

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2020 7:00 P.M.
MCCOWN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem Chrelle Booker

Commissioners: Crys Armbrust, Bill Ingham

Absent for September 15: Bill Crowell

Bill Crowell was present for the reconvened meeting on September 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Staff Present: Town Manager Zach Ollis

Police Chief Jeff Arrowood

Planning Director Tim Daniels

Public Works Director Jody Morse

Fire Chief Josh Walton

Town Clerk Susan Bell

Executive Director of TDDA Paige Henderson

Town Attorney William Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Pro Tem Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples – Items were added to the Manager’s Report. Tryon Film Festival is 7B and closed session is 16B to discuss property acquisition. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, which includes the Board’s minutes, the August 2020 tax releases for Joseph Alan Downey (\$10.72), Cindy Hamilton (\$268.91), All American Auto Body (\$62.37) and the 2020 tax releases:

2020 Tax Releases					1 of 1
Account	County No	YEAR	Full Name	Balance	
11	29829	2020	ERIK T ABRIL	\$18.87	
14	36930	2020	JACK WEST ADAMS	\$11.38	
15	53100	2020	KIMBERLY K ADAMS	\$18.63	
22	50186	2020	PATRICIA S ALDRED	\$13.53	
24	56571	2020	KATRINA MARCHE AND ALEXANDER	\$16.25	
27	54913	2020	VIRGINIA B AMBROSE	\$19.45	
33	39840	2020	STEVEN RICHARD ANSARI	\$6.83	
34	55848	2020	SUSAN E ARATA	\$28.85	
42	38233	2020	DIANNE L BACHMAN	\$29.92	
48	35008	2020	BAKER FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC*	\$11.64	
53	22085	2020	BANK OF AMERICA NA*	\$16.75	
1014	29334	2020	RUSHA P BARLOW	\$16.62	
55	55515	2020	MICHAEL RUSSELL BARRY	\$15.82	
60	33926	2020	GEORGANA BAXTER	\$17.34	

	64	55965	2020	SIMON PETER BEHAN	\$22.68	
	83	16037	2020	PATRICIA D BOSEMAN	\$31.89	
	84	55962	2020	MELISSA ANN BOVENZI	\$15.11	
	94	30870	2020	KENNETH D BRASWELL	\$5.84	
	98	32122	2020	CHERYL FOSTER BROCK	\$14.27	
	100	56569	2020	RALPH WILLIAM BROEILS	\$15.15	
1156		57349	2020	DAVID JASON BUCHANAN	\$15.76	
	117	34975	2020	ERIK BUNDY	\$17.54	
	118	40483	2020	JULIE B BURKE	\$30.60	
	136	40209	2020	CHARLES CLIFFORD CAMERON	\$17.68	
	149	26385	2020	GREGORY A CARROLL	\$10.75	
	158	36098	2020	ROBERT A CARTER	\$39.40	
	160	52337	2020	JAMES DONALD CASH	\$20.27	
	189	55168	2020	EUGENE M JR COMISKEY	\$23.64	
	208	40201	2020	LESLIE W COX	\$34.38	
1168		57478	2020	WILLIAM BRADLEY CRAWFORD	\$21.61	
	215	33769	2020	ROBERT J CROSBY	\$31.67	
	220	54725	2020	CHARLES AND CULBRETH	\$12.04	
	239	30432	2020	SARAH SANDERS DAYVAULT	\$18.95	
	244	39894	2020	JOHN W DIEKMANN	\$22.62	
	268	42312	2020	DWIGHT S DURHAM	\$6.83	
	275	52562	2020	ROSS EASTWOOD	\$20.16	
	277	35674	2020	BRUCE ALAN EDWARDS	\$13.94	
	305	56445	2020	STEPHEN WILLIAM FIORE	\$9.73	
	308	32177	2020	JASON RUSSELL FISHER	\$7.56	
1173		57652	2020	JAMES C FOLEY	\$34.88	
	325	38240	2020	JOHN K FRANKLIN	\$9.98	
	326	30288	2020	SANDRA L FRANKS	\$19.96	
	347	35648	2020	NANCY O GARRETT	\$13.00	
	349	53642	2020	MICHAEL E GATHERCOLE	\$16.26	
	354	54804	2020	CRAIG THOMAS SR GERMANO	\$42.54	
	355	53320	2020	JONATHAN D GERST	\$20.01	

	360	52376	2020	PATRICIA GLASS	\$11.02	
1176		57189	2020	JOSE G JR GOMEZ	\$12.66	
	368	3230	2020	SCOTT LEE GOSNELL	\$19.54	
	370	52154	2020	DAVID GOSS	\$23.99	
	376	55866	2020	EDWARD R GRAY	\$27.15	
	389	53625	2020	SHANNON LEIGH GREENE	\$11.62	
	405	54730	2020	STANLEY D H HALBKAT	\$8.65	
	417	56185	2020	CHRISTIAN TYLER HANSEN	\$13.94	
	454	55324	2020	SHONA AND HOLLAND	\$9.22	
	455	53173	2020	JESSICA SWARTZ HOLMES	\$16.13	
	470	40906	2020	HELEN A HUDSON	\$8.82	
	490	53863	2020	BEVERLY ANN JESUINO	\$14.94	
	502	25482	2020	KENNETH E JOHNSTON	\$43.65	
	509	53126	2020	CLARENCE W JR KAMMERER	\$19.74	
	513	55714	2020	MARY HUNTER KEELER	\$20.11	
	516	35637	2020	AUDREY P KENDRICK	\$17.03	
	522	25479	2020	HUGH L KEY	\$19.46	
1191		57153	2020	ROBERT JEFFERSON KINARD	\$10.84	
	532	34740	2020	SHARON RENEE KIRKENDOLL	\$15.27	
1192		57012	2020	MYRA D KNOWLES	\$18.03	
	535	53283	2020	ERIK P KOISTINEN	\$26.69	
	541	56108	2020	RYAN C KORMANIK	\$29.21	
	545	55525	2020	ELIAS DAVID KULP	\$11.70	
	549	40564	2020	ROBERT JASON LAMBERT	\$10.56	
	561	42268	2020	JOHN D LASSITER	\$15.61	
	564	28738	2020	JANET G LAWSON	\$19.02	
	566	52305	2020	GREGORY N LEATHERMAN	\$20.50	
	567	39355	2020	WILLIAM W III LEATHERS	\$14.55	
	571	34519	2020	JEFFREY I LEWIS	\$17.03	
	579	33542	2020	MICHAEL H LLOYD	\$12.07	
	595	42104	2020	MURIEL AUSTIN LUNSFORD	\$23.84	
	604	53022	2020	ANTHONY MACCHERONE	\$7.07	
	609	13590	2020	MAIN STREET FINANCIAL GRP DBA*	\$7.72	
1200		57538	2020	KATHY MAZZANTI	\$27.99	
	628	55814	2020	EMILY N MCFALLS	\$13.01	
	631	40215	2020	ROBERT J MCGUIRE	\$4.67	
	669	34943	2020	JERROLD L MILLER	\$21.95	
	673	54617	2020	SANDRA L MILLER	\$35.40	
	676	53957	2020	ARLEN MILLS	\$21.03	
1207		53026	2020	JESSE M NAVARRO	\$34.86	
	709	55293	2020	TUCKER JEFFREY NELON	\$12.43	
	710	24914	2020	BRADLEY J NELSON	\$23.90	
	729	53487	2020	BARBARA S OKLESEN	\$27.83	
	731	53932	2020	ROBERT B OLIVER	\$22.83	
	726	55487	2020	MARK ONEIL	\$24.19	
	736	25685	2020	PATRICK DEAN OVERHOLT	\$15.29	
	737	53394	2020	HEATHER N OWENS	\$22.31	
	742	34631	2020	ROBERT MICHAEL PACE	\$11.08	
	749	32228	2020	ROBERT NELSON PAINTER	\$8.82	
	753	52289	2020	MARGARET E PARKER	\$17.69	

1211	56781	2020	COLETTE M PENATZER	\$6.30	
766	36128	2020	JAMES R PETERMAN	\$22.03	
778	31794	2020	TAMI MALONE PONDER	\$9.93	
782	38249	2020	KAREN M PRADY	\$9.96	
796	54156	2020	NICHOLAS RAZO	\$28.04	
809	3714	2020	HORACE D ROBERTS	\$18.83	
818	35997	2020	JOAN ROSEBERRY	\$15.58	
833	54976	2020	TINA YVONNE SANDERS	\$13.05	
834	34518	2020	SHERYL SANDLER	\$18.87	
1219	57040	2020	DAVID J SAVKOVIC	\$21.43	
1222	56938	2020	DANIEL H SELBEE	\$38.18	
1224	57281	2020	PATRICK DAVID SHEALEY	\$30.75	
857	15928	2020	BENNY SHEPPARD	\$13.13	
871	22945	2020	THOMAS C & SUSAN SIMPSON	\$20.04	
876	3786	2020	ARTHUR L SMITH	\$21.67	
877	38019	2020	JODI DANIELLE SMITH	\$16.98	
882	33177	2020	ALAN DELL SNYDER	\$33.54	
883	40299	2020	GERALD W SODERQUIST	\$17.93	
1229	57007	2020	LISA SPRINGER	\$36.63	
1231	57240	2020	CLAIR KATHLEEN ST	\$12.66	
902	55363	2020	JOSIAH C STOKER	\$16.12	
912	54085	2020	WILLIAM ROSS STURM	\$17.06	
931	54278	2020	JAMES DONALD TATE	\$8.16	
947	34605	2020	KATHE THOMPSON	\$16.65	
1238	57369	2020	ANWAR S TIMOL	\$10.30	
954	52408	2020	AIDREE V TOLAN	\$18.06	
961	26723	2020	NICHOLAS DIMITRI TRAKAS	\$29.84	
968	38291	2020	TRYON LITTLE THEATER INC*	\$19.61	
982	52413	2020	CLAUDE S TURNER	\$19.99	
987	54838	2020	JESSICA R UMLAUF	\$14.08	
990	30052	2020	MICHAEL VALENZANO	\$15.94	
992	53270	2020	DUZEN TRACY VAN	\$16.77	
996	35229	2020	JOHN H VINING	\$13.99	
1000	3407	2020	MARTHA KATHLEEN WAGNER	\$20.42	
1244	57513	2020	ABIGAIL L WATKINS	\$23.40	
1044	22957	2020	JANA L WILLIAMSON	\$11.93	
1046	56115	2020	ARIANE WILLIS	\$6.27	
1050	53838	2020	JOHN P II WILSON	\$15.36	
1064	53321	2020	LELAND J WORLEY	\$21.42	
1065	54915	2020	FRANCES BISHOP WRAY	\$12.80	
1067	13709	2020	XEROX CORPORATION #13709-1*	\$5.92	

Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1

Town Manager Ollis – Attached budget amended, approved August 18, 2020. Administrative \$17,011 covers software changes and Fire Department \$90,000 covered one set of turnout gear for everyone

and a truck. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 1. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF TOURISM AUTHORITY BOARD

Town Manager Ollis - Mary Parker was appointed as Chairperson of Tourism Authority by their Board. She now needs to be approved by Town Council. Bill Crowell, Robert Lang, and Michelle Newman are also on the Tourism Board. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to appoint Mary Parker as Chairperson of the Tourism Authority Board. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON TRYON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Beau Menetre updated everyone on the upcoming virtual film festival.

AGREEMENT WITH BRHJA

Town Manager Ollis – Harmon Field - Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association agreement term is for three years and Tryon has rights to the field/facility. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the agreement with the Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT CONTRACT

Town Manager Ollis – Greene Finney LLP was contract to audit our accounts. Mayor Peoples – What is the cost per year? Town Manager Ollis – It’s per hour. It is more expensive, but it will be a better product. Commissioner Armbrust – Have they given us a guaranteed delivery date? Town Manager Ollis – They gave us a date, but I don’t know about a guarantee. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the audit contract with Greene Finney LLP. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AIA GRANT

Town Manager Ollis – Authorizing the resolution for the grant will help us finalize the application. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the Resolution for the Asset and Inventory Assessment Grant. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

MELROSE INN

Town Manager Ollis – The Melrose Inn memorandum. The lowest bid received is from SVR Sales LLC. The estimate is \$81,700; 50% deposit required. Mayor Peoples – What would make the bid go up? SVR representative – I always put a clause in the agreement when there is an access of debris, but I’m not concerned about the price increasing. Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the contract with SVR Sales for \$81,700 for the demolition of Melrose Inn located at 55 Melrose Ave. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

MINIMUM HOUSING UPDATE

Planning Director Daniels - 45 E Livingston paperwork has been signed by all parties. I received two estimates \$9,850 and \$18,290 neither of which reflect asbestos removal. How do I proceed with that? Town Manager Ollis – We will tear it down. Commissioner Armbrust made the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

140 Grady Ave. Correspondence went to the owner regarding yard appearance. Fire Chief Walton expressed an interest in conducting fire training of a pre-burn and natural burn. I sent the owner a letter and we are waiting to hear back. 326 E. Howard. Talking to Joe Cooper at Polk County. Applying for a small grant to get rid of kudzu and possibly create a pollinator garden.

TDDA UPDATE

Executive Director TDDA, Henderson – Three potential new members. Virtual Beer Fest is November 7. TDDA is working with Main St. to communicate our mission, vision, and values to the community. The Nina Simone mural will be painted on the Sonoco building on September 28.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Ollis – We received a \$10,000 grant through Visit NC for advertising. Tourism numbers are lower this year due to COVID 19. We have someone in Asheville who can do the design work.

Public works has been doing a lot of maintenance. Along with their regular mowing and other duties, they laid eight tons of asphalt, pressure washed the benches at Nina Simone Plaza, took the ivy off of Erskine bridge, repaired culvert, watching Braewick road, and replaced flags on Trade.

Fire Department is transitioning to 24-hour shifts. Conducted an inspection at L'auberge and more research needs to be done. They ordered the pickup truck that was approved and may not be here until Christmas. Provided support response to Landrum, Saluda, and Columbus. Getting reading for ISO inspection. Police continue to do night checks and installed the CAD system.

Braewick Rd. sewer project. RFQ was approved. We received a quote from WithersRavenel for \$2.2M. \$1M will come from a grant and the other in a low interest loan. Does the Board want to move forward? Commissioner Ingham made a motion to moved forward with the Braewick Road sewer project. The motion carried unanimously.

We are being gifted \$20,000 to put in a dog park at Harmon Field. We would like to use ball field C. Commissioner Armbrust – Will you use the entire field? Town Manager Ollis – Yes, we are separating the sections by dog size. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to accept the \$20,000 for creating a dog park at Harmon Field. The motion carried unanimously.

Jody is working on getting quotes for dump trucks. Our dump truck is on its last leg and could be a safety hazard. The water department wants one and street department wants one. If we order now, we won't

be able to get it until December or later. Commissioner Armbrust made a motion to approve up to \$57,790.20 to purchase one dump truck. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

Commissioner Armbrust – Chestnut street begins when? Town Manager Ollis – I need to see if the quotes are still good. Carolina Dr. project delayed us.

Commissioner Armbrust – Didn't we do a resolution of support for the new county byway? We might be asked to do another one. Commissioner Armbrust moved to approve another resolution of support for the Pacolet Scenic Byway. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Armbrust acknowledged and thanked individuals for the incredible amount of building in spite of COVID. A representative from Our State Magazine will be here on Monday. Community discussions will begin Wednesday and Thursday concerning Nina Simone's place. He asked if the flag pole could be repositioned behind the sign. He thanked the Dallara's for the baseball field.

Commissioner Ingham thanked all the citizens. It's amazing the amount of work our volunteers do, like John Vining. He then thanked everyone in the room, including Jeff, Josh, Jody and Paige.

Commissioner Booker thanked everybody for coming out tonight. The town looks really good. Take care of yourselves and each other.

Mayor Peoples thanked the Dallara's for the upgrades to the baseball field. He thanked the Lassiter's for the basketball goals. The mural looks great. He has been asking for 24-hour coverage since 2001, thank you.

CITIZEN COMMENTS & RESPONSES

Mark Kershaw offered to help with the dog park.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to enter into closed session for acquisition of property pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Peoples reconvened the September 15 meeting that was recessed until September 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the McCown Room at Town Hall.

Town Manager Ollis – Commissioner Ingham took what you as a board discussed and we have a binding contract to purchase the property at 55 Melrose Avenue. The closing date is the Friday before the next meeting. Commissioner Crowell asked what they settled for. Ingham -\$42,500. Ollis tried to contact Mr. Russell. He left him a message to find out what date he could begin. Crowell – we are going to have \$124,000 in this. Ingham – going to get close to our money back once we sell. The contractor said it would take forty dump truck loads to haul off, but what happens if it takes more, do we have to pay for

that? Ollis – we have to make sure that all the utilities are off. Mayor Peoples stated basically he said it wouldn't take more.

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to approve the contract of sale. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

LAKE LANIER

Commissioner Crowell – discussion of Lake Lanier, enforcement, policing and lease rights. Attorney Morgan – we can't send our police over to Lake Lanier, no jurisdiction.

Town Manager Ollis – SCDOT permit to shut down the bridge while working on the dam. We have to give fifteen-day notice with electronic signs. The draw down will be 2.5 feet instead of the five. He will see if Sam can be at next meeting.

ADJOURN

Mayor Peoples entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ingham so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Alan Peoples, Mayor

Attest:

Susan B. Bell, Town Clerk