are working on a proposal.

VIPER RADIO SYSTEM - 800 MEGA HERTZ SYSTEM.

Chief Hodges and Captain Smith informed him that the department is utilizing the radio system. They are pleased with the performance and there will be some minor technical adjustments. The old radios will be removed and transferred to the Public Works department in the near future.

SKATE PARK.

Mr. Braswell has met with the Recreation Advisory Committee and is researching information for future response to the Board.

PIER CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION - LAKE NUMBER ONE.

Mr. Davis Town Attorney informed him that he is working on the information concerning property ownership and liability concerns.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

The RFP for professional engineering/architectural services are in the mail. A total of 21 mailings and the deadline for this service is April 30, 2008. The Finance Director is developing the RFP for professional auditing services.

PAY PLAN AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY.

Mr. Dillam completed the interviews of selected employees and department heads

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Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Mr. Dillman is in the process of writing and categorizing the job descriptions and will be in contact with me in the next several weeks.

16. DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS:

a) Police Department March, 2008 activity report.

Police Chief John Hodges said for the month of March, 2008 there were a total of 1,717 calls for service.

b) Fire Department March, 2008 activity report.

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges gave a brief summary of incidents for the month of March 2008, with a total of 131 incidents.

c) Sanitation Department March, 2008 report.

Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin said for the month of March 2008, total landfill costs were \$838.80

d) Parks & Recreation March, 2008 report.

Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell said the total monthly recreation center attendance for March 2008, was 6,654. The monthly report covers all programs, monthly meetings, and building rentals that has taken place at the Recreation Center.

e) Inspection Department March, 2008 report.

Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey said the total permit activity for the month of March 2008, was 118.

Commissioner Gorman thanked the Department Heads for submitting the monthly reports and said they were very impressive.

17. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT THROUGH APRIL 16, 2008.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby presented the Budget versus Actual Expenditures thru April 16, 2008.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the Financial Statement. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

18. CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF \$5,055.45 FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT CARNIVAL PROCEEDS FOR PURCHASE OF STOP STICK SPIT NETS, AND FIRST AID.

Police Captain John Smith addressed the Board and said he would like to purchase stop sticks, spit nets, and first aid using Police Department carnival proceeds.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to authorize use of \$5,055.45 from Police Department carnival proceeds. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

19. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS 500 FEET FIRE HOSE AND AUTHORIZING DONATION TO GRAY'S CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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Fire Chief Chuck Hodges said he would like to donate 500 feet of fire hose to Gray's Creek Fire Department, which needs Board approval to declare surplus and donation of same.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to adopt Resolution declaring surplus 500 feet fire hose and donation to Gray's Creek Fire Department. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION
OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hope Mills hereby authorizes the donation of the following surplus property to an eligible community organization:

Donation of 500 feet of fire hose to Gray's Creek Fire Department Station #24;
(Five 100 feet sections, 4-inch large diameter supply hose; #300064; #300207; #300209;
#300204; #300057)

ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2008.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk

20. CONSIDERATION TO WAIVE CODE OF ORDINANCE, SECTION 102-311, SIGN PERMITTED IN ANY DISTRICT: (8)(E), TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS, TO ALLOW PLACEMENT OF POLITICAL SIGNS AT THE RECREATION CENTER ON DAYS FOR ONE-STOP VOTING.

Town Manager Randy Beeman said at the March 17, 2008 Board meeting, the Governing Body was presented an information item detailing the Board of Elections One-Stop Voting. He said in order for staff to properly carry out the intent of the ordinance and to effectively manage the placement and removal of temporary political signs, he was recommending the Board of Commissioners authorize a waiver to the current Town Code to allow the placement of temporary political signs at the Recreation Center.

Commissioner Maynor made a motion to waive Code of Ordinance, to allow placement of political signs at the Recreation Center on established days for One-Stop Voting. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

21. STAFF COMMENTS.

Mr. Beeman said he wanted to update the Board on the approval of Stormwater to work on the drainage system from Rockfish Road to the catch basin behind the library. He said the crew was on site today working and the initial estimated cost was \$5,750.00. Mr. Beeman said it appears that it may require additional work, additional cost and that he was

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researching the cost and would have the numbers available during the Budget Workshop next week.

Mr. Beeman said the crew has found a tremendous amount of sediment in the first section of pipe from Rockfish Road to the Recreation Center. He said they would have to clear the pipe before the camera can be placed inside.

22. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Expressed her condolence to the family of Mrs. Edna Jones who has passed away.
2. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
3. Congratulated everyone who received the awards for their bravery and concern on March 20th.
4. Thanked the Town citizens who participated in the Town clean-up on Saturday.
5. Thanked Attorney Davis for all the years he served the Town.
6. Stated there was a need for volunteers at the Recreation Center. She said there needed to be someone at the front desk at all times.

Commissioner Maynor commented as follows:

1. Expressed condolence to Mayor Dees on the loss of a family member.
2. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
3. Thanked Attorney Davis for having the opportunity to have worked with him and hopes he will enjoy his retirement to the fullest.
4. Commended the staff on serving the Town and its citizens.
5. Expressed concerns with the corner of Hill Street where the hedges was overgrown, and it caused an accident.
6. Said he would like to have the Manager check into the ordinance and some surrounding towns, municipalities on how they deal with vicious dogs or other animals in the Town limits.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Thanked Mr. Davis for his service to the Town and congratulated him on his retirement.
2. Thanked everyone who helped with Operation Clean-Sweep and a good time was had by all.
3. Thanked Taco Bell, PWC, and Zaxby for the donations at Clean-Sweep.
4. Thanked the Casey family on helping with Clean-Sweep.
5. Thanked everyone on the awards presented tonight.

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Commissioner Warner commented as follows:

1. Thanked the Town employees that helped out on Saturday with the Clean-Sweep.
2. Thanked Mr. Davis for serving the Town of Hope Mills and appreciated all he has done for the Town.
3. Thanked everyone on the awards received tonight.
4. Expressed concerns with the graffiti on the bridge.
5. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
2. Stated he appreciated everything the committee was doing for the Town.
3. Stated Operation Clean-Sweep was a success.
4. Congratulated the Older citizens on their award.
5. Appreciated what the individuals did during the Kangaroo robbery attempt.
6. Stated Opening Day was a great success and thanked the Parks and Recreation on their involvement.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
2. Thanked the Attorney Davis and his family who came out to the meeting tonight as we thank him for all his years of service.
3. Thanked all the volunteers who participated in Operation Litter-Sweep on Saturday.
4. Thanked Kenny Bullock and the Parks and Recreation staff for all they did to spear head the Litter-Sweep program
5. Reminded everyone of the Budget Workshops on Monday, April 28-30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
6. Encouraged everyone to participate in the One-Stop Voting at the Recreation Center.
7. Expressed condolence to Tommy Tatum family on the passing of his father.
8. Congratulated everyone on Opening Day and thanked everyone who came together to make that day a success.
9. Reminded everyone of the Special Youth Rally to be held at South View High School, involving all the area churches and the student ministries, this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
10. Asked the Board to consider canceling the May 5th regular Board meeting due to Budget Workshops three nights the week before. Also Deputy Town

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Clerk Natasha McCants will be out having surgery during that time. He said the Town did have a open ended agreement with Mrs. Pat Hall to fill in as clerk.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to cancel the May 5, 2008 regular Board meeting. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Collins thanked Attorney Davis for serving the Town.

23. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:00 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Warner and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Natashia F. McCants, Deputy Town Clerk