

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL - MCCOWN ROOM**

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ingham

Absent: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Commissioners: Roy Miller, Bill Crowell, Crys Armbrust

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis
Police Chief Jeff Arrowood
Attorney Bailey Nager

Town Clerk Susan Bell
Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham called the meeting to order. Commissioner Miller asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the mall and victims of New York, and the slain police officer in Shelby and the two officers recovering in New York. Commissioner Crowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Being none he entertained a motion to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda. Town Manager Ollis stated included are the Board's minutes from the previous meeting and the tax releases. Tax releases included are: Dominick Ferullo \$499.66, A Better Deal \$12.66, Diamond Dimension \$5.20, Head to Toe Salon \$17.33, The Village Book Shoppe \$6.65, John Russell \$5.43, Cheryl Brock \$15.45, John Munn \$4.40, Lynne Adams \$19.49, Jonathan Gerst \$12.42, Ruth Goodson \$14.56, Mary Hughes \$14.27 and Wyllys Taylor \$21.35. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE/DENY PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT LAKE LANIER

Town Manager Ollis stated that the Board had heard how the community feels. It would be up to the board to give staff direction. He would like to allow CDD Kempton and Attorney Nager to give final comments. Kempton had none. Nager stated that the deeds referenced on several occasions, in his opinion doesn't grant the right to be conducting commercial activity over the lake right now. The statute of limitations he feels are gone. The only way Mr. Kerhulas could

do this is for the Town to amend the regulations and Greenville County to allow commercial activity. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham asked if they could restrict it. Nager stated that it will come down to what Greenville County will allow. If it were in Town you could restrict. He's not sure about Greenville County. Kempton stated that he is exactly right. It is not allowed unless you get rezoning from Greenville County. You would need to be specific in what you allow and Greenville County may not rezone the property. Nager stated that you can amend it and make it contingent upon what Greenville County approves. Armbrust stated that the Town of Tryon needs to partner with all individuals in areas that have a clear interest. The Town of Tryon needs to go and request a change. Nager stated that he would require Mr. Kerhulas to pay all fees involved. Armbrust would like to make that into a motion.

Kempton stated that the Town of Tryon is the property owner and the Town would have to go for the amendment. Nager will write something out and instruct from there on the motion.

It was tabled until the manager's report.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CLOSING DOCUMENTS

Town Manager Ollis stated that he needs approval from the Board to sign the closing documents for the police vehicle. Mayor Pro Ingham entertained a motion to authorize Town Manager Ollis to sign the closing documents for the new police vehicle. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

TDDA QUARTERLY REPORT

Jamie Carpenter with TDDA stated that this is her second quarterly report. The quarterly report will give the board an update on what she and TDDA is doing. If the board has any questions, she would be glad to answer.

TENNIS COURTS

Town Manager Ollis asked for the Board's direction on the tennis court repairs. He has worked with Stephen Brady and they have went through the insurance and as you know the Town's insurance is paying for the repairs to the tennis courts. The insurance has agreed to replace the 2 courts, trim and fencing. He has had complaints from citizens on the tile that needs to be replaced. It is very slippery. The asphalt underneath is lumpy. He would like to ask for another month to see about repairing them to see if he can get additional monies to help.

Commissioner Crowell asked if he had spoken to the Chamber. Ollis stated yes and they understand, but their insurance doesn't want to pay. Ingham asked if the people in the back wanted to speak. Nowell Guffey stated that if you half way fix it, you are going to be going through this again. Now is the time to fix it correctly. Leah Justice agreed with asphalt. Steve King stated that the cost is going to be prohibited. He is for the asphalt. The reason repaired

with the tiles was because the asphalt was too expensive. There is dead places and cracks in the asphalt. He feels that everyone would like to go back to asphalt.

Ollis stated that he is just asking for more time to get more funding. Steve King would like to see the courts at least cleaned up. This way people could at least play on them. The Board gave direction to clean the courts up and gave him another month to come up with additional money.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis stated that the Craft Brewer's conference would be a one day trip on November 1st in Winston-Salem. The conference is to show how to get a brewery up and running. Let him know if you want to go. The League of Municipalities conference is in Raleigh and he asked if anyone would like to attend they should let him know. He is working on the lease above the Police department. She is going to put investment into it. He is going to work the lease like the one at the maintenance shed. Charge enough for electricity and the renter makes the improvements. The Eastside Community Informational will be at Roseland Community Center on September 29th from 4-6. In relation at the advisory meeting claims were made that they didn't have enough information about the town and how certain processes are. Police cars and fire trucks will be there. We'll have hot dogs and ice cream and information. The multiple board retreat will be October 3rd from 10-4 to get everyone on board. His idea is to see what each board is working on. He wanted to thank Stephen Brady for working with him on the tennis courts. He took several more pictures and this helped to get more money. He also wanted to thank Travis, Harmon Field Supervisor for working on getting more repairs for the tennis courts than what had been previously decided. The company decided to do three courts instead of two. He thanked Public Works for all their work. TDDA wants to hold a volunteer event for the volunteers that worked at Beerfest at the Depot Plaza to let them enjoy the event. This will be held the day after the festival. They want to thank them for their hard work. TDDA does need the blessing of council for the use of alcohol on the property. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to give TDDA council's blessing to hold the volunteer event and serve alcohol. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Nager stated that he has a couple of thoughts on the proposed Lake Lanier amendment. The Board should review what he has written and possibly the public review. The Board agreed to wait until next month to make their decision. Nager thought that Paula could meet with Greenville County to get a preliminary idea from them before taking a vote. Armbrust asked if they could see the text before the next meeting. He feels that they can derive a solution that will address all the individuals in this room tonight.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Armbrust commended and thanked the employees of Trace & Company for working with the businesses downtown to finish their work on sidewalks. On Monday there

will be two sections of sidewalks completed. He hopes that we can find the means to complete the $\frac{3}{4}$ quarters of a block that is left.

Commissioner Crowell thanked Town Manager Ollis for all his work. He asked what happened to the Barbeque festival paying for the tennis courts. There is a contract with them that states they will be responsible for any damage. What will happen next time? Nager stated that he could look at the agreement again. Mayor Pro Tem Ingham said that stronger language could be looked at. Ollis stated that there are some issues that need to be looked at. Crowell stated the town crews are doing great. Trace & Company is doing great. Glad Roy is feeling better. He thanked everyone for being here.

Commissioner Miller stated that on October 7th there will be a cooking class at Roseland Center starting at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone that attended the community event in honor of Trey Miller at Harmon Field. The sheriff was there serving ice cream and talking to the kids. There needs to be a unified county. He thanked Town Manager Ollis for great ideas and working with the different organizations. Ollis is what the Board has been looking for in someone that will bring the boards back together. He thank TDDA, TTDA and Paula for seeking people and businesses that are interested in Tryon. He doesn't feel that we have had a more energetic group working to see this happen. He thanked the fire department, Tank, Jordan, Yancey and our Town Manager for coming with EMS and taking care of him recently, while he was ill. He doesn't understand the negative talk knowing that we have dedicated, loyal people that will jump out of bed to come. His hat goes off to them.

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham echoed all that had been said. Our staff and Town Manager is doing a great. Tomorrow night is a gathering at the coffeehouse. At the Eastside meeting there were several things that we need to work on. One of those things is coming together as a community and on September 29, 4-6 at the Roseland Center we are having a community gathering. He invited everyone to come out and meet your neighbor. Thank you for being here.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Mary Prioleau stated they are doing the second annual Remembrance Walk on October 8th from 6:30-8:30. They will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers. The concession stand is being turned over to them for this event. She has spent \$1,000 on t-shirts, the banners were \$1,500. She has been given \$650 so far. There will be a dove release at 7:00. She would like everyone to enjoy the night and not have any worries. Last year the event was paid for by the money left in her daughter's account, all but \$250, when she committed suicide. She wondered if council would donate \$200. It was the most diverse crowd last year. This year in Polk County 30 suicides have been committed. Life insurance will not pay if it is suicide. Armbrust asked what amount would you like. Sheriff Hill said that he will give \$500. Armbrust asked what her deficit was at present. Commissioner Miller made a motion to donate \$500 to the Remembrance Walk. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda May of Holy Cross Church stated that on October 29th 9-3, the Unity in the Community, Friendship Council are having training on unity. They are holding it at the Roseland Center. This is required by the church.

Sheriff Hill stated that he wanted to address that he has heard that some individuals or individual from this board has some grievances about the new detention center. He gave the stats on the ones held last year in the detention center and only three were for child support. The second issue is that he is not an idiot. He grew up here and he has given 30 years of his life to Polk County. He supports the detention center. He represents the commissioners, whether democrat or republican. He respects your police chief. Captain Williams stated that he would be glad to answer any questions about the new detention center and welcomed everyone to visit the sheriff's office. Sheriff thanked the board for the job that you do.

Commissioner Miller stated that he knows from personal accounts how much you do for this county. He understands that is hard. He knows that the new jail is needed. He apologized. He doesn't support council going out and saying stuff about elected officials. He supports you. Hill stated that he welcomes everyone to come by and talk to him.

Mary Prioleau stated that she appreciates Sheriff Hill and Police Chief Arrowood for their help with her daughter. She would have died a lot sooner if it hadn't been for them. Sheriff Hill stated that you never know when your child is going to run into a problem. Nobody is perfect. You will have direct access to him if it is ever needed. We all have to work together.

MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Ingham entertained a motion to convene to closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel. Commissioner Miller so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk