

MINUTES OF THE HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 16, 2008
Regular Meeting

Mayor Eddie Dees called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Randy Beeman, Town Attorney John Jackson, Assistant Town Manager/Town Clerk Connie Spell, Human Resource Administrator Kimberly Lockamy, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Garage Supervisor Roy Howard, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief John Hodges, Police Captain John Smith, Lt. Joel Acciardo Stormwater Supervisor Melanie Clerkley.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Rev. Tim Gore, Chaplain Advantage Hospice & Homecare, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS.

Mayor Dees presented the agenda and asked if there were any adjustments, additions or deletions. Mayor Dees said two additional items needed to be added to the consent agenda.

- Consideration to approve proposal presented by Blashfield Sign Company for the John T. Henley Spillway and Al Brafford pedestrian Bridge signage - \$3714.52.
- Consideration to approve donations received in 2007-2008 fiscal year and unspent as of June 30th be carried over to the 2008-2009 fiscal year as designated funds and for the designated departments.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to add the additional items to the consent agenda as written. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

STATUS REPORT ON THE HOPE MILLS LAKE/DAM PROJECT.

Mayor Dees said a lot of progress had been made installing the road on the west side of the dam to access the lower work area, but it was wiped out this past weekend due to the heavy rainfall. The ballast bags had been installed as they continued the pre-fabricated forms to divert the water. He said they had setup some dewatering pumps on the west

side and installed the handrails on the east side walls. Mayor Dees said the rain on Sunday morning washed out the diversion dam completely including all of the sandbags, and a water pump. Mayor Dees said he was told it should not take longer than a week to restore everything back to where it was on Friday so that the last remaining wall could be poured.

Mayor Dees open the floor for comments or question on the Hope Mill Lake/Dam project and there was no one to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Mr. Russell Anderson, 3518 Hill Street, presented the Board with a petition from the homeowners on Hill Street requesting that Hill Street be changed to a one-way-street. Mr. Anderson expressed concerns of the homeowners; increased traffic, large vehicles, and the street not wide enough to accommodate vehicles passing safely. Mr. Anderson said at times trucks and cars had run off the street damaging their property and shrubbery.

Mayor Dees said Mr. Anderson had spoken with some of the Board members on the possibility of changing Hill Street to a one-way street. Mr. Anderson had been asked to obtain the homeowner's signatures on a petition. Mr. Anderson stated there were only a couple of homeowners he did not receive a signature from.

Mayor Dees said the one-way traffic would begin at Newton Street and continue to Johnson Street.

Commissioner Maynor said several years ago there was a Walkable Community Workshop and there was great participation. He said at that time the recommendation was for Hill Street to be changed to a one-way street.

Commissioner Collins said this was long overdue. He stated the street is not wide enough to accommodate passing safely.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to change Hill Street to a one-way traffic street, beginning at Newton Street to Johnson Street. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Dees said the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the FY 2008-2009 Town of Hope Mills proposed budget.

Jessie Bellflowers, 3819 Sturbridge Drive, said after years of budgets, this was the most challenging for the Board, Department heads, and staff. He commended the entire Town Board, Town staff and the Department heads for their due diligent in putting together the proposed budget. Mr. Bellflowers briefly discussed the challenges of all the different municipalities during budget time, and he commends the Town on the COLA for the Town employees.

He said he would like to suggest and recommend to the Board if any additional State funding was received it be allocated for the departmental needs of the Town. He stated the Inspections Department is under staffed and asked the Board to consider an additional position for this department.

There being no one else to speak, Commissioner Luther made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Warner seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Commissioner Warner asked to have item (F), consideration to approve proposal presented by Blashfield Sign Company for spillway and pedestrian signage moved to the regular agenda for further discussion.

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

- a. Consideration to approve Minutes of the April 30, 2008 Special Meeting, May 19, 2008 Regular Meeting.**

Minutes approved as written.

- b. Consideration of appointment to the Quality of Life Committee.**

Ms. Angela Sturgill was appointed to the Quality of Life Committee.

Appointment approved.

- c. Consideration to approve the Financial Statement as of June 10, 2008.**

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby presented the Board with the Budget verses Actual Expenditures thru June 10, 2008.

Financial Statement approved.

- d. Consideration to approve bid received from Otto Environmental Systems for 504 trash carts in the amount of \$24,222.24.**

Town Manager Randy Beeman said the actions of the Board on June 2, 2008 provided for the purchase of 500 carts and staff was not able to confirm pricing of all vendors at that time. The Board was provided a copy of the bid responses and Mr. Beeman recommended purchase of 504 trash carts from the responsible low bidder Otto Environmental Systems in the amount of \$24,222.24.

Bid from Otto Environmental Systems approved.

- e. **Consideration of adoption of Resolution Verification of Hope Mills Fire Department as an agency of the Town.**

RESOLUTION
VERIFICATION OF HOPE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Town of Hope Mills serves as an Agency of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Town of Hope Mills has requested confirmation of this Agency relationship; and

WHEREAS, this Agency's relationship is long-standing and generally acknowledged;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hope Mills does hereby confirm this Agency's relationship and does verify by this Resolution that relationship.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2008

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

Verification Resolution adopted.

- f. **Consideration to approve donations received in 2007-2008 fiscal year and unspent as of June 30th 2008 to be carried over to the 2008-2009 fiscal year as designated funds and for the designated departments.**

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby reported the Town had received donations in the current fiscal year that were designated for a specific department. He requested the funds be carried over to the 2008-2009 fiscal year as designated.

Friends of Hope Mills Lake	\$100.00
Parks & Recreation – Wal Mart	\$200.00
Gold Tournament – Police	Amount unable to be determined now as donations are still coming in.

Designation of funds approved.

“END CONSENT AGENDA”

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY BLASHFIELD SIGNS COMPANY FOR THE JOHN T. HENLEY SPILLWAY AND AL BRAFFORD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE SIGNAGE - \$3,714.52.

Commissioner Warner expressed concern with a local sign company not being considered for the job. Mayor Dees stated from his understanding, Blashfield Sign Company was contacted because of previous signs they had designed for the Town and all the signs needed to look exactly alike.

A brief discussion continued on when and who contacted Blashfield Sign Company to construct the prior signs and if the signs could have been done for less.

Commissioner Warner made a motion to table the matter until the Town receives additional bids with the same time line and the signs should match what the Town already has in place. Commissioner Maynor seconded the motion. The vote on the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration to establish a personnel committee to review Hope Mills Pay and Classification Plan as submitted by Dillman Management Group.**

Mayor Dees said the Board looked over the study at the last meeting, but had not had an opportunity to consider how Mr. Dillman derived with some of the figures and to make sure they were accurate. Mayor Dees said the way the study was written some of the job descriptions would have to be changed depending on Mr. Dillman's recommendation.

Mayor Dees said Town Manager Randy Beeman and Human Resource Administrator Kimberly Lockamy suggested that the Town establish a committee which would consist of the Town Manager, Human Resource Administrator and two commissioners. He said the committee would assist with the implementation of the pay and classification plan and give the Board a recommendation no later than January 2009.

Commissioner Collins expressed concerns with job descriptions for all employees and the new personnel policy. Human Resource Administrator Kimberly Lockamy said Mr. Dillman's study did include all job classifications and descriptions.

Commissioner Warner expressed concerns with the affect of changes with the cost of living increase effective July 1st.

A detailed discussion followed concerning Mr. Dillman classification study, the 3% COLA pay increase and the length of service.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman made a motion to appoint a Personnel Committee to review the Hope Mills Pay and Classification Plan as submitted by Dillman Management Group and review policy concerning length of service and performance appraisal. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Maynor, and Mayor Pro Tem Gorman agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee along with Town Manager Randy Beeman and Human Resource Administrator Kimberly Lockamy.

NEW BUSINESS.

a. Consideration to adopt the proposed Budget Ordinance enacting the FY 2008-2009 operating budget, effective July 1, 2008.

Commissioner Maynor said he was not showing favoritism to any department or any employee, but he did agree with Mr. Bellflower's comments concerning the Inspections Department need for additional staff.

In response to a question from Commissioner Maynor, Mr. Beeman said there was some consideration of possibly utilizing part-time help in the Inspection Department, which would come from contracted services.

Commissioner Maynor, Gorman, and Luther stated if the Town did receive excess monies that it be used to fund the CIP and encouraged the Manager to use some of the funds to increase staffing in the Inspection Department. Commissioner Maynor said if the Inspections Department does not get the permits out and the fees coming in, then all the departments will be hurting.

Mayor Dees said there had been discussions that if the Town was to received money back from the State it would be used to fund a CIP, and to consider the capital needs of the departments.

Commissioner Collins had concerns with another budget that did not include a CIP and the departments not having sufficient equipment to work with. He stated the town needed to consider a tax increase.

In response to a question from Commissioner Collins, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby stated the operating deficiency will be even more next year without a tax increase.

A detailed discussion followed concerning the 2008-2009 Budget as presented.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to accept the following proposed Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as presented. Commissioner Maynor seconded the motion.

The vote on the 2008-2009 Budget Ordinance was as followed:

AYES: Commissioner Luther, Commissioner Maynor, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Warner

NOES: Commissioner Collins

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET ORDINANCE**

2008-2009

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA, that the following ordinance establishing revenues and setting expense appropriations for the budget period is hereby adopted and effective **July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009**.

Section 1. The following General Fund revenues are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and are subject to appropriation as set out in Section 2, herein.

Account	Amount
Property Taxes	4,235,482.00
Tax Penalties/interest	19,500.00
Sales Taxes	2,231,440.00
Utility/Cable Franchise Taxes	610,000.00
Other Permits and Fees	<u>598,578.00</u>
Subtotal	7,695,000.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	441,950.00
Total General Fund	\$8,136,950.00

Section 2. The following General Fund expenses are hereby appropriated for the period referenced in the first paragraph and are to be funded by the revenues made available through Section 1, herein.

Expense Object	Amount
Governing Body	77,945.00
Administration	377,078.00
Finance	347,962.00
Tax Listing	75,000.00
Legal	15,000.00
Planning and Zoning	50,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	789,551.00
Public Works	121,937.00
Police	2,527,958.00
Animal Control	54,834.00
Fire	1,410,115.00
Inspection	188,410.00
Streets	183,800.00
Sanitation	708,297.00
Parks and Recreation	912,161.00
Service Garage	282,402.00
Special Appropriation	<u>14,500.00</u>

Total General Fund **\$8,136,950.00**

Section 3. The following Powell Bill Fund revenues are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and is subject to appropriation as set out in Section 4, herein.

Account	Amount
Powell Bill Allocation	366,148.00
Powell Bill G/F Reimb.	6,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>64,000.00</u>
Total Powell Bill Fund	\$436,148.00

Section 4. The following Powell Bill Fund expenses are hereby appropriated for the period referenced in the first paragraph and are to be funded by the revenues made available through Section 3, herein.

Expense Object	Amount
Powell Bill	\$436,148.00

Section 5. The following Stormwater Enterprise Fund Revenues are hereby raised through fees, charges, and other means and is subject to appropriation as set out in Section 6, herein.

Account	Amount
Stormwater Fees	\$378,818.00

Section 6. The following Stormwater Enterprise Fund expenses are hereby appropriated for the period referenced in the first paragraph and are to be funded by the revenues made available through Section 5, herein

Expense Object	Amount
Stormwater Fund Expenses	353,818.00
Transfer to General Fund	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total Stormwater Fund	\$378,818.00

Section 7. The following Cemetery Fund Revenues are hereby raised through monies that the Town is acting in a fiduciary capacity and is subject to appropriation as set out in Section 8, herein.

Account	Amount
Fund Balance – Agency Fund	10,000.00

Section 8. The following Cemetery Fund expenses are hereby appropriated for the period referenced in the first paragraph and are to be funded by the revenues made available through Section 7, herein.

Expense Object	Amount
Cemetery Fund Expenditures	10,000.00

Section 9. The Town Manager, as Budget Officer, under the N.C. Budget and Fiscal Control Act, is authorized to transfer up to 10% of any department’s appropriation to any other department within the same fund as needed and as necessary. The Town Manager shall report all such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The Town Manager is not authorized to make interfund transfers except upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 10. The Town will continue to provide Health, Dental, Vision and Weekly Disability insurances through the North Carolina League of Municipalities’ Municipal Insurance Trust for all full-time Town employees and the Town will continue to make Health, Dental, and Vision insurances through the North Carolina League of Municipalities’ Municipal Insurance Trust available for purchase for Elected Officials.

Section 11. The Town will continue making a 3% of gross pay contribution to the NC 401 K plan previously adopted by the Board in the name of each full-time general Town employee.

Section 12. The ad valorem tax rate for the Town of Hope Mills is hereby retained and remains \$0.46 per \$100 valuation as set on July 1, 2008.

Section 13. The Town of Hope Mills will continue its participation in the Cumberland County \$0.05 per \$100 tax levy program for community recreation.

Section 14. The monthly residential rate for sanitation pickup is hereby continued at \$144.00 per Annum and will be collected by the Cumberland County Tax Office as part of the Annual Tax Bills. Commercial Refuse Collection will continue to be offered at two pick-ups per week for \$25.00 per month for the first container and \$12.50 a month for each additional container. Quarterly invoices will be used to collect commercial fees.

Section 15. The 2007-2008 Pay and Classification Plan remains in effect and is amended upwards 3.0% (cost of living adjustment) in all pay grades and steps effective July 1, 2008.

Section 16. That while not specifically incorporated herein, a capital project ordinance involving the revenues and expenses of the Town Dam project is acknowledged.

Section 17. That while not specifically incorporated herein, a capital project ordinance involving the revenues and expenses of the Town Skate Park project is acknowledged.

Section 18. That while not specifically incorporated herein, a capital project ordinance involving the revenues and expenses of the Town Fire Station #2 project is acknowledged.

Section 19. There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2008-09 various fees and charges as contained in the attached fee schedules.

ADOPTED by the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners this 16th day of June 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

b. Consideration to approve BB&T financing proposal for 800 MHZ radios, and adopt Resolution approving financing terms.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby presented the BB&T Financing Proposal for the 800 MHZ radios. Mr. Saleeby said BB&T had provided the lowest bid and the greatest savings to the Town. He said the Board also needed to adopt the following Resolution approving financing terms.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS

WHEREAS, the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina (the ATown@) has previously determined to undertake a project for refinancing an installment note with Motorola for 800 MHZ Radios (the AProject@), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Town hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company (ABB&T@), in accordance with the proposal dated June 4, 2008. The amount financed shall not exceed **\$366,723.76**, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed **3.03%**, and the financing term shall not exceed **five (5) years** from closing.

2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the AFinancing Documents@) shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this

resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust and a Project Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.

3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer=s satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by Town Officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final form as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer=s release of any Financing Document for delivery constitutes conclusive evidence of such officer=s final approval of the Document=s final form.

4. The Town shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The Town hereby designates its obligations to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as Aqualified tax-exempt obligations@ for the purpose of Internal Revenue Code Section 265(b)(3).

5. The Town intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the Town=s official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The Town intends that funds that have been advanced or that may be advanced, from the Town=s general fund, or any other Town fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

6. All prior actions of Town officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or Towns thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, Town Clerk

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve BB&T financing proposal and adopt Resolution approving financing terms. Commissioner Maynor seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Consideration to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20-2008, amending the Capital Project Ordinance for the Hope Mills Lake and Dam - \$997,823.00.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby said due to the additional costs for the dam the amendment to the Capital Project Ordinance and the General Fund needed to be approved by the Board. He said the Capital Project Ordinance needed to be amended to account for the additional costs for completion of the dam.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve the following Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 20-2008 as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
No. 20-2008

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the Capital Project Ordinance for the Hope Mills Lake and Dam.

Section 1. To amend the Capital Project Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Contracted Services	\$10,332,590	\$1,064,847	\$11,397,437
Professional Services	\$ <u>2,400,759</u>	\$ <u>(67,024)</u>	\$ <u>2,333,735</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,733,349	\$ 997,823	\$13,731,172

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>
Transfer from GF	\$100,000	\$997,823	\$1,097,823

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 16th day of June, 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

d. Consideration to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21-2008, amending the General Fund – transfer to Lake and Dam Capital Project - \$997,823.00.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to approve the following Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 21-2008 as presented. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NO. 21-2008

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 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changes as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Transfer to Cap. Project	\$ 100,000	\$997,823	\$1,097,823

Section 2. To provide for the additional costs, the following General Fund revenue sources need to be amended as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 230,906	\$725,532	\$956,438
Reserve by State Statue	\$ _____	<u>\$272,291</u>	\$272,291
Total Revenues	\$ 230,906	\$997,823	

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 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

e. Consideration to approve Hope Mills Dam Repair Change Order No. 3 for \$81,962.00 to purchase the log boom as presented by Crowder Construction. Mayor Dees said there had been some concerns with the liability of boats going over the fish ladder.

Town Manager Randy Beeman said the booms serve a dual purpose. They provide safety to the public and control of floating debris on the lake. Also, the town would provide warning and safety devices around and near the dam.

Mr. Beeman displayed pictures of the boom and a detailed discussion followed on the cost for this purchase, swimming area safety and clearing of the lake bed.

Commissioner Warner stated she could not imagine anyone being able to get over the dam. Mayor Dees said it would be possible for someone to get out of a boat and climb on top of the dam.

Commissioner Warner asked to receive a copy of the bids on clearing of the lake bed because she was not on the Board when the bids were approved. Mayor Dees stated they were sealed bids and opened in public.

In response to a question from Commissioner Warner, Mayor Dees stated the Corps of Engineers said the lake bed would not have to be cleared again and they were following the instructions of the Corps of Engineers.

There was discussion on the need for a log boom and less expensive options.

Commissioner Maynor made a motion to table Change Order No. 3 and requested the Town Manager obtain additional information on alternate methods. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

f. Consideration to adopt DOT Municipal Agreement for the roadway improvements on SR 1363 (Elk Road) from SR 1132 (Legion Road) to US 301/I-95 Business.

Town Clerk Connie Spell said Ms. Sheila Gibbs, Contract Officer for DOT explained the purpose of the agreement. She said the agreement was to receive permission from the Town to use the Town of Hope Mills right-of-way for roadway improvements and to make the Town aware of the project.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the DOT Municipal Agreement as presented. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

(A copy of the DOT Municipal Agreement is hereby attached and made a part of the official minutes).

STAFF REPORTS / COMMENTS.

The Board received monthly written reports from each of the following departments: Town Manager updates, Fire Department, Inspection Department, Sanitation Department, Police Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.

STAFF COMMENTS. - None

OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

The Mayor and Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A special thank you was extended to Mr. Jessie Bellflower, Mr. Russell Anderson who spoke at the meeting tonight. The Board thanked Town Manager Randy Beeman, Finance Director

Jeff Saleeby, Department Heads and staff for all their hard work on the budget. The Board thanked all the Town employees and said they appreciated all their hard work.

Commissioner Warner requested a current verification on where the trash cans are located.

The officials had concerns with how and when they are notified of problems that occur within town.

Commissioner Maynor said he would like it written into the record that the former Board was not responsible for the height of the dam. He said the height of the dam was set by the Corps of Engineers and Dam Safety requirements.

Commissioner Maynor said he would like to have an update on the negotiation progress with the Hope Mills Youth Association. He also stated there were major problems with dogs within town.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

Thanked everyone for attending and the Board always appreciated their presence and comments.

Reminded everyone that the Hope Mills Annual 4th of July Celebration was just around the corner. He said the parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will also be games, entertainment, inflatables for the children, magicians, vendors, DJ and Karaoke, special entertainment by Shadow of the Fire & Kindred Spirits with a closing concert by local favorite Dakota Rain with lead singer Perry Howell and fireworks to conclude the Independence Day celebration.

Stated Mr. Beeman, Commissioner Luther and he would be attending a BRAC Regional Task Force meeting tomorrow at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church. The keynote speaker will be Lieutenant Governor Bev Perdue. There will be a community impact assessment and an overview of the growth plan. He said they will bring back more information on how BRAC will impact Hope Mills.

Stated he would like to extend condolences to the family of Mrs. Kim Foust, who was formerly the Town's Human Resource Director. Mrs. Foust father Thomas Mosley passed away last week.

Extended condolences to the family of Al Norton who runs Old Bluff Golf Course and Skan Electric. Mr. Norton's father passed this weekend after a long illness.

Condolences to the family of Spring Lake Board Alderman Jack Vannoy. Alderman Vannoy passed away this weekend.

Stated no one called to inform him of the dam breach at the lake but he knew the water would be up due to the rain and he went down to the lake.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:17 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Collins and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, MMC, Town Clerk