

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MCCOWN ROOM
JANUARY 21, 2025**

6:30 PM WORK SESSION

**TOWN OF TRYON
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AGENDA
JANUARY 21, 2025
7:00PM**

All items are for discussion and possible action

1. Call to Order-Mayor Peoples
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Agenda Adoption-Mayor Peoples
5. Consent Agenda Adoption-Mayor Peoples
 - a. Town Board Minutes
 - b. Tourism Board Minutes
 - c. Harmon Field Board Minutes
 - d. Parks Committee Minutes
 - e. Tax Reports
 - f. Financial Report for December 2024
 - g. Grant Status Report
6. Update on Tropical Storm Helene Damages and Restoration-Fatland
7. Road Closure for Super Saturday March 15, 2025
8. Board Appointment to Tourism Board
9. Consideration of Citizen Appointments to Town Committees
10. Downtown/TDDA Update-Tim Daniels
 - a. Road closure on March 29, 2025 from 12-2 for April Fool's Day
11. Town Clerk Retirement Reception, Depot Community Room, January 28, 2025 4PM-6PM
12. Minimum Housing/Planning Update-Tim Daniels
13. Town Manager Report
14. Council/Mayor Report
15. Citizen Comments & Responses

**TOWN OF TRYON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TRYON TOWN HALL – MCCOWN MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 17, 2024 7:00 PM**

Present: Mayor J. Alan Peoples

Mayor Pro Tem Skip Crowe

Commissioners Present: Bill Crowell, Tracie Morris, Julie Lambakis

Staff Present: Jim Fatland, Town Manager
Greg McCool, Public Works Director
Brad Gordon, Harmon Field Superintendent
William Morgan, Town Attorney

Susan Bell, Town Clerk
Tim Daniels, Planning Director
Scott Holt, Police Chief
Steven Siler, Fire Captain/Public
Information Officer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peoples called the meeting to order.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor Peoples led the invocation with a moment of silence.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Crowe led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked for any deletions, additions, or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Peoples made a motion of adopt. Commissioner Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Mayor Peoples asked for any questions, comments, thoughts, exclamations, or clarifications to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Morris so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. UPDATE ON TROPICAL STORM HELENE DAMAGES AND RESTORATION

Town Manager Fatland reported that December 6, 2024 was the official start date to identify to FEMA any areas in the community that were damaged by the storm, and this will continue for 90 days. The Town turned in one bill for reimbursement from ServPro. They cleaned out the cabin, two restrooms, and concession stand at Harmon Field. FEMA made it known that it will take up to 8 months to receive any

money back. A FEMA representative will set up an office in the conference room at Town Hall on January 3rd and work with Gina from Accounts Payable to load the invoices into their system from each of the project funds—water/sewer and Harmon Field.

Harmon Field Superintendent Brad Gordon received 3 proposals for removing the mud from the park, however, FEMA required that the Town make sure the soil that came down from the storm wasn't contaminated. SM&E was hired to test the soil, specifically from the playground. They took samples from several locations to test, and the results showed that none of the soil was not contaminated. Brad looked at the proposals and recommended that Jones Land Services clean up the mud and debris at Harmon Field for a cost of \$170,600. The company proposed the job will take 4 weeks once they get the green light of approval. Once the mud is removed, a true assessment of what will need to be done to the playground can be made. The entire fencing around it was lost to the storm. Manager Fatland reported that FEMA is willing to pay for the extra cost of making the bathrooms and cabin ADA compliant. Furthermore, FEMA's historic preservation experts review every project prior to approval. Manager Fatland reported that the Town signed a contract a couple months ago with the county. They will take the lead on the debris in the rivers and streams and have been working with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Harmon Field Superintendent Gordon reported that the contractor hired will remove all the mud so that repairs can be made by the Town with the Town's equipment. The soccer field and other grassy areas will need sod in places where it's dead but nothing major.

Town Manager Fatland made a recommendation to approve Jones Land Services to clean up the mud and debris in Harmon Field for \$170,600. Mayor Peoples made a motion to adopt. Commissioner Lambakis so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. AMENDMENT TO AUDIT CONTRACT

Manager Fatland reported that the audit contract is being amended for a time extension only until the end of December. The auditors plan on submitting it to the local government commission for their review and approval. A presentation will be given in January at the next council meeting. Mayor Peoples made a motion to amend the audit contract for the time extension. Commission Crowell so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. FY 25 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. THREE

Manager Fatland reported that in December 2021 the Town Board approved adding a benefit to the personnel manual that 30 years employees would get medical benefits. He looked at the manager's report that was given to the council in December 2021. The previous manager showed a cash flow of the exact same monthly medical benefits of \$583/month for the entire 20+ years of the benefit. Some employees who have retired, have been mistakenly given full medical premiums. He found out about it by accident because he looked up the agenda for December 2021 to see the format for newly elected officials and saw the personnel amendment on it. He didn't budget additional money for this benefit (over the \$583/month) but calculated that it would cost \$20,000 this year, and the cash flow becomes as high as \$42,000 five

years from now. In talking with the auditors and Town Attorney, the police separation allowance is given to employees who retire from the Police Department. They get a stipend each month (the same amount) until they turn 62 years of age. The auditors suggested creating a line item in the budget, medical separation, so that each year when the budget is adopted by the council it includes money for this benefit. Manager Fatland wants to amend the budget this year. Next year he will budget what the Town needs to cover the cost of the benefit.

Manager Fatland explained that the previous manager showed it would cost the Town \$536,000 over the life of the program to provide health insurance benefits to 30-year employees. However, if the costs were escalated, for example a 10% increase in medical costs, it would cost the Town of Tryon \$2 million, which would require .09 cent tax increase 6 years from now to cover it. The previous manager presented a straight-line amount without consideration to rising healthcare costs. He continued to say that he's looking at the long-haul and what is good for the organization. The Town needs money to take care of its current employees. Currently, the cost of this benefit has increased from \$583/month to between \$1000-\$1100 per month for each 30+year employee which is a 77% increase from the time the previous manager presented it to today. The Town of Tryon can't afford to pay 2 million dollars/year—it would cripple the Town.

Town Manager Fatland will continue to include the \$536,000 in the budget for 30+ year employees to receive a healthcare benefit until the year 2044 since it was voted for by the Council in December 2021 honoring the original spreadsheet presented by the previous manager. Mayor Alan Peoples made a motion to adopt FY25 Budget Ordinance Amendment No. Three. Commissioner Morris so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk Bell asked how the Town is going to handle this change for 30+ year employees. Town Manager Fatland responded starting in January, the Town will pay \$583/month to 30+ years employees for their healthcare coverage and the employees will be billed for any cost exceeding that amount (roughly \$500).

IX. INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR PURCHASE OF USED EQUIPMENT

Town Manager Fatland reported that during the last BOC meeting, 2 used trucks were purchased—one for \$49,500 and the other for \$30,000. In 2022 after he retired, some rules were changed. LGC now requires that a loan extending beyond 35 months must be approved by LGC. Therefore, he asked Town Clerk Bell to revise the loan for 35 months to negate the need for involving their approval. It will make the payment larger, but the Town will be able to manage it.

Mayor Alan Peoples made a motion to accept Installment Financing for the Purchase of Used Equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Crowe so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

X. CONTRACT AWARD FOR GRADY AVE WATER LINE

Town Manager Fatland reported that the money received from the State Legislature thanks to Tim Moffitt and Jake Johnson \$2.23 million for projects identified on Hidden Hill, Oak Street, Markham, and Grady. The State approved the first project to be the water line portion on Grady Avenue. One bid was secured for the project for \$496,000, however, the State requires 3 bids since the project was estimated to cost over \$500,000. The State approved the bid since it was under the \$500,000 mark. A contract from Carolina Specialties in Hendersonville, NC was obtained. The recommendation presented by Fatland is to proceed with the one bid since it meets the requirements of the State.

Mayor Peoples made a motion to approve the Contract Award for Grady Avenue Water Line after having a discussion with the engineer and with final approval from the attorney. Mayor Pro Tem Crowe so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. CONSTRUCTION BID OPENING FOR HIDDEN HILL, OAK STREET, GRADY AVE SEWER PROJECT

Town Manager Fatland informed the Council that the Town got State Approval to proceed with the advertisement for Hidden Hill, Oak Street, and Markham Sewer Project. Advertising will start in mid-January and open bids in February. This one will more than likely exceed \$500,000 so 3 bids are needed. The goal is to award the project March 15, 2025 and complete it by October 15, 2025.

XII. CELEBRATION OF TRYON'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY 1885-2025

Town Manager Fatland suggested the organization of a task force of citizens to address Tryon's 140th Anniversary by next month. Mayor Peoples said something is already underway with the reactivation of the Cemetery Commission which met yesterday, 12/16/24. The anniversary was mentioned during the meeting and plans for a celebration were discussed. Commissioner Crowell asked if they have a set day for the celebration? The response was, yes—in April.

XIII. ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENTS TO TOWN COMMITTEES

Town Manager Fatland informed the Council that the key to appointing people to committees is finding people who have an interest in and desire to be on a particular committee. He reported two new ones this year—Public Works and Finance Committees—will be very beneficial to the Town. The Town will choose meeting times that work with the elected officials to ensure attendance.

XIV. DOWNTOWN/TDDA UPDATE

Planning Director Daniels reported that the Tryon Christmas Stroll was well attended. The petting zoo at the Depot Plaza was well received. He thanked Kiwanis Club of Tryon for hosting the campfire and s'mores at Mirrorball Gallery. The Town Christmas décor was finalized. He thanked the Harmon Field and Street Department crew for all of their hard work. He thanked Steven Siler for lighting up the Nina Simone Plaza and Morris's tree amongst other projects completed.

Steven Siler reported that the Christmas Parade was flawless. He said a couple of changes were made this year which included the following:

- Moving the parade from 5:00 to 6:00PM
- More individual rigs took part

Planning Director Daniels thanked Joyce Kipton for accenting the office Christmas Tree with memorial photos of those the Town has lost. TDDA hosted a silent auction that was coordinated by Alex of Mirrorball Gallery. Multiple businesses participated and \$3,260 was raised to finish the lighting up of Trade Street. TDDA will be working with Denny and the Design Committee to coordinate the lighting. Tryon Elementary 5th grade students decorated Morris's Christmas Tree; they handmade all the ornaments. He thanked Ms. Rogers and Steven Siler for their assistance. Daniels expressed his desire to see everyone at Tryon Midnight for the ball drop, festivities, and music.

XV. MINIMUM HOUSING/PLANNING UPDATE

Planning Director Daniels reported that the house on Peak and Sheppard was burned down thanks to the Fire Department and cleanup was taken care of. 160 Cleveland has been inspected, pictures were taken, and a report is being compiled; he should have a hearing for the owner in January.

XVI. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Fatland reminded the Council of the employee Christmas Luncheon this Friday (12/20) from 11:30-2:00 at the Tryon Presbyterian Church. Steven Siler is cooking the meal.

XVII. COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT

- i. Commissioner Crowell: He thanked everyone for attending and wished them all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. He said the Town and Downtown look great and that the Street Department is doing their best with the resources they have.
- ii. Commissioner Morris: She thanked the staff for all their hard work this year.
- iii. Commissioner Lambakis: She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She said the parade was a great time and wished everyone happy holidays.
- iv. Mayor Pro Tem Crowe: He said it was an honor to be there and looks forward to next year.
- v. Mayor Peoples: He reported that he bought \$140 worth of candy for the Christmas Parade and called a woman with 3 little girls to help throw the candy from his bus. When he got home, he noticed his jacket felt heavy; both pockets were stuffed with candy. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XVIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS/RESPONSES

Jody Morse: Mr. Morse said that he spent 35 years dedicated to Tryon, and he was told when he was hired, he would have his insurance paid until Medicare started. It was taken away the first time by Town

Manager Fatland and now for a second time. He said the 7-8 employees affected by the change are the ones suffering.

Xan Morse: Mrs. Morse said that she did some math during the meeting. She asked Town Manager Fatland if the cost of insuring 30+ employees would cost over 2 million dollars over 22 years. He replied that if healthcare increase 10% each year, it would cost over 2 million dollars and that it has already increased 77% in only 2 years. She mentioned that there is 1 employee who will start receiving Medicare in roughly 2 years. Three of the 7 employees will be Medicaid eligible in 6-7 years. One employee will be Medicaid eligible in 12 years, she thinks. And there are 2 employees who will be eligible in about 20 years. By her estimates, it should cost less than 1 million dollars. She went on to say that in only 14 days, the employees affected will have to pay over \$500/month.

Mr. Fatland responded that the only mistake that was made was overpaying employees after the vote from Council 2 years ago when the Council voted to pay \$583/month for 30+ year employees health insurance. She then read from a copy of the December 21, 2021 BOC minutes.

Insurance Adoption for Employees Hired Under Previous Personnel Policy: Town Manager Ollis explained the Board has discussed the previous personnel policy many times this for those employees hired during that time. The previous personnel policy covered health insurance for employees who worked 30 years until they reached the age of 65 (not 62 as you said). Attorney Morgan would like to go in closed session if you would like to discuss legalities. Mayor Peoples explained he feels we are all in agreement so he entertained a motion to approve the health insurance for those 7 or 8 employees hired under the previous personnel policy that covered health insurance for employees that had worked for 30 for the Town of Tryon. Commissioner Armbrust so moved. The motion carried unanimously.

She pointed out that no amount was specified. Manager Fatland responded that the report presented by the manager was clear—the same amount would be paid per month until the employee is eligible for Medicare. However, the previous manager didn't account for any escalation of health care costs. He asked where is the money going to come from? She said the manager's mistake is not the employees' fault, but they are the ones being penalized which is not fair. She also expressed that it was wrong to notify employees today at the lunch of the changes and to expect them to start paying over \$500/month starting in January.

Mr. Morse asked Town Manager Fatland how long he knew about the discrepancy. Town Manager Fatland said he discovered it in the last 30 days. He went on the say that the only people present during that meeting that are also here today are Mayor Peoples, Commissioner Crowell, and Attorney Morgan. Mr. Jody Morse addressed Mayor Peoples and Commissioner Crowell and asked if they honestly didn't know that insurance costs would rise at the time the changes were made in December 2021. They responded no, not 70+%.

Jeff Arrowood, Retired Chief of Police, expressed his disappointment in everyone.

XIX. CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL—TOWN MANAGER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mayor Alan Peoples entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel—Town Manager Employment contract. Commissioner Crowell entertained the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tryon Tourism Board
(Tryon Tourism Development Authority)
Minutes
December 2, 2024
4:30 P.M.

Chairman Mason-Freeman called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm at the Tryon Town Hall with three members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Mason-Freeman, Vice-Chairman; Bill Crowell, Tryon BOC Rep; and Allan Casavant

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Vining, Vice-Chairman; and Melanie Jackson

STAFF PRESENT: Meg Rogers, Secretary; and Lourdes Gutierrez, Downtown Development Director;

Approve Minutes from November 4, 2024

Minutes from the November 4, 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. Crowell made a motion to approve the November 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mason-Freeman seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

Approve Financial Reports for November 2024

The Tryon Tourism Development Fund FY 2023-2024 financial report for November 2024 was not available for review.

Saluda Grade Trail Update

Crowell reported that the trail property had been released from the rail bank. Potential locations and construction options for Tryon downtown restroom facility close to the trail were discussed at length. Potential locations included near Tryon Dentistry office, on McCown Street, at the Tryon Depot building after current lease expires, or at the clocktower. Modular bathroom units were suggested. Crowell reported that trail construction was expected to take five years with the segment between Inman and Landrum projected to be completed within three years. Current businesses were divided 50:50 on how the trail would impact their operations. Potential for new businesses directly supporting the trail was high. Popularity of mountain biking parks in Columbus and Hendersonville was discussed briefly. The Authority asked Gutierrez to look for marketing opportunities related to biking parks and the Saluda Grade Trail.

Website & Social Media

Tracey Daniels had submitted a printed reports for December 2, 2024.

Social Media Status Report-ExploreTryon Facebook Page (Updates below for last 30 days unless noted)

- 5-8 posts per week; tourism focused
- 5 new likes (organic)
 - 10 new followers
- Most liked posts
 - * Brunch at the Fitz
 - * Holiday Stroll and Parade posts

- * TRIFF posts (shared)
- * New business alert post: Tryon Yoga

Website Update

- Worked on SEO for business listings & wording updates
- Added placeholders for “pop-up shop” Hob Nob

Miscellaneous

- Phone call meeting with Melinda Massey regarding upcoming grant for Civil Rights Trail marker
- Distributed rack cards to Saluda Visitors Center and four NC Welcome Centers
- Added new businesses to website

SWOT Analysis Update – Work Plan Discussion

No Report

Other

- **Events:** Demographics of high-end festivals were discussed briefly. Family-friendly events in Tryon currently included Super Saturday, Halloween Stroll, Christmas Stroll and New Year’s Eve Ball Drop.
- **Downtown Furniture:** Gutierrez reported that the downtown furniture approved for funding at the last meeting had been ordered for the new Depot Street Deck and Trade Street Plaza. Christmas lights were being put up.
- **New Zoning Ordinance for Sidewalk Furnishings** – the Town of Tryon had passed a new zoning ordinance to clean up the assorted business outdoor furniture within 30 days. The ordinance would require consistent furniture type, color, design and clearances for Trade Street sidewalks.
- **Polk County TDA** – projected timeline for NC Legislature approval of Polk County Tourism Development Authority statute and concerns regarding requisitioning funds from the new county-wide TDA were discussed briefly. No implementation date had been set yet.
- **Downtown Streets Leaves Cleanup** – Casavant and Crowell expressed concerns about leaves on downtown streets and the need to more frequently vacuum the streets and gutters to remove leaves.
- **Tryon Elementary Gingerbread Men** – Casavant stated that he liked the Tryon Elementary School Gingerbread Men decorations.

Confirm Date for Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Tryon Tourism Development Authority was scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Tryon Town Hall, McCown Room. The meeting date was confirmed.

Adjourn

Mason-Freeman adjourned the meeting at 5:25 pm.

Prepared by



Meg Rogers
Secretary

Approved:



Maria Mason-Freeman
Chairman

MINUTES OF THE HARMON FIELD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Chairman Warren Watson called the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tryon Town Hall, McCown Room.

Board Members Present: Chairman Warren Watson; Vice-Chairman Lynn Cromer; Secretary-Treasurer Rick Covil; and Greg Miner

Board Members Absent: Steve Sloan

Staff Present: Brad Gordon, Park Superintendent; Meg Rogers, Town Secretary/Cashier; and Jim Fatland Town Manager (arrived late at 6 pm)

Approve Minutes from November 5, 2024 regular meeting

The Minutes from the November 5, 2024 regular meeting of the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors were reviewed. Miner made a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting on November 5, 2024 as presented. Cromer seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Approve Financial Report for November 2024

The November 2024 Harmon Field financial report was reviewed. According to the report, Harmon Field had received \$221,113.27 (51.59% of the amended FY 2024-2025 budgeted revenues). Total Operating Expenditures were \$121,978.32 (37.87% of the amended FY 2024-2025 budgeted operating expenditures) and Capital Expenditures totaled \$29,927.92 (28.09% of the amended FY 2024-2025 budgeted capital expenditures). Total Expenditures were \$151,906.24 (35.44% of the amended FY 2024-2025 budgeted total expenditures).

It was noted that HF Rental Revenue, HF Usage Revenue, and HF Horse Show Fees Revenue were much lower than predicted because of the damage to facilities during Tropical Storm Helene. A budget amendment would be needed to adjust these line items in the budget. The Board asked Fatland to work on this. The Board asked if all the Grants Revenue was for the gym project and they asked about the status of the gym project in response to the storm damage. (See Update on Open Air Gym below) Watson and Covil asked about the fund balance amount and requested that the fund balance be included in the monthly reports. Fatland explained that the beginning balance for each fiscal year was not confirmed until the official audit was completed each year. In past years, the completion of the official audit had been delayed by many months. The new audit firm for the Town of Tryon was more punctual and the confirmed fund balance for the beginning of the fiscal year should be available soon. Once the beginning balance was confirmed, the current fund balance could be reported monthly. Fatland reported that there was currently a fund balance of approximately \$101,000 in the Harmon Field Fund.

Covil made a motion to approve the November 2024 financial report as presented. Miner seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Equestrian Facility & Events

Cromer made a motion to add an agenda item to hear an update from Lewis Pack on Events for the Harmon Field Equestrian Facility. Miner seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Lewis Pack, show manager for Blue Ridge Hunter Jumper Association (BRHJA), provided a brief update on the recently reorganized BRHJA under new President Lee Cone. Lewis reported that BRHJA Board was willing to work to get the Harmon Field Equestrian Facility shows back. Pack had reached out to Freda Jessen of Carolina Schooling Series regarding one-day shows using the relatively undamaged front two show rings at Harmon Field. Pack suggested that those two rings would only need dragging and a footing touchup to be ready for use. Pack and other volunteers held two work days to clean mud out of the second barn. Mud still needed to be cleaned out of the large show ring and remaining barns. Stall mats could be salvaged and reinstalled over new screenings in the stalls. Pack contacted Larry Hyder regarding cleaning and restoring the footing in the large show ring and Hyder's quote was approximately \$20,000. Redoing the irrigation/sprinkler system was discussed briefly. Gordon stated that the water truck was more reliable and sustainable. The Board was concerned about the need to generate income to maintain the facility. Covil asked if there would be enough horseshow bookings to make the Harmon Field horseshow facility sustainable and Pack responded that there would be enough bookings. Chairman Watson stated that the equestrian facility revenues would have to cover all expenses as well as maintenance costs and asked if there were commitments for horseshows. It was confirmed that profits from the equestrian facility operations were committed for maintenance and operation expenses of the equestrian facility. Potential equestrian event bookings were discussed briefly. Participation would initially be limited due to lack of parking space for horse trailers at Harmon Field until more parking areas could be cleared for use. Pack stated he needed a projected timeline and restoration budget. Pack offered to help with getting quotes for restorations to get the facility ready for events and needed to know when donations could be solicited for the equestrian facility. Pack offered to work on bookings. Lewis Pack's wife Leslie Pack stated that now was a good time to ask for donations to restore the equestrian facility. Gordon asked that volunteers be patient until FEMA procedures and requirements had been met so that the volunteers could be best utilized to get Harmon Field restored. Gordon also stated that the electrical wiring at the equestrian facility would have to be checked in the barns before the power could be turned back on. Chairman Watson asked Pack for a prioritized list to assist in getting quotes for facility restoration so the one-day shows could be restarted as soon as possible. Watson asked Pack to work with Gordon and Fatland to get quotes in the next few weeks. The Board thanked Pack for his help as well as the BRHJA's help in reaching a goal of teamwork for a sustainable horseshow operation at Harmon Field without loss.

Update on Storm Damage & Cleanup

Harmon Field Park Superintendent Gordon went over points related to storm recovery from his printed report for October 2024.

- The cleanup of Harmon Field was continuing. Staff had cleaned around the cabin, playground and small picnic shed with assistance from Water Department staff.
- Andrew McAllister with Water Dept brought large excavator and dug out the creek line along the side of the cabin to allow the water to flow freely from the spring into the river.
- Staff hauled off all the woody debris to the Tryon Sewer Plant. The construction debris and metal were taken by dumpster to the Polk County transfer station.
- FEMA gave staff permission to stockpile the sand, silt and mud debris beside the last horse ring pending soil contamination test results. Staff sent FEMA photos with coordinates of site to get FEMA approval.
- Staff would attend a large meeting with FEMA representatives on December 6, 2024 which would include discussion of ADA compliance and environmental considerations and going over the next steps in the recovery process. FEMA would also be doing an onsite visit with Public Works Director Greg McCool and Park Superintendent Brad Gordon in the near future.
- S&ME technicians came out on November 22, 2024 to test the soil for contaminants. Testing was required before soil could be hauled off. It could take up to 3 weeks to get test results. Once results were received, contractor could begin major cleanup.
- Tryon Police Department officers cited four people for trespassing on the restricted areas of Harmon Field on November 24, 2024. The offenders would be getting notifications by mail to come before the Harmon Field Board of Supervisors to plead for the trespass penalty of a permanent ban from Harmon Field to be commuted.

Fatland reported to the Harmon Field Board that the Tryon Board of Commissioners has made a loan of \$300,000 to Harmon Field to cover cleanup and recovery costs paid to contractors while waiting for reimbursement from FEMA. This loan would help with cash flow issues during the restoration process. So far, the Serv-Pro buildings cleanup expense of \$80,000 had been paid from this loan fund. Fatland was contacted by Noah Wood at the Polk County Community Foundation about a \$25,000 grant for Harmon Field to cover any shortfall in funding from FEMA to complete cleanup at Harmon Field. Fatland had also gotten the report from Harmon Field's insurance adjusters that a claim of \$32,000 had been approved for wind damage at Harmon Field. The wind damage included the tree that fell on the HVAC unit at the cabin, among other things. However, the roof damage at the old Tryon Middle School library building/Harmon Field community center building would not be covered since an insurance settlement for \$29,000 was awarded for roof damage to the building in 2019, but the repairs were never completed. The 2019 roof settlement was deposited in the Harmon Field Fund and was still in the Harmon Field fund balance. Covil asked if the \$29,000 settlement would be sufficient to repair the building roof now. Fatland reported that the roof condition would require new trusses and would probably cost much more than \$29,000.

Miner asked if grant funding was available for repairs to the community center building. Fatland recommended using the new \$25,000 Polk County Community Foundation Grant to complete the gym renovation project, since the damage there was not as bad as it originally appeared, and this facility could provide public rental space and usage revenue until the cabin restoration was completed. Fatland also recommended combining both the cabin bathroom renovation and the cabin deck replacement for bidding so the same contractor would complete both projects. Covil was concerned that FEMA funding would not cover as much as was hoped. Covil requested that the repairs needed at Harmon Field be prioritized before committing funds. Fatland explained that the deadline for adding any items to the Town of Tryon/Harmon Field FEMA funding request would be 60-days after December 6, 2024.

Fatland confirmed that the dirt cleanup delay had been caused by FEMA's strong recommendation to complete soil contaminant testing before removal of dirt. Contaminated dirt removed to another location could have liability issues. If tests indicated contamination, FEMA would provide funding for dirt transport to site qualified to handle contaminated dirt. Fatland also expected FEMA to require ADA compliance for the bathroom facilities at the cabin and the other restroom facilities at Harmon Field so a local architect had been engaged to design the ADA compliant bathrooms so that the specifications would be ready to put out to bid as soon as possible.

Park Superintendent's Report

Harmon Field Park Superintendent Gordon briefly went over the Regular Notes from his printed report for December 2024.

- Harmon Field staff had painted walls, floors and exterior of the small bathroom facility across from the playground.
- Staff had started to paint the horse jump rails in the large shop on cold mornings in preparation for small spring horseshows, if possible then.
- Tryon Public Works Department requested assistance from Harmon Field staff for downtown Christmas light and décor installation as well as FEMA projects.
- Polk County Toy Run on November 30 was a success again for 2024. Gym parking lot was swept by contractor to provide safe surface for all the bikes, clear of sand, silt and construction debris.
- "Little Morris the Horse" was sanded and repainted by Fred and Pam Herres for representing Harmon Field in the 2024 Tryon Christmas Parade. Fred Herres was one of the original builders of "Little Morris." Gordon shared photos of the restored "Little Morris" with Executive Director Leigh Borreson and the Board of Tryon Riding & Hunt Club.
- Power and water service was shut off in the Harmon Field cabin and all the water fountains at Harmon Field.

Update on Open-Air Gym

Gordon spoke with a surveyor regarding the vertical flood line for reinstalling electrical wiring at the Harmon Field facilities. This information would assist in coming into FEMA

compliance and possibly reducing number of electrical outlets around the park. The surveyor indicated that Harmon Field might need Elevation Certificates for the buildings and Gordon reached out to Tryon Planner Tim Daniels who is also in contact with Polk County Planning Director Cathy Ruth about this issue. Ruth had indicated that county floodplain maps would be changing soon. Once an answer to this certification question about electrical elevations was received, Gordon planned to schedule a meeting with Gym Project Contractor Derek Champion, Tryon Town Manager Jim Fatland and Tryon Public Works Director Greg McCool to discuss the open-air gym project.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 5:30 pm at Tryon Town Hall, McCown Council Meeting Room.

Adjourn

Cromer made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Miner and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Watson at 6:56 pm.

Submitted By:

Approved:



**Rick Covil
Secretary-Treasurer**

**Warren Watson
Chairman**

Town of Tryon Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024

Convened 4 pm.

Present: Amy Arledge, Karen Bird, Jim Fatland, Vard Henry, Jane Herman, Susie Hursey and Greg Miner.

Absent: John Vining

Guests: Wayne and Ester

November meeting minutes approved.

Budget for Park on Trade: Jim Fatland confirmed \$1000/year for 2025. Receipts for 2024 have been for that amount.

Procedure for problems in parks: Greg M. will be liaison to the Town. Contact Meg. Email Greg McCool if work order is needed.

Members are to visit assigned parks at least once/month and report at meetings.

Assignments:

Rogers and Green Corner- Karen

Woodland - Amy and Susie

Park on Trade and Depot - Vard

Vaughn and Zigler - Greg

Bryan Park and Cemetery- Jane

Park Reports:

Rogers - erosion

Woodland - stone bridge and culverts experiencing frequent clogging. Also a large fallen tree needs removal by town. Still some garbage from businesses across the creek. Reimbursement to Sunnydale for bear proof trash can. Town will pay half (\$175) of total cost (\$300). Greg Minor will submit invoice to Jim Fatland. Greg Minor will ask "Nana's" to purchase a bear proof trash can as well.

Vaughn Creek - fallen trees have been cut off path (thank you Greg & Amy). A work day to clear debris from hurricane was held. There continues to be large debris items to clear (mattress, water heater, etc). Discussion of how to do that.

Ziglar Field - Debris there as well (old tires, etc).

Work day will be scheduled in January to clean up these 2 parks.

Park on Trade - all good

Depot - all good. Decorated for Holidays.

RE: storm damage. Jim Fatland reported meeting with staff and FEMA weekly regarding storm damage. Since Rogers Park experienced significant erosion at creek we need to send damage information to Greg McCool ASAP so as to be included in FEMA considerations.

Jim Fatland reported he has asked for a Town Council member begin attending our meetings. Agreement from all committee members that council member be a voting member of our committee.

John Vining is retiring from committee at the end of the year. New Chair will be discussed and chosen at the next meeting so as to include Town Council person.

Mission and Vision Statements: Jim Fatland suggested a change in wording of mission statement. Now reads: "Steward the natural environment of the Town parks

trails.

Motion to approve statements, seconded and approved.

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Tim Daniels is in charge of town website. Amy will liaison with him. New statements need to be added. Committee members list needs to be updated.

Discussion of how to honor John Vining.

- *Retirement card will be sent. Amy will purchase and coordinate everyones signing.

- *Plant a tree in his honor. Location undecided.

- *Plaque in gratitude for his many years of service. With or without a tree? Again location needs to be decided.

Also discussion to have one (or more) workdays at his house to help clean up yard.

Monday in January was suggested. Karen will organize.

Meeting adjourned at 5 pm

LDING

NAME	YEARS	Dec-24	Jan-25
A MACCHERONE, LLC	2016	354.06	356.03
AMPAR, DISTRIBUTION LLC	2023-2024	34.98	69.18
ARNDT, BRITTAIN	2024	20.29	20.68
BRYAN, FRANCES	2016-2019		
BURNS, MEMORY	2024	650.26	663.33
BURRULL'S FUEL INC	2024	1,415.57	9.90
CAFÉ LA GAULE	2019-2024	116.05	118.05
CARSON ST LLC	2024	573.83	585.37
CHAPMAN, THOMAS	2024	296.32	302.27
CLICKLEASE LLC	2024	129.54	132.15
COOPER, ELSIE	2024		
CRC INVESTMENTS DBA	2024	1210.9	1,235.23
CROCKER, ANDREW	2024	832.09	848.81
DALE, JOHNNIE	2024	5.82	5.94
DAYSTAR ENTERPRISES	2019	218.43	219.84
DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL	2024	30.81	31.43
DEE DEE INVESTMENTS LLC	2024	786.86	802.67
EHG APPRAISAL	2020-2022	33.87	34.09
FOOTHILLS GYMNASIAC ACADEMY	2022-2023	73.56	74.10
FREDRICKS DESIGNS STUDIO	2024	12.27	12.51
FREEMAN GAS & ELEC CO OF NC	2023-2024	87.38	88.57
FLAMINGO ROYALE LLC	2024	4,860.48	4,958.15
FRILEY PROPERTIES LLC	2024	142.31	145.18
GE CAPITAL	2017-2018	69.44	69.86
GOSNELL, JUNIOR	2024		
GRADY EARL	2024	3,233.59	3,298.55
HAMILTON, CYHTNIA	2024	45.46	46.38
HEM PROPERTY DEVELOPERS	2024	544.25	555.20
HENDERSON, NANNIE	2012-2018		
HENSON, TRACY	2024	2,649.06	2,702.29
HINES, JAMES	2023-2024	72.61	73.92
HOLLAND, SUSAN	2024	29.10	29.69
HOME VISIONS AND DESIGN CONSTRUCTION LLC	2024	809.07	825.33
HTHC., LLC	2017	163.78	164.81
JAMEELA	2022-2024	219.61	222.13
KIMBO LLC	2024	3,192.15	3,037.22
KOPERWHATT, MICHAEL	2024	223.36	227.84
LA BOUTEILLE	2017-2018	19.34	19.46
LAUGHTER, MINTIE J HEIRS	2023-2024	429.65	435.52
L BLAKE SMYTH CPA LLC	2024	15.77	16.08
LANCASTER, DORTHY	2024	404.94	413.08
MASSEY, SUSIE - COUNTY NOW OWNS	2012-2017		
MCCLURE, JESSIE	2024	498.21	508.22
MELROSE INN	2018	118.27	118.99
MSFG LLC	2024	69.98	71.38

NANA'S KITCHEN	2023-2024	70.23	71.19
NEW, TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD	2023-2024	174.92	177.30
OVERHOLT BRICK & BLOCK	2023-2024	77.45	78.49
OZONE WATER	2018-2019	18.69	18.79
PARKER, JOHN	2024	398.14	406.15
PENELOPE, PADGETT	2022-2023	27.65	27.84
PITNEY- BOWES	2024	23.25	23.72
POLK COUNTY	2012-2017		
PREYER, NICOLE C/O NANCY BUSH	2024	184.42	188.13
PURE SKIN ESTHETICS	2024	32.69	33.32
ROGERS, JOHN TOWN OF TRYON	2012-2018		
RUBIO- TORRES, TEODORO	2024	565.00	576.36
SBA COMMUNICATION	2015	497.27	499.87
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT	2024	407.13	415.30
GIANNINI, STEPHAN	2024	10.65	10.87
STEWART LAND COMPANY	2024	1,255.03	1,280.25
STYLES ON NORTH TRADE	2020-2021	44.03	44.31
SURPERIOR PLUS ENERGY	2024	57.51	58.67
SWIFT, ANDREW T ET UX	2023-2024	926.72	945.26
TERP, STEVEN	2024	1,683.44	1,717.26
THOUSAND PINES LLC	2024	6.84	6.97
TRAVIS, DARRETT	2024	24.03	24.52
TOWN OF TRYON	2019-2021		
TRYON POINT ORTHODONTIC	2016	331.25	333.09
TRYON LOGISTICS	2021-2024	128.36	129.65
TRYON NEWS MEDIA	2024	2,641.16	2,694.23
VERNON, OTIS TOWN OWNS	2012-2019		
USCOC OF GREATER NORTH CAROLINA	2024	26.66	27.19
WALKER, JAMES	2024	1,015.28	1,035.67
WALKER, PEGGY	2024	1,442.98	1,471.98
WALTERS, DARIN	2018-2021	99.02	99.67
WALTER, MARK	2024	2,077.75	2,119.51
DBA BOOK SHELF C/O JULIA WILLIAMS	2024	13.55	13.82
TOTAL		38,940.87	38,078.81

RECLOSURE

		Dec-24	Jan-25
ALDRIDGE, DWANDA	2021-2024	465.51	470.25
ASIAN FUSION INC	2021-2024	6,896.47	6,977.76
MR JUAN'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT	2022-2023	110.87	112.12
BROWN, TIMOTHY	2022-2024	2,838.99	2873.84
CANNADY, ELSIE	2018-2023	1,622.61	1,634.63
GARY, MARIAH	2023-2024	1,401.38	1,420.54
GARY, SHADOE	2022-2023	960.72	971.66

FRINK, ARCHIE, EST	2015-2024	574.55	578.79
HEYWOOD, HANNON	2022-2024	1,629.94	1,649.30
HENDERSON, MARY ANN HEIRS	2023-2024	857.61	869.58
HILL, DAVID	2016-2024	1,214.69	1,223.68
JOHNSON, WILLIAM ET NANCY JOHNSON	2022-2024	991.17	1,002.71
JOHNSON, ROMNEY	2015-2024	319.51	321.87
KING, JESSIE	2015-2024	562.35	1,085.81
LITTLEJOHN, ANN	2022-2023	1,134.33	1,147.25
LITTLEJOHN, EDWARD - 90 PEAKE	2021-2024	896.54	906.19
LITTLEJOHN, EDWARD	2021-2024	1,604.21	1,621.28
MILLER, LEROY JR	2022-2024	743.93	752.95
PARKER, MARY	2023-2024	3,599.22	3,648.32
SUBER CHARLES FIND FILE	2022-2024	1,109.91	1,123.70
TRYON CAR WASH & LAUNDROMAT	2023-2024	3,986.39	4,041.35
TWITTY, JOSHUA	2020-2024	578.95	584.92
TWITTY, MARY	2023-2024	1,102.50	1,117.53
WADDELL, VIOLA	2015-2024	405.58	408.60
WILLIAMS, ELLA	2012-2024	943.13	949.87
WINGO, WILLIE LEWIS	2023-2024	849.94	863.99
TOTAL		37,401.00	38,358.49

STOMER PAYING

		Dec-24	Jan-25
FANT, GEORGE	2024	435.25	443.99
POWELL, STEVEN	2024	744.80	657.76
WHITESIDE, EDNEY	2024	877.09	885.38
TOTAL		2,057.14	1,987.13

ORNISHMENT

		Dec-24	Jan-25
177 N TRADE ST LLC	2024	1,366.03	1,393.47
1320 HILL LLC	2024	1,852.18	1,889.39
ASHLEY, DONNA	2024	178.83	182.42
BAILEY, GWENDOLYN	2024	1,552.31	1,583.51
BROWN, FRANK	2024	494.33	504.27

CARSON, HORACE	2024	1,675.30	1,708.95
CASAVANT, ALLAN	2024	6,809.01	6,945.81
COBB, STEPHEN	2024	1,729.93	1,764.69
COCHRAN, KIM	2024	2,453.33	49.29
COUNTS, ULLYSSES	2024	539.89	550.74
COYNER, REID	2024	1,307.09	1,333.35
CUNNINGHAM, LORENA C/O ANGELA WILLIAMS	2024	350.57	357.62
FISHER, JASON	2024	374.12	381.65
FORD, MICHAEL	2024	1,172.18	1,195.73
GREEN, ROSLYN	2024	550.67	561.73
HORNE, EDGAR	2024	665.66	679.03
HUFFMAN, LISA	2024	742.12	757.04
JESUINO, BEVERLY	2024	1,093.78	1,115.76
JWW PROPERTIES LLC	2024	2,213.07	44.48
KARLSEN, SONJA	2024	681.40	695.09
LANGE, JILL	2024	1,603.50	1,635.72
LEVIN, SUSAN	2024	1,835.70	1,872.59
MCDONAL, TANYA	2024	755.69	770.87
MILLER, COREY	2024	443.99	452.91
NELESTUEN, LINDA	2024	1,402.20	1,430.38
NOBLE, LINDA	2024	1,159.73	1,183.02
PERRY, AURELA	2024	1,194.30	1,218.29
PIACENTE, PETER	2024	3,919.78	3,998.54
ROMINE, BENJAMIN	2024	1,223.01	1,247.58
SIMPSON, MAUDE	2024	43.13	43.99
STAGGS, ROBIN E	2023-2024	783.03	798.69
SPARKS SISTERS ENTERPRISE	2024	2,390.45	2,438.49
THOMPSON, ALAN	2024	1,811.84	1,848.25
TINNEY, LAURA	2024	3,532.56	3,603.57
TRAKAS, NICHOLAS	2024	2,278.02	2,323.80
WALKER, JOHN	2024	1,706.94	1,741.24
WATERS , TRACY	2024	1,619.41	1,651.94
ZDENEK, ZAPLETAL	2024	2,002.96	2,043.21
AL		57,508.04	53,997.10

BT SET OFF

		Dec-24	Jan-25
BARRIER, BOBBY	2024	461.65	470.91
BAUGHMAN, GEORGE	2024	655.05	668.21
BOWMAN, RYAN	2024	1,409.01	1437.32
BROWN, TIM	2024	565.15	576.51
BUCHANAN, DAVID	2024	1,117.56	1140.01
BUFFINGTON, BARBARA	2024	2,472.77	2522.45
BURNS, LOUIS	2024	170.08	173.5
CARSON, LIONEL	2024	250.69	255.72

CHIMALPOPOCA, JOSE	2024	904.30	922.47
CLINE, THOMAS	2024	2,043.24	2084.3
CROWE, ATTIS	2024	365.83	373.19
D'ARBANVILLW, PATRICIA	2024	1,179.30	1,202.99
DALTON, ROBERT	2024	467.97	477.37
DAVIS, REBECCA	2024	814.99	831.37
DOUGLAS, BENJAMIN	2024	1,265.07	1,290.49
DURBIN, ERNSTINE	2024	1,679.02	1,712.75
DURHAM, HOMER	2024	745.27	760.24
ECKSTEIN, LARRY	2024	1,996.32	2,036.43
FISHER, JASON	2024	437.31	446.09
FLORES-CANALES FRANCISCO	2024	84.34	86.03
FORNEY, MICHAEL	2023-2024	738.43	749.18
GLENN, DORRIS E HEIRS	2023-2024	568.49	576.26
GOSNELL, MARJORIE S ESTATE	2023-2024	563.86	574.01
GUAGLIARDO, CHERYL	2024	54.53	55.63
HAMLIN, CALLIE	2024	331.67	338.33
HANNON, LARRY	2023-2024	80.00	81.10
HARRIS, KATHY	2024	333.36	340.06
HYDER, WILLIAM	2016-2023	552.85	556.35
JOHNSON, PAMALA	2024	145.13	148.03
KERHULAS, MARGUERITE	2024	735.54	750.32
KIMPTON, JOYCE	2024	620.14	632.60
LAWSON, JANET	2024	1,210.55	979.85
LEE, REGINALD	2024	733.15	747.88
LEWIS, WILLIAM	2024	1,255.48	1,280.71
LITTLE, JAMES HENRY JR	2020-2024	86.81	87.62
LONG, LOUIS	2024	1,086.43	1,108.26
MATHEWS, JAMES	2024	83.82	85.51
MCDOWELL, THEODORE Jeanal mcdowell	2021-2024	1,330.79	1,345.98
MCCONNELL, BILLIE	2024	2,522.97	2,573.67
MCMULLEN, LINDA	2024	856.51	873.73
MILLER, BESSIE	2024	512.55	522.84
MOELLER, KRISTINA	2024	728.86	743.50
MORRIS, LUCY	2024	875.4	892.98
NESBITT, LILLIE	2024	512.67	522.96
PENA, DAVID	2024	765.34	780.72
PETERMAN, JAMES	2024	1,263.21	1,288.59
QUALLS, SAMMIE	2024	562.52	573.82
REPASKY , JACOB	2024	74.48	75.97
SAVKOVIC, DAVID	2024	113.51	115.79
STALEY, WANDA	2024	85.92	87.64
STEVENS, ASHLEY	2024	1,408.74	1,437.04
SMITH, GABRIEL	2024	314.60	320.92
SPROULS, ROSEMARIE	2024	2,159.81	2,203.21
SUBER, APPRIEL	2024	229.61	234.22
SUBER, VIOLA	2019-2024	266.49	269.50

TEVIS, TROY
TWITTY, HERBERT
VIEHMAN, MYRNA
WHITAKER, MARK L JR
WINTER, CATHERINE
WITTEN, MICHAEL
YOUNG, KEITH

2023-2024	277.03	280.79
2024	280.70	286.34
2024	2,058.64	2,100.01
2023-2024	267.88	271.54
2024	1,828.26	1,865.01
2024	82.56	84.22
2023-2024	855.99	770.40
	48,500.20	49,081.44

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TOWN OF TRYON							
UNPAID TAX BALANCES							
	6/30/2024	7/31/2024	8/31/2024	9/30/2024	10/31/2024	11/30/2024	12/31/2024
2014				154.45	155.97	156.73	157.51
2015	2,532.80	2,543.12	2,553.50	2,235.87	2,255.00	2,264.70	2,274.46
2016	3,583.18	3,600.94	3,618.83	2,894.91	2,923.15	2,937.48	2,951.90
2017	2,776.78	2,791.10	2,805.50	2,199.19	2,221.17	2,232.26	2,243.46
2018	2,135.04	2,148.11	2,161.27	1,539.10	1,558.11	1,567.71	1,577.37
2019	2,316.67	2,331.73	2,346.90	1,759.95	1,783.05	1,794.72	1,806.45
2020	1,721.21	1,732.79	1,744.43	1,182.68	1,198.69	1,206.60	1,214.73
2021	2,144.80	1,972.00	1,906.12	1,366.57	1,384.74	1,393.93	1,403.15
2022	8,136.10	7,792.83	7,492.88	6,904.53	6,950.72	6,948.76	6,548.78
2023	18,272.30	18,006.41	17,378.09	17,378.09	17,538.93	17,211.85	16,381.10
2024		1,327,382.41	611,420.11	537,072.38	526,387.97	472,196.60	227,881.54
TOTAL	43,618.88	1,370,301.44	653,427.63	574,687.72	564,357.50	509,911.34	264,440.45

**TOWN OF TRYON
FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT
FOR PERIOD OF 10/01/2024-12/31/2024**

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	12/31/2024		UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
		ACTUAL TO DATE				PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 986,464		\$ 193,536	83.60%	\$ 870,716
SALES TAXES/HOLD HARMLESS	601,000	246,405		354,595	41.00%	234,988
UTILITIES SALES TAXES	140,000	43,340		96,660	30.96%	36,887
BEER, WINE TAX	6,100	-				-
ZONING PERMITS	5,000	4,748		252	94.95%	2,125
RENT	18,600	7,375		11,225	39.65%	11,121
LOAN PROCEEDS		-		-	0.00%	-
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS		-		-	0.00%	-
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	131,805	68,664				56,207
OTHER	6,200	105,341		(99,141)	1699.05%	2,607
TRANSFER IN-POLICE PENSION TRUST FUND	28,100					
TRANSFER IN-TOURISM FUND	-	-				2,500
TRANSFER IN-GF ARP FUNDS	6,200					-
INTERFUND TRANSFER-FIRE DEPT						
GRANTS	-					
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	320,000			320,000	0.00%	
	\$ 2,443,005	\$ 1,462,336		\$ 877,128	59.86%	\$ 1,217,151

EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT BUDGET	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE	UNSPENT TO DATE	Y-T-D % SPENT	12/31/2023
						PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
GOVERNING BODY	\$ 66,593	\$ 19,920	\$ -	\$ 46,673	29.91%	\$ 24,991
ADMINISTRATION	647,309	339,913	-	307,396	52.51%	289,570
POLICE	860,191	389,508	-	470,683	45.28%	509,748
STREET	510,756	327,948	-	182,808	64.21%	212,403
PARKS & CEMETERY	18,000	22,121	-	(4,121)	122.90%	3,759
PLANNING/ZONING	-	-	-	-	0.00%	17,390
DEBT	35,156	16,347	-	18,809	46.50%	
TRANSFER OUT	305,000	-	-	305,000	0.00%	88,650
	\$ 2,443,005	\$ 1,115,756	\$ -	\$ 1,327,249	45.67%	\$ 1,146,511
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ 346,580				\$ 70,640

POLICE PENSION FUND

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023	
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE	
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ 28,100		\$ 28,100	0.00%	\$ -	
	\$ 28,100	\$ -	\$ 28,100	0.00%	\$ -	
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT BUDGET	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE	UNSPENT TO DATE	Y-T-D % SPENT	12/31/2023
						PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
TRANSFER OUT	\$ 28,100		\$ -	\$ 28,100	0.00%	\$ -
	\$ 28,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,100	0.00%	\$ -
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ -				\$ -

POWELL BILL FUND

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023	
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE	
POWELL BILL ALLOCATION	\$ 76,000	\$ 83,037	\$ (7,037)	109.26%	\$ 76,165	
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	-	35	(35)	0.00%		
	\$ 76,000	\$ 83,073	\$ (7,073)	109.31%	\$ 76,165	
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT BUDGET	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE	UNSPENT TO DATE	Y-T-D % SPENT	12/31/2023
						PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 76,000	\$ 171	\$ 850	\$ 74,979	1.34%	\$ 6,235
DEBT				-	0.00%	
	\$ 76,000	\$ 171	\$ 850	\$ 74,979	0.23%	\$ 6,235
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ 82,901				\$ 69,930

FIRE FUND

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 254,000	\$ 216,122	\$ 37,878	85.09%	\$ 186,304
MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	29,000	17,287	11,713	59.61%	12,458
TOWNSHIP TAX REVENUE	453,500	391,973	61,527	86.43%	352,629
LAKE LANIER TAX REVENUE	100,000	35,000	65,000	35.00%	29,500
TAX DISCOUNTS	(2,000)	(2,632)	632	131.61%	(2,095)
OTHER REVENUE	4,413	46,002	(41,589)	1042.42%	800
CHRISTMAS PARADE	4,500	50	4,450	1.11%	4,441
LOAN PROCEEDS	813,000	852,459	(39,459)	104.85%	
FEMA GRANT MONEY	-	61,915			
OFFICE STATE FIRE MARSHALL GRANT					
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	-	51			53
LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS	25,000	-			
SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	-	15,000			
FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION	42,000	-	42,000	0.00%	
	\$ 1,723,413	\$ 1,633,227	\$ 142,152	94.77%	\$ 584,090

EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT BUDGET	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE	UNSPENT TO DATE	Y-T-D % SPENT	12/31/2023
						PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
PERSONNEL & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 868,413	\$ 445,381	\$ -	\$ 423,032	51.29%	\$ 439,853
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$ 855,000	\$ 915,215				
DEBT	-			-	0.00%	-
	\$ 1,723,413	\$ 1,360,596		\$ 423,032	78.95%	\$ 439,853
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ 272,631				\$ 144,237

HARMON FIELD FUND

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,276	\$ 15,724	37.10%	\$ 6,514
TOWNSHIP TAX	257,000	212,459	44,541	82.67%	159,408
RENTAL	7,500	3,258	4,243	43.43%	4,320
USAGE	20,000	3,288	16,713	16.44%	13,643
OTHER	1,150	110	1,040	9.57%	3,000
HORSE SHOW FEES	17,977	200	17,777	1.11%	15,135
EQUESTRIAN RESTORATION DONATIONS					
PICKLE BALL COURT DONATIONS					
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	25,000		25,000	0.00%	
POLK COUNTY GRANT	-	-	-	0.00%	68650
TRANSFER IN-TOT	-	-	-	0.00%	78,650
INVESTMENT EARNINGS		579			586
LOAN PROCEEDS	50,000	-	50,000	0.00%	
LOCAL ORGANIZATION GRANTS	25,000	-	25,000	0.00%	
DISCOUNTS					
	\$ 428,627	\$ 229,169	\$ 200,037	53.47%	\$ 349,906

EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES	CURRENT BUDGET	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCES TO DATE	UNSPENT TO DATE	Y-T-D % SPENT	12/31/2023
						PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
PERSONNEL & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 314,077	\$ 147,796		\$ 166,281	47.06%	\$ 166,872
DEBT	5,400	2,672		2,728	49.49%	
HORSE SHOWS	8,000	1,646				6,872
MAINTENANCE SHED RESTORATION						
CAPITAL OUTLAY	51,150	1,396				143,350
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	50,000	26,305				28,034
	\$ 428,627	\$ 179,816		\$ 169,008	41.95%	\$ 345,128
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ 49,353				\$ 4,778

TOURISM FUND

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023 PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
OCCUPANCY TAXES	\$ 20,000	\$ 9,786	\$ 10,214	48.93%	\$ 11,941
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	7,700		7,700	0.00%	
	\$ 27,700	\$ 9,786	\$ 17,914	35.33%	\$ 11,941
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
PERSONNEL & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 21,500	\$ 13,027	\$ -	60.59%	\$ 15,736
CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,200	-	6,200	0.00%	
	\$ 27,700	\$ 13,027	\$ 14,673	47.03%	\$ 15,736
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ (3,241)			\$ (3,795)

WATER & SEWER FUND

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023 PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
WATER CHARGES	\$ 1,347,000	\$ 706,123	\$ 640,877	52.42%	\$ 678,568
SEWER CHARGES	531,000	297,204	233,796	55.97%	279,961
AUTOMATED METER FEES					
COLUMBUS & SALUDA EMERGENCY WATER LINE	-		-	0.00%	5,084
OTHER			-	0.00%	(284)
STATE GRANT	493,414	768,293			
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	-	-			
LOAN PROCEEDS	-				
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	200,000		200,000	0.00%	
	\$ 2,571,414	\$ 1,771,620	\$ 1,074,673	68.90%	\$ 963,329
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
DISTRIBUTION	\$ 456,403	\$ 217,818	\$ -	47.72%	\$ 164,613
WATER PLANT	710,984	289,890	-	40.77%	304,534
SEWER PLANT	396,891	181,109	-	45.63%	188,603
COLLECTIONS	246,829	120,017	-	48.62%	86,889
AUTOMATED METER FEES					
DEBT	700,307	520,503	179,804	74.32%	28,022
TRANSFER OUT	60,000				
CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE	-		-	0.00%	
	\$ 2,571,414	\$ 1,329,336	\$ 1,182,078	51.70%	\$ 772,661
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ 442,284			\$ 190,668

WATER METER FUND

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023 PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
AUTOMATED METER FEES	46,000	22,374	23,626	48.64%	22,779
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	4,000	2,851	1,149	71.26%	3,620
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	-		-	0.00%	
	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,224	\$ 24,776	50.45%	\$ 26,399
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
AUTOMATED METER FEES	50,000	17,538	32,462	35.08%	42,113
	\$ 50,000	\$ 17,538	\$ 32,462	35.08%	\$ 42,113
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ 7,686			\$ (15,714)

BRAEWICK SEWER REHAB PROJECT

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
ARP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT	1,643,397	1,780,513	(137,116)	108.34%	193,931
STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROCEEDS	1,612,355	10,000	1,602,355		30,600
LOCAL FUNDS (W/S)	20,000				
\$	3,275,752	\$ 1,790,513	\$ 1,465,240	54.66%	\$ 224,531
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
CONSTRUCTION REHAB	3,064,468	2,181,061	883,407	71.17%	
PROF. SERVICES, ENGINEERING	191,284	327,029	(135,745)		57,678
LOAN CLOSING FEES	20,000	32,247			
\$	3,275,752	\$ 2,540,337	\$ 747,662	77.55%	\$ 57,678
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ (749,824)			\$ 166,852

W A T E R MAPPING PROJECT

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
ARPA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT	254,500	156,570	97,930	61.52%	41,440
\$	254,500	\$ 156,570	\$ 97,930	61.52%	\$ 41,440
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
PROF. SERVICES, ENGINEERING	254,500	123,645	130,855	48.58%	45,235
\$	254,500	\$ 123,645	\$ 130,855	48.58%	\$ 45,235
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ 32,925			\$ (3,795)

SEWER MAPPING PROJECT

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
ARPA AMERICAN RESCUE GRANT	261,500	173,200	88,300	66.23%	83,980
\$	261,500	\$ 173,200	\$ 88,300	66.23%	\$ 83,980
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
PROF. SERVICES, ENGINEERING	261,500	131,945	129,555	50.46%	87,730
\$	261,500	\$ 131,945	\$ 129,555	50.46%	\$ 87,730
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ 41,255			\$ (3,750)

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	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023
					PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
SANITATION CHARGES	\$ 294,000	\$ 150,203	\$ 143,797	51.09%	\$ 140,312
OTHER REVENUES	450	1,022	(572)	227.20%	1,092
SOLID WASTE	630	313	317	49.72%	315
INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM GF			-	0.00%	
\$	295,080	\$ 151,539	\$ 143,541	51.36%	\$ 141,719
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
PERSONNEL & OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 282,227	\$ 134,891	\$ -	47.80%	\$ 135,688
DEBT	12,853	-	12,853	0.00%	-
Debt-GAAP Offset					
CONTRIBUTION TO FUND BALANCE			-	0.00%	
\$	295,080	\$ 134,891	\$ 160,189	45.71%	\$ 135,688
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ 16,648			\$ 6,031

CULTURAL & RECREATION FUND

	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	UNCOLLECTED TO DATE	Y-T-D % COLLECTED	12/31/2023 PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL TO DATE
REVENUES					
ROGERS PARK	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	44.44%	\$ 1,175
WOODLAND PARK		\$ -			
TRANSFER IN	\$ 5,000	\$ -			\$ 10,000
DONATIONS		\$ 1,000			
APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANCE	10,000		10,000	0.00%	
	\$ 19,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,500	15.38%	\$ 11,175
EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES					
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS		0			8,034
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 19,500		\$ 19,500	0.00%	
CONTRACTED SERVICES			-	0.00%	1,000
	\$ 19,500	\$ -	\$ 19,500	0.00%	\$ 9,034
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES (DEFICIT)		\$ 3,000			\$ 2,141

SUMMARY OF ALL BUDGETS AND AMENDMENTS/EXPENSES

	CURRENT BUDGET
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,443,005
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$ 28,100
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 19,500
POWELL BILL FUND	\$ 76,000
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 35,500
SANITATION FUND	\$ 295,080
WATER & SEWER FUND	\$ 2,571,414
WATER METER FUND	\$ 50,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND	\$ 1,723,413
HARMON FIELD FUND	\$ 428,627
	\$ 7,670,639
BRAEWICK SEWER REHAB PROJECT	\$ 3,275,752
WATER MAPPING PROJECT	\$ 254,500
SEWER MAPPING PROJECT	\$ 261,500
SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS	\$ 3,791,752

TOWN OF TRYON
GRANT STATUS REPORT
JANUARY 01, 2023 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2024

PROJECT	FUND	FUND NUMBER	GRANT NUMBER	GRANT AMOUNT	LOCAL SHARE	GRANTOR	STATUS
Braewick Sewer Rehab Project	Water & Sewer	62	DWI: CS37620-02 VUR-W-ARP-0012 CFDA: SRF 66-458/ARP 21.027	\$2,643,397	\$612,355	NCDENR SRF AND ARP LOCAL SHARE: SRF LOAN 20-YEARS 0.18%	AWARDED AWARDED-PENDING LGC LOAN APPROVAL SEPT 2004 MEETING
Asset Inventory Water System Mapping	Water & Sewer	65	VUR-AIA-D-ARP-0004 WR# 08190801.01	\$254,500	\$0	NCDENR SRF	AWARDED
Asset Inventory Sewer System Mapping	Water & Sewer	66	VUR-AIA-W-ARP-0008 WR# 08190800.01	\$261,500	\$0	NCDENR SRF	AWARDED
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$25,000	\$25,000	POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	AWARDED 9/29/23
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$2,000		TRYON ROTARY CLUB	AWARDED
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$30,000		TOWN OF TRYON	AWARDED
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$2,500		DELARRA FOUNDATION	AWARDED
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$1,000		DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION	AWARDED
Fire Department Air Packs/Cascade System	Fire Dept	20		\$252,350	\$12,618	FEMA	AWARDED
Markham/Grady Ave Sewer Rehab	Water & Sewer	61		\$646,000	\$0	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	AWARDED; STATE BUDGET ADOPTED 9/22/23
Hidden Hill Sewer Rehab	Water & Sewer	61		\$775,000	\$0	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	AWARDED; STATE BUDGET ADOPTED 9/22/23
Oak Street Sewer Rehab	Water & Sewer	61		\$812,500	\$0	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	AWARDED; STATE BUDGET ADOPTED 9/22/23
SRF Loan Retirement for Saluda/Columbus/Tryon	Water & Sewer	61		\$768,292	\$0	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA \$2,304.878/3 = \$768,292	AWARDED; STATE BUDGET ADOPTED 9/22/23 STATE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL JULY 2024; CLOSEOUT IN PROCESS
Sourwood Ridge Road/US176 Water Line Upgrade	Water & Sewer	61		\$0	\$714,000		NOT FUNDED IN LAST ROUND; WILL RESUBMIT IN FUTURE ROUND
Electric Charging Station at Depot Park	General	10		\$22,500	\$7,500	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	AWARDED NOTE: TOURISM, TDDA & TOWN \$2,500 EACH
Electric Charging Station at Depot Park	General	10		\$2,500		TDDA	
Electric Charging Station at Depot Park	General	10		\$2,500		TOURISM BOARD	
Saluda Grade Trail	General	10		TBD	\$0	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMPENSATION	PENDING
SAFE Grant (3-year salary/benefits for firefighter)	Fire Dept	20		\$0	\$0	FEMA	NOT APPROVED
Paving Access Roads/Parking Lots at Harmon Field	Harmon Field	25		\$137,300		POLK COUNTY AND TOWN OF TRYON \$68.650 EACH	APPROVED BY COUNTY AND TOWN
Harmon Field Maintenance Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$10,000		TOWN OF TRYON \$10,000 GRANT TO HARMON FIELD	APPROVED BY TOWN 09/19/23
Grant Writer Consultant Grant	Harmon Field	25		\$30,000	\$0	NCLM	APPROVED
Master Plan Engineering Consultant	Harmon Field	25		\$0	\$0	NCLM	FUNDING PROGRAM CANCELLED BY NCLM
Open Air Gym Improvements	Harmon Field	25		\$10,000		DOMINION ENERGY	NOT APPROVED
Lake Lanier Dam Rehab Project	Water & Sewer			\$900,000		FEMA/SCDHEC	APPLICATION SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 7, 2024
Woodland Park Improvements	Woodland Park	70		\$1,200	\$1,500	POLK COUNTY APPEARANCE COMMISSION	APPROVED; WORK TO BE DONE PRIOR TO MAY 31, 2024
Fire Rescue Equipment and Radios	Fire	20		\$25,000	\$0	CAROLINA FOOTHILLS FOUNDATION	AWARDED OCTOBER 24, 2024
TOTAL ALL GRANTS				\$7,615,039	\$1,372,973		
SUMMARY OF GRANTS RECEIVED BY FUND							
WATER AND SEWER FUND				\$6,161,189	91.7%		
TRYON FIRE DEPARTMENT				\$277,350	4.1%		
HARMON FIELD				\$248,300	3.7%		
WOODLAND PARK				\$1,200	0.0%		
DOWNTOWN				\$27,500	0.4%		
				\$6,715,539	100.0%		

**TOWN OF TRYON
APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD
PERSONAL HISTORY FORM**

752 Vineyard Road
Tryon, NC 28782

NAME Steven W. Siler

HOME ADDRESS _____

BOARD(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- ABC, Board of Planning & Adjustment, Cemetery,
Depot Master Plan, Downtown Finance Construction, Eastside
Citizens Advisory, Fire Commission, Harmon Field Board of
Supervisors, Historic Preservation Commission, Park,
Public Works, Rail Corridor Committee, Tourism Authority,
Town Hall Restoration

BUSINESS ADDRESS 56 W. Howard St., Tryon, NC 28782

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(HOME) 843-603-4498

(CELL) 843-603-4498

E-MAIL swsfiremedic@gmail.com

MARITAL STATUS Single

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

DO YOU LIVE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF TRYON? YES NO

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF TRYON? 5 YEARS

NAME AND LOCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED:

Redan High School, Atlanta, GA

COLLEGE: Clemson U, George Washington, Baker **TYPE DEGREE:** BSME, MPM, MBA

PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY: Tryon Fire Department

JOB TITLE: Public Information Officer

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES HELD: _____

PAST MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES HELD: _____

PREVIOUS SERVICE ON ANY CITY BOARD/COMMISSION: YES NO

IF SO, WHICH: Greenville/Spartanburg Environs Commission **WHEN:** _____

**DO YOU ANTICIPATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BY SERVING
AS A MEMBER OF A BOARD/COMMISSION?** YES NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

**STATE REASONS WHY YOU FEEL QUALIFIED FOR THIS
APPOINTMENT(S)(OPTIONAL)(Use back or additional sheet if more space needed.)**

See space below

**APPLICATION FOR
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

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(Historic Preservation Commission candidates only) **ARE YOU EMPLOYED IN ANY OF THE DISCIPLINES OF ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY, ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, PLANNING, ARCHEOLOGY OR RELATED PROFESSIONS?** YES NO **IF YES, EXPLAIN.**

From above question:

I am active within Polk County and Tryon as president of the Tryon Fire Alliance, Treasurer of the Polk County Firefighter's Association, director of the Tryon Christmas Parade, creator and sponsor of the Guns-N-Hoses Chili Cookoff, advisor for the International Food Festival, BBQ Beatdown and the new Pizza Competition. In addition, in the role of TFD PIO, I represent the town and fire department at functions year round, including training and news outlets. Furthermore, I own and am building rental homes in Tryon town limits. Finally, I own a media company with tourism-based books and booklets in cities and states across the nation.

NOTE: This information along with other material may be used by the City Council in making appointments to Boards and Commissions and in the event you are appointed, it may be used as a basis for news release to identify you to the community.

Signature

Sherry N. Siler

Date 13 Jan 2024

Please submit completed form to:

**Town of Tryon
301 North Trade Street
Tryon, NC 28782**

Attention: Town Clerk