

TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

20 JUNE 2017

TRYON TOWN HALL: MCCOWN ROOM

7:00PM

Present: Mayor: J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem: Crys Armbrust

Commissioners: Bill Crowell, Bill Ingham

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis

Comm. Dev. Dir. Paula Kempton

Town Clerk: Susan Bell

Town Attorney: William Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called meeting to order and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mr. Ollis requested the following changes: Add selecting a Point of Contact for the Annual Municipal Survey to the Agenda is position 7b., move the Proposed Resolution for Rails to Trails to 6f, just after the Public Hearing. This is due to the number of audience members who are present solely for the Rails to Trails portion of the agenda. Transpose items 14 and 15, placing the appointment of a new Harmon Field Commissioner ahead of the appointment to fill the vacant Town Commissioner seat.

Motion to accept with changes and deletions made by Commissioner Armbrust and accepted unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked if there were any questions, comments, or thoughts in reference to the minutes from the last board meeting. None mentioned. The Consent Agenda also includes the tax collector's Order of Collection, directing the tax collector to collect the taxes charged. Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Crowell with no objections.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mayor Peoples opened the public hearing for fiscal year 2017-18 and turned the meeting over to Town Manager Zach Ollis for presentation of the budget.

a) Budget Message:

Delivered by Town Manager Zach Ollis and included a brief overview of the proposed budget as well as information regarding a 25 cents increase in sanitation fees. Mayor Peoples and Mr. Ollis also addressed a comment from town resident Steve King in reference to infrastructure issues dating back 8 years. This was addressed with an explanation of costs and the various parts of the budget that this money comes from.

Mr. Ollis also handled a comment from Mr. Fox in reference to dilapidated houses and their removal. Mr. Ollis explained that the specific part of the budget pertaining to this removal had actually increased from \$3000 to \$15,000. Houses that are found to contain asbestos will be dealt with as the budget allows.

Mayor Peoples also stated that in his opinion, Mr. Ollis has done a good job of making cuts where necessary and creating a budget that he is proud of.

b) Budget Approval FY 2017-18:

c) Schedule of Fees:

As mentioned above there is a 25 cents increase in Sanitation service. A list of all other fees is included with the budget package, and remains the same.

d) Meeting Schedule:

Mayor Peoples advise that the Town Council meetings will remain the same. They will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Tryon Town Hall in the McCown Room.

e) Revenue Neutral:

Mr. Ollis did not work toward Revenue Neutral status as it would have caused taxes to increase for those owning property inside the town limits.

Mayor Peoples asked for public comments. Being none he closed the public hearing and entertained a motion to adopt the FY17-18 Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

RAILS TO TRAILS PROPOSED RESOLUTION & COMMENTS

Information has been presented on a number of occasions in reference to a proposed Resolution pertaining to the possible Rails to Trails project. There has also been several listening sessions which have provided a great deal of information which has all been presented to the Board. The Resolution in support of Rails to Trails will not commit the town to any funding or action; however, the board would like to hear citizen's comments in reference to the Resolution.

Carroll Edney stated that he has a brother and sister who own land and according to the deed, the land goes to the middle of the railroad tracks and would be responsible for having insurance. He expressed

concern that people would have to go to the Triangle Stop (Tryon Food Store) for restroom access. Mr. Edney feels that property owners should have the right to decide what occurs on their property, and is greatly concerned with the possibility of those using the proposed trail having heart attacks, or nuisances such as sex, rape, drugs, trash, etc.

Resident Joyce Kimpton advised that she has lived here her entire life, and inquired as to why we are going through this again after the Resolution had already been passed previously back in 2010. Questioned as to why we are considering this when Norfolk Southern is not giving up rights to the property. Stated this project is nothing but a pipe dream. There is no real plan as to what is to be done, and she feels that no one is willing to answer questions that are brought up in meetings. Mrs. Kimpton also stated that she doesn't understand why people want the trail, and that those who want it don't live on the trails. She is concerned because she has already had issues with people sleeping in the woods, and it took some time for that to be resolved. Also stated that she believes our energy and enthusiasm could be better used in trying to make things better: sidewalks that are falling apart, potholes, etc. and believes the Rails to Trails war is not over.

Karen Mastruserio moved here 4.5 years ago and does not have the emotional attachment of the people who have been here for generations. Has no conflict with the concept of Rails to Trails or with the Resolution, since at this point we are only showing support for it and not assigning funding to it. With that support comes the duty of this council or the incoming council to do their due diligence. Where is the funding coming from? What are the state liability laws for public recreational use on private property? What is the safety design? Geo-engineering studies? Inventory of environmental hazards...cliffs, waterfalls, hillside stability, etc.? What about security...specially assigned beat cops, bike patrols, mounted police? What about emergency locator systems for 911, management, security fencing, lighting, restroom facilities, federal compliance with ADA requirements? What market are we trying to reach? What is the environmental impact? Who are the users? What are their spending habits?

Jeanette Chapman, stated that everywhere they go they like to look for Rails to Trails, that they love them. She advised that riders police the trails on their own, as far as garbage, and upkeep, that everyone tries to take care of the area. Attended meetings in ref to the Virginia Creeper Trail which faced all the same opposition and it was eventually passed and now runs from Abingdon, VA to White Top Mtn, VA. Progress is never easy, but is worth it on the long term, as it creates community amongst adults and children alike.

John Marino has been on the Virginia Creeper Trail as well as the Swamp Rabbit Trail and wants people to be aware that those trails have totally transformed those communities for the better. Increased property values of over 20%, and it helps the community as a whole. Biggest problem health wise in this country is obesity. Six out of ten Americans are obese and it has become an epidemic. We need to create a vibrant community so that families want to move here. You cannot have a community of just 65 year olds. Mr. Marino believes this change is for the better and that there is no downside to this. States that there is no sex, drugs, crime, etc. on these trails. Families are biking, hiking, and walking on these trails and believes there is a misconception as to what trails truly are. Wants to challenge

everyone who has not been on a trail to go to Greenville and use the Swamp Rabbit Trail. Mr. Marino stated that 5 years ago Travelers Rest was an armpit and is now a revitalized, vibrant, bustling small town.

Gary Walker asked if the people speaking actually own property on the proposed trail. If not, they need to take their leash and go home, because they do not have a dog in the fight.

Bruce Wilson lives on Horseshoe Curve Rd and his family has been here for several generations, and consider themselves to be private people and like to be left alone. His family is not asking for a single thing other than to be left alone. He is requesting that he be shown the same consideration that he shows others. Doesn't want to be told how wonderful this trail is. Not one time has a single person come out to him and said, "Mr Wilson, let's talk about this...not one." We just want to be left alone.

Tommy Burrell lives close to the tracks. Cecil Turner, his neighbor had a man approach him asking for a light. When told he didn't have one the man left but approached Mr. Burrell's house, who then called the police dept. He states he was told by Mr. Hardin that it was not in the town limits to call the Sheriff's Office, so he did. No one ever responded. There is no security on the tracks. These people need to be protected as they have rights too.

JJ Sauve lives just outside the town limits, but worked for the Rutherfordton Police Dept for several years and wants to share his experience with the Rails to Trails concept there. There is quite a bit of crime on the trails: overdoses, rapes, people shooting up, one officer even got stabbed. He advised that he has had to chase people on the trails, that there are also homeless camps in the area, a lot of things that need to be taken into consideration.

Joyce Kimpton stated that since she expressed her opposition to Rails to Trails, she has been called selfish, and scared. She bought her property, pays taxes on her property, and has been there on that corner lot for close to 50 years. She does not want it going through her backyard. Believes Tryon needs to consider the property owners who live there.

Blake Sanders works for Alta Planning and Design, the nation's leader in trails and greenways and lives in W Pelzer, SC which is just south of Greenville. Mr. Sanders feels like he should explain the process that most municipalities go through. His experience includes working on portions of the American Tobacco Trail in Durham as well as the Virginia Creeper Trail. He was also the lead landscape architect on the Swamp Rabbit Trail. If it is a trail in North America, chances are he has worked on it. In reference to the Swamp Rabbit Trail, Greenville County Council passed a resolution in the 90's and it took 15 years for them to move forward with any type of design. When they finally "cut the ribbon," they expected 500 people to be in Travelers Rest that day, but in fact there were 5000. Greenville County now says that there is \$7 million in revenue that comes from trail users. The Doodle Trail in Pickens Co. is closer in proximity to what Tryon needs. It is 7.4 miles and is very rural in character. Things we need to think about design standards, ADA accessibility is necessary, as well as call boxes for 911 use. There are Greenville County and City officers who access the trail via motorcycle for response. You need to consider what you want Tryon to be in the long term. Trail users tend to travel where they can bike. Is the trail part of the long term vision of Tryon? This is what you have to consider. Do you want your

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. to have access to this trail? These are things that must be considered. Mr. Sanders will be leaving his cards on premise and is willing to answer any questions that the council or attendees have for him.

Gary Walker only wants to say one thing that you as a governing body need to listen to the property owners, the ones who pay their taxes, and not everyone around them.

Mr. Chapman law has been passed at Harmon Field to use bags for dogs to poop. He is out at Harmon Field several times a week and is constantly seeing poop everywhere. If the town cannot pass and enforce a law at Harmon Field then how are they going to handle the trail and what happens on it?

John Marino appreciates all opinions and understands that people are very passionate about this. It's just a resolution, for or against. There's nothing being built tomorrow, and there is nothing wrong with dreaming big, and wanting to do good things for the community.

Mayor Peoples asked for council input. Motion made to pass the resolution by Commissioner Armbrust, prior to all votes, Commissioner Ingham stated that he understands that people who live on the tracks are upset. He has been approached many times by people who are asking when Tryon is going to build a trail. In a time when everyone has a cell phone there will be more people calling to report any incidents that they witness. This is a resolution, there is no money being put toward it, it's just a resolution. Vote cast, and motion carries in favor of the resolution.

PROPOSED POLICIES

1) Town of Tryon Finance Policy: covers a number of things in the operating budget, as well as the fund balance with information in reference to how we purchase items that are needed and how to submit for reimbursement if needed.

2) Town of Tryon Driving Policy: discretion of the insurance company, and outlines what we expect while operating a town owned vehicle.

Commissioner Ingham gave approval on 1st reading. Motion carries. Second reading will be in August.

POINT OF CONTACT

Mr. Ollis requested discussion and input in reference to the Point of Contact for the Municipal Surveys. Commissioner Armbrust made motion that Mayor Peoples be made the Point of contact for the municipal surveys. Motion carries.

FOOTHILLS/PALMER STREETScape REPORT

Paul Mills, Civil Engineer is present to discuss streetscape project. His company created the master plan approximately 15 years ago. Main part of the project is replacing the sidewalk from Foothills Realty down to Palmer St. He advised he has met with NCDOT because they are preparing to resurface Trade

St. Safety and aesthetics would be greatly increased by this project. Also, parallel spaces would be maintained as well.

CDD Kempton will be getting public input on this project.

Mary Prioleau, when first started the Main Street program, they had discussed changing parallel parking to the opposite side of the street, but it has been abandoned. Commissioner Armbrust advised that NCDOT would not support this. Paul Mills advised that was because of the grade change. It's a great idea but it would have to become a U.S. Hwy and at that point would become a Federal project.

Christine Cowles: Does this go from the crosswalk to the corner and will they raise the curb near the fountain? Paul Mills advised that it was designed for Foothills Realty down to Palmer, but could add up to the fountain if needed.

Commissioner Armbrust advised we are prepared to put this project out to bid, and Paul Mills advised we have two options: 1) remove the curb and replace the curb the way it is now, or 2) wait approx. 3 weeks-month for NCDOT to reply with what they can and cannot do to assist in the project. Mr. Armbrust then advised that he was willing to wait for NCDOT. Steve Cannon with NCDOT is looking into this for the town's purposes and Mr. Cannon has the final word. Based on previous discussions, the belief is 2-3 weeks for an answer from NCDOT.

Mary Prioleau has a concern about owners and employees parking right in front of their businesses and is wondering if there is something we can do to encourage owners to park elsewhere so that those who are visiting can access parking when it is needed.

PROPOSED WEG STEERING COMMITTEE

Town Manager Ollis is seeking approval to establish a steering committee for the World Equestrian Games that will be able to coordinate with other area agencies to prepare for this event in 2018. This will be composed of staff members and representatives of various town agencies: TDDA, TFAC, TPD, TFD, Tourism, at-large residents, etc. This will determine what we, as a town, will do to get prepared for the World Equestrian Games. Motion made by Commissioner Crowell to set up the steering committee, and motion approved.

TDDA QUARTERLY REPORT

Jamie Carpenter stated as part of the service agreement, TDDA is supposed to present a quarterly report to the town. It's a summary of what they have done and is included in the packet.

MAIN STREET AGREEMENT

Jamie Carpenter stated the more exciting thing is our Main Street Accreditation. For the first year, Tryon and TDDA is a nationally accredited Main Street Program, which means that we follow the best practices of the Main Street Programs in the United States. Just as number wise, there are about 60 to 70 communities in North Carolina and only about 40 of them are accredited. We are one of the smallest

towns that received accreditation and part of that is because of the support from the town and Polk County Community Foundation that's allowed hiring. The agreement listed in your packet is just to see what it means to be a Main Street Community and what the benefits are.

DALLARA PROJECT/ HARMON FIELD

Town Manager Ollis stated we have been round and round with the Harmon Field Board concerning the Dallara project. He has asked them to take a vote and he will ask you to take a vote. He is going to task Attorney Morgan with finding out who can determine what is done with the property. Harmon Field voted to approve project with five stipulations. The escrow endowment funds for maintenance should be fully funded before the project begins. The statue will be the last thing to go in. The sign will be reduced to a 12 x 12 sign at the statue. Revision to the project increases one ball field to regulation size to accommodate adult softball games, based on discussions with Converse College. Before phase III construction proceeds a discussion to change the water park element and discuss maintenance issues, allowing for water park funds to be used for alternative park improvements, possibly a playground. He asked the board to vote on what they want.

Commissioner Ingham asked how many years for maintenance. Ollis stated they originally had a number they were going to have in the endowment account for maintenance. Ingham asked how much. Ollis stated the number has changed a number of times and he is not quite sure what it initially was. He would have to go back and look at the presentation that was given to us a couple of months ago. The annual maintenance endowment he feels was \$20,000 and he assumes that this was to accrue over a number of years. He is assuming \$20,000 would be put in each year until they reach a certain amount. After that there should be enough to care for the property. Ingham stated that it was unfair what they were talking about. He agrees with the smaller sign. It is still Harmon Field. Basically we are all saying the same thing, because we don't have anything concrete. We don't know if we are going to have a water park or not. He prefers not to have a water park. He doesn't have much of a problem with this. Commissioner Armbrust stated that he has a great problem with this. His opinion is that someone is trying to kill the project. How do they have the right to think that they have the right to design a project and it's phasing with little regard that this basically is an outright gift of a million dollars to the upgrade of the recreational facility. He feels that it is pretty significant. Ingham doesn't want to give the Dallara's full reign of the project. Commissioner Crowell stated that it looks to him like they are going to give \$20,000 a year. He would like to see the field expanded for adult use. He wants to be sure the baseball league bas-relief is installed and the statue at the end of the project. Mayor Peoples stated that the town owns the field. Ingham stated that he doesn't feel there is a whole lot wrong with this. The Dallara's just want approval for the plans as we know it. Crowell stated they want the town's stamp of approval. Armbrust stated that the town has approved this twice, once with the Harmon Field Board in attendance. Ingham asked if we want to change it or go with what we have already done. Armbrust asked what entity has final decision. The Town of Tryon owns the property, but other documents bring concerns about policies and upgrades. Attorney Morgan stated the by-laws doesn't address infrastructure, it's more of a management document. Mayor Peoples stated that because the outside residents didn't have a vote the board was set up for the town to vote two people in, the county to vote two people in and the fifth position alternated between the two.

Armbrust stated in his opinion the board should defer the vote until Attorney Morgan as counsel has a definite answer. He is of the opinion that this board has control over it.

Wanda May asked for clarification of the size of the sign. Ollis stated that it would be twelve inches by twelve inches on the statue. Steve King stated that he has all the paperwork on the Dallara project. It was close to two million dollars when it first started and they were to have all the funding before it started. The Harmon Field Board was adamant that they wouldn't let this continue until all the money was in the bank. The Dallara's were to get part of the funding through the Polk County Community Foundation and they didn't. The last time he was at a meeting they were not ready to do this at \$300,000. The water park was the first thing that was to be built. The Harmon Field Board is doing their due diligence in making sure that the money is up front. They were told this two years ago.

Ingham stated he understands that they have \$500,000. It is hard to raise money on something that they don't have full approval. Mr. King stated they told the board they had the money tied up. They came back to you when they had only \$300,000 in two years. The Harmon Field Board got cold feet. Ingham stated that he likes Harmon Field as is. The Dallara's are in a bind because they have never had a definitive answer from both boards. Mr. King stated they wanted to put in the statue first and Harmon Field said no they wanted the water park first.

Mr. Ollis stated his understanding of tonight's meeting is the board wants this tabled until Mr. Morgan has time to look into this. The Board agreed.

Mary Prioleau stated that they approved a resolution in support of the idea. Water features are being closed all over the country, because of the major liability and accidents. She thought the main idea was to honor baseball. We need to get baseball back at Harmon Field.

VACANT SEAT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Ollis stated the next item on the agenda is the vacant position on Harmon Field. Helen Ringus, Lindy Buss and Bruce Heckleman are the applicants. Commissioner Ingham nominated Lindy Buss as the appointment, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Ollis stated the next item is the Board of Commissioners appointment. You have two possible considerations. Chrelle Booker and Nathan Shields. Someone stopped by his office this afternoon and said they would like to put their name on the list.

Alan Suber stated that he would like to throw his name in. His mother and father told him growing up, he would give you the shirt off his back. He has talked to people in his community. He has military experience. He has a kind heart and he would love to serve his community.

Commissioner Ingham placed Chrelle Booker's name as the nomination. She has been involved with the town and she has really good recommendations. Armbrust suggested the appointment be made effective July 1. Ingham stated that appointment will be through December and will have to run in the November election. Mayor Peoples asked about the ethics training. It is a requirement from the state legislature. The appointment will probably have to take the class and take it again after elected.

Armbrust stated this will give six weeks for the town manager to get the appointment caught up on the projects. Commissioner Crowell seconded Ingham's vote for Chrelle Booker. Chrelle Booker was voted to fill the open position on the board unanimously. Ms. Booker thanked everyone, including her Pastor and family for coming out and for this opportunity. She sees you and she hears you. Thank you.

MONTHLY PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST

Town Manager Ollis went over the items that have been completed.

- Assist with the building of a new picnic table at Vaughn Creek Greenway
- Public Works worked overtime to fix some issues at Harmon Field in preparation for field day
- Pressure washed out front
- Built the frame for the most recent little free library
- Installed library with flowers and bench
- Painted rails outside town hall
- Installed mural and painted trim work around visitors center
- Additional brush runs due to spike in brush on roads
- Installed registers for water meters that were down
- Worked to organize scheduling dates with Kids in Parks for the Track Trail program
- Performed regular mowing at cemetery
- Organized mulch to be delivered for town residents
- Worked to organize river bank project at Harmon Field
- Contacted Norfolk Southern regarding signage along rail way
- Worked to secure quotes for carp at Lake Lanier
- Adrian repaired some equipment for the water plant that saved the town substantial money

He then listed the items that are in transition.

- Sign straightening and installation (Started)
 - Project started to straighten or remove signs all over town
- Side Arm Brushing and weed eating all town owned property (Started)
- Clean up on bank downtown
- Working with a concerned citizen to identify issues and clean up at Ziglar field
- Mulch and bench at the little free library
- Working on getting quotes for a small mural

He stated the sidewalk repairs are still on the list at Melrose, New Market and Grady.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis thanked Public Works and Travis for their help with all the projects. He stated that Paula worked with the Polk County Library to get the little free libraries built, Jeff for getting them painted by the Tryon Elementary School children and Adrian for putting it together on the stand. He thanked Susan for helping with the budget, Jeff Arrowood for the cuts made in his budget and Geoff Tennant for the cuts made in the fire department's budget. Travis figured out a lot of stuff at Harmon Field and Andrew, Paula, Meg and Pam also helped out a lot.

Joseph Fox asked where we stood with Aspen Street. Ollis stated quotes have been received and sent to the board. Minimum of \$18,000 to do paving. One quote came in at \$28,000. Also he spoke with Bobby Arledge and Geoff Tennant to discuss other roads in town with some of the same issues. Mr. Fox asked about the abandoned property and overgrowth. Going to look at the Town ordinances concerning going onto private property and placing a lien against the property for upkeep. St. Luke's own a property on East Howard Street and the Vernon property is overgrown. He and another church member cleaned up some brush until they rain up on a copperhead. Now they are getting snakes, mice and rats on property. What is going to be done?

Ollis stated he and Paula has met to discuss with Mr. Morgan. Paula is working on issues to address. Mr. Morgan is working to see what we can and can't do on private property. Within the next couple of months they will bring this before the board so that everyone will know what can and can't be done. Mr. Morgan stated the ordinance is a little out dated, not severely. There have been some recent changes in the state requirements.

Ingham stated the biggest issue is that it is private property. Mr. Fox stated that's why we have been asking about this for years.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Ingham stated that a lot has been said tonight. People fuss at us, but we don't take it personal. He appreciates everyone's comments. Thanked everyone for being here. Thanked Jamie, congratulations on the Main Street. Thanked Zach and staff for the budget.

Commissioner Crowell thanked Zach for the budget. Held the line and didn't raise taxes. We are going to get a lot of projects done. The little libraries are so cool. Thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He feels we have a good board and now a better board.

Mayor Pro Tem Armbrust thanked the donors for the furnishings at Ballenger Plaza. The plaque went in today. He thanked Zach and staff for sprucing up in front of Town Hall. It is looking good. He thanked Peter Eisenbrown for the Summer Tracks series. He also mentioned that a market on McCown Street is being thought about and asked if anyone is interested in participating to contact Julia Calhoun. She has a great idea that will bring an incredible amount of activity downtown. With regard to the libraries it is a lovely bit of whimsy, he encouraged staff to paint inside of the cabinets. He asked that the town put out a nixle alert concerning the NCDOT representatives working in town. They are mostly engineers. Ingham stated letters have already been sent to residents. If you get a letter don't panic. Mr. Armbrust thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Peoples asked Zach to tell staff he has been downtown every day for the last two weeks and all he has heard is praise, praise, praise for what all has been done. He has seen you paint, up in the back of a truck washing an awning and all the other things you have done. Please tell the staff thank you.

Best place he has ever lived. He and his wife took a ten day fact finding tour to Duluth, Minnesota. The two ladies who built his house were from Duluth, Minnesota. His wife's grandmother was from Duluth,

Minnesota. Two ladies that helped found the Lanier Library were from Minnesota. Margaret Culkin Banning, famous American author who has a house here is from Minnesota. He looked up famous people from Minnesota while there and #3 on the list was Margaret Culkin Banning. He is on the cemetery committee and we have begun to find people from everywhere have lived here. Go to "Find a Grave.com" and look up some of our deceased. They have found that a soldier that fought in the Spanish American war was buried at the Tryon Cemetery. His wife died, he came here and married someone else. In his research, he found that he had been married twice and his wife three times. The names found were Hipp, Arledge and Williams. He gave a hats off to Jerry Soderquist. He thanked everyone for living in Tryon.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/ RESPONSES

John Ervin moved here a year and half ago, lives on Lake Lanier. The home owners association told everyone to clean up their parrot's feather. He was sucked down in the lake. The silt is very thick at the Boy Scout Camp. He doesn't fill that carp will help. He loves living here. He just wants to find out where we are going. Mr. Ollis stated that he has met with Mr. Cox, President of the Lake Lanier Association to look at solutions. He's meeting with Mountain Lake & Pond to see what can be done about the parrot's feather. When he gets all the information he will bring to the board to see what can be done. Mr. Ervin asked about the silt. Mr. Ollis stated that he is working on the carp, gave him his card and said he would check on the silt. Mr. Morgan is working to get caught up on everything, being that he is new.

Mary Prioleau stated that her and her daughter came through town the other night. She saw a look of desperation in the person's eyes that was being arrested. The compassion and caring being displayed by the officers for the person they were arresting, you could see they were very troubled. She can't explain it, but she could see the person trusted that the officers were going to take care of him. She thanked the officers.

Jerry Soderquist, Chairman of the Cemetery committee thanked Zach and his staff for taking over the cutting of the cemetery. The committee put out flags for the veterans on Memorial Day. There was 91.

Joyce Kimpton suggested if we are going to take care of weeds and snakes, maybe we could take care of her neighbors. Let's address the ones that live on the property. She has been trying to take care of her property and is tired of picking up her neighbors limbs. They put up a six foot fence to help address the issue. Let's look at the entire ordinance.

Carol Browning complimented Zach for his work on the budget. She came to all the meetings and the budget is understandable.

Christine Cowles thanked Crys for getting the furnishings for the plaza. She came in to talk to Zach and he got the list from Meg and Susan for the donations collected for the furnishings. According to the list some of the furnishings are missing. Mr. Armbrust stated that St. Luke's Plaza has seven tables, four chairs per table, two flat benches and two benches with armrest. When he made the original purchase for the plaza he had monies for two additional chairs. Unless the chairs have gone missing within the

last 2 weeks. He counted them 2 weeks ago. Ms. Cowles asked that he get with Susan and check the numbers. There were originally eight tables and since Mother's Day there is two less chairs. Mr. Armbrust stated the two extra chairs were purchased for the next plaza project. Ms. Cowles says the tables do need some attention. Some of the chairs are wobbly.

Steve King stated that Adam Mills has been cleaned. He asked if someone is going to do something with the building. Anne Day stated the property is on the market. Mr. King loves Harmon Field and doesn't want a water park. He does want the town to be protected.

Mayor Peoples stated two appointments are made by the County, two by Tryon and one rotates. The taxes come from people that live in the township. Mr. King asked why people outside of the township gets to use the park. Mr. Morgan stated because that's the way the General Assembly set it up. Mr. Ollis stated that it is a public park.

Steve King asked about the school building. Why are we letting the building deteriorate? No money is coming in. Mr. Ollis stated that he has asked the people to leave, because of the mold. The roof leaks. He is looking at options with PARTF. Mayor Peoples stated that the building could have been sold earlier, but it was voted not to sale.

Carol Browning stated the money from the sale of the building would have had to be put back into another property. Meg Rogers stated that all of the Harmon Field Board members have to reside in the district. Anyone appointed to the board has to pay the tax.

Anne Day thanked Zach and staff for the budget. She also thanked Zach for always being available to citizens in the town who have concerns or questions. She also thanked the police. Items had been left on the side of the street, now the items are gone. Wasn't sure what was going on with them. She reminded everyone that TDDA's annual meeting is Monday at 6:00 at Sunnydale.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Peoples asked for a motion to convene to closed session to approve closed session minutes. Mr. Ollis asked if they could add personnel to closed session. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to add personnel to closed session, which approved unanimously. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to go into closed session to approve closed session minutes and to discuss personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk