

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mayor Dees called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, February 2, 2009 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, Assistant Town Manager/Clerk Connie F. Spell, Finance Director Jeff Saleeby, Parks & Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Chief of Police John Hodges, Capt. John Smith, Stormwater Administrator Melanie Clerkley.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Michael Bost, Camden Christian Fellowship gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman.

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 Mayor Pro-tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Luther and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with the following addition:

Consent Agenda: 5(g) Consideration of various committee appointments.

2. PRESENTATIONS – None

3. PUBLIC HEARING – None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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

a. Consideration to approve minutes of the December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting approved.

b. Consideration to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16 to allocate funds to purchase two used garbage trucks from the City of Fayetteville, \$15,102.00.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was presented to allocate funds for the purchase of two used garbage trucks from the City of Fayetteville:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NUMBER SIXTEEN**

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 garbage trucks from City of Fayetteville, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Capital Outlay	\$ 162,961	\$ 15,102	\$ 178,063

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 Balance App.	\$ 481,074	\$ 15,102	\$ 496,176

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 2nd day of February, 2009

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 16 approved.

c. Consideration to authorize purchase of two police vehicles approved in 2008-2009 budget, Bill Smith Ford, total purchase price including taxes \$54,065.58.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby reported at the January 5, 2009 board meeting, the board approved two cars (2009 Crown Vic) in the amount of \$54,998.00. He said the cars would have been bought on state contract but the cars would have to be taken to various vendors for the lights, etc.

Jeff Saleeby said he was informed the cars could be purchased fully equipped at a lower price, and the Town solicited three bids as followed:

Hillbish Ford	\$53,067.52
Phillips Ford	\$54,224.14
Bill Smith Ford	\$52,698.00

Jeff Saleeby said the low bidder was Bill Smith Ford and the total price would be \$54,065.58 (includes road taxes) which would save \$932.42.

Authorized \$54,065.58 for the purchase of two police cars.

d. Consideration to approve the Financial Statement as of January 27, 2009.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby presented the Financial Statement as of January 27, 2009.

Financial Statement as of January 27, 2009 approved.

e. Consideration to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 18 to allocate funds received "On Behalf Payments" for the Firefighters relief fund and authorize same to the Hope Mills Firefighters Association - \$7,196.68.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was presented to allocate funds received “On Behalf Payments” for the firefighter’s relief fund and authorize same to the Hope Mills Firefighters Association:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NUMBER EIGHTEEN**

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 Firefighters Relief Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
On Behalf Payments (Fire)	\$ 0	\$ 7,196.68	\$ 7,196.68

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>
On Behalf Receipts	\$ 0	\$ 7,196.68	\$ 7,196.68

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Adopted by the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of February, 2009.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

f. Consideration to accept the report of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property and charge the Tax collector to advertise the tax liens.

North Carolina General Statute 105-369 requires the Tax Collector to report unpaid taxes for municipalities for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property. The purpose of the reporting is to allow the Board to order the Tax Collector to advertise the tax liens.

Accept the report of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year that are liens on real property and charge the Collector to advertise the tax liens.

g. Consideration of various committee appointments.

Appearance Commission:

Serve a one-year term.

John Huskey, Lynn M. Johnstone, Adam K. Beyah, Linda Wilson, Margaret Swanson, Sally Bailey, Mary Reed, Jamie Debary, Vendetta Hall.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee:

Seven regular members and four liaison members – serve one-year term.

Winnie Golden, Gary Dove, Michael Seals, James Sumners, Antwaion M. Wickware, Yogi Brewington, Steven “Deric” Reed.

Liaison Members:

Rveda Faulkner (HM Senior Citizens Club)

Zoning Board:

Seven regular members required – serve a one year term.

Melvin Dove, Jerry Legge, Bill Speight, Dorothy Riddle, Brandon Hodges, Pat Hall, Charles (Chuck) Gibson,

Historic Advisory Committee:

Pat Hall, Lawrence Smith, Lisa Waring

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Jerry Legge – Regular member for a three-year term. (Term expires February 2011)

Quality of Life Committee:

Michael Seals
Adam K. Beyah
Winton G. McHenry
Deborah J. Workman
Kathy Rouleau

Stormwater Advisory Committee:

Carleen Miller
Winton G. McHenry

Committee appointments approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of request for Change Order No. 8 – Hope Mills Dam Improvements.

The Board received a letter from McKim & Creed requesting reconsideration and approval of change order No. 8

The Board had denied payment of the Change Order at an earlier meeting and it was the consensus of the Board not to reconsider their decision.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration to adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17 to allocate funds to purchase a used 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to replace a totaled police car - \$16,803.00.

Finance Director Jeff Saleeby reported the Police Department was requesting to purchase a used 2008 Ford Crown Vic to replace a totaled police car. He said the total price with taxes and outfitting was \$16,802.28.

The vehicle will be paid with insurance proceeds of \$11,953.99 and fund balance of \$4,848.29.

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Luther Budget Ordinance Amendment No. 17 was unanimously approved.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
NUMBER SEVENTEEN**

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 a used police car, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
Capital Outlay	\$ 69,839	\$ 16,803	\$ 86,642

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 Balance App.	\$ 496,176	\$ 4,848	\$ 801,024
Insurance Proceeds	\$ 0	11,955	11,955

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 2nd day of February, 2009.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

Attest:

Connie Spell, MMC, Town Clerk

b. Consideration to approve Phase II, HVAC additional work for \$4,000.00, Jones & Jones Heating and Air, Inc. – Police Department.

The Board approved on January 5, 2009 the installation of a new HVAC unit for the Police Department.

Mayor Dees said Jones & Jones Heating and Air, Inc. have determined the existing unit had problems with ductwork and the air control system and additional work was needed.

The repair and installation of necessary equipment requires approval of Phase II of the project in the amount of \$4,000.00. Mayor Dees said the Phase II work along with the installation of the additional heat pump should alleviate heating and air problems at the Police Department.

Commissioner Collins asked to have a guarantee of the additional work added to the contract.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve Phase II HVAC additional work in the amount of \$4,000.00. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion of real estate offer to purchase property located in the historical district.

Mayor Dees said the Town had received a real estate offer to purchase the house and land on the corner of Ellison Street and Patterson Street. He stated the property is located in the historical district. He said he had spoken with the property owner and the owner had stated the property appraised for \$90,000.00.

Mayor Dees said if the town could acquire property such as this it would be a great benefit to the town.

Mr. Lawrence Smith, 5530 Brown Street, representing the Historical Committee, said there had been discussion of using the Taylor property for a museum. He said the Historical Committee had been interested in the house for some time.

Mr. Smith said he had inspected the house and did not know of any major issues. He said there would be a problem with parking but additional parking spaces could most likely be obtained from other surrounding properties.

The Board expressed concerns with the electrical, plumbing and if it was up to the current building code.

Mayor Dees said the town could look into possible Historical Grants for purposes such as this.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to pursue grants to obtain the property for historic purposes and have inspections done on the house and inform Mr. Taylor the Town was interested in the property. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

d. Consideration of request for church exemption from Stormwater Utility Fees.

Dr. Dennis Sheppard, Pastor of Hope Mills United Methodist Church requested all churches in the Town of Hope Mills be exempt from the Stormwater Runoff User Fees.

After discussion Mayor Pro Tem Gorman made a motion to table the matter until additional information is received from the Town Attorney. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Town Manager's update.

The Town Manager presented the Board with a written report on the following.

1. Railroad Crossing at Johnson Street
2. Viper Radio System – 800 MHZ System.
3. Skate Park.
4. Pier Construction information – Lake Number One.
5. Agreement Hope Mills Youth Association, Park and Recreation.
6. Lake Ordinance Update.

The Board expressed concerns with the completion of the Hope Mills Youth Association, Park and Recreation Agreement.

Town Manager Randy Beeman reported the Youth Association was wishing to remove the requirement for insurance to protect themselves as well as the town. He said the underwriters at the League of Municipalities said the Youth Association must and should provide insurance to protect the town as well as the Youth Association and recommended a minimum of one million dollars.

The board expressed concerns with the skate park. Town Manager Randy Beeman said the Skate Park Committee held a meeting and from his understanding they were looking into an indoor skate park area in the old Food Lion building on Legion Road.

b. Department Monthly Reports for the month of December 2008.

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

- a. Fire Department
- b. Police Department
- c. Inspection Department
- d. Parks & Recreation Department
- e. Public Works Department
- f. Building & Grounds
- g. Street Department
- h. Fleet Maintenance
- i. Sanitation Department

c. Update report on the Hope Mills Lake/Dam project.

Town Manager Randy Beeman reported the work and repair process was taking more time due to the outside temperature. He said they need to be able to work when the air temperature is 40 degrees or higher. He said he received notice from McKim & Creed that a letter from Engineer Katherine Grey dated January 30th was sent to Dam Safety asking for an extension because of

the weather conditions and the continuation of the work through March 31st, and hopefully April 28th it would be completed.

Mayor Dees asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none.

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

Town Attorney John Jackson reported he had received the General Release and Settlement agreement on the Kimberly Lockamy claim and said it was settled in the amount of \$62,500.00 for the liability claim and \$62,500.00 for the Workmen's Comp portion. He stated the settlement was complete and was public record.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Luther:

Commissioner Luther expressed concerns with annexation of the doughnut holes in the Town limits. She said it was hard for the Police and Fire Department to determine which houses were in the Town limits.

Commissioner Luther said Stone Street at East Patterson Street needed some work done because the road was eroding away.

Town Attorney John Jackson said he had been working with the Town Manager on annexations and he needed to become more familiar with the Public Works Commission policy regarding water and sewer annexation petitions.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman:

Requested Town Manager look into the Ed Herring Park. He said the Town needed to keep this park clean and do the necessary maintenance.

Mayor Dees:

Recognized Police Chief John Hodges and his announcement for retirement on June 1, 2009.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:53 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Warner and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, MMC
Town Clerk