





## **VII. HARMON FIELD COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT**

The Harmon Field Board of Supervisors had unanimously recommended to the 428 project to renovate the existing school building into a community center. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was sent out with three firms responding. Fatland, Superintendent Brad Gordon, Harmond Field Chairman Watson, and Town consultant Will Rice interviewed all three companies who responded to the RFQ. Architecture Unlimited was the unanimous pick for the project. The cost for the conceptual design and services is a do not exceed of \$28,000. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to accept the proposal from Architecture Unlimited for work in the amount stated. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Town Clerk Dale provided an update on the annual audit. The Audit firm and CPA firm are currently working on the financial statements. The Local Government Commission reached out to state the Town and audit team needs an amended contract. The current contract was not reflected of the amended due date for the audit as provided by the State. The current contract would be amended to a date of February 12, 2026. Dale is recommending that the Board enter in to the amended agreement. Commissioner Lambakis so moved and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Morris provided an update from the HR and Finance committee. The committee has been working with the MAPS Group to rewrite the Town's nearly 20-year-old policy. Commissioner Morris feels that these updates are a step in the right direction for strengthening the Town. Town Clerk Dale distributed draft copies to employees for them to review and provide feedback. That feedback was reviewed and discussed by the committee. The HR/Finance committee is recommending to the Board that the policy presented to them be adopted as the new handbook. Commissioner Lambakis made a motion for the Town to adopt the new handbook as the personnel policy for the Town. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IX. OAK STREET PAVING**

Town Manager Fatland state the Town had received State funding for the Oak Street Sewer Rehab project. This project included patching of Oak Street. Fatland stated Oak Street residents and businesses would be better served if the road was repaved. Tar Heel paving, who paved School Street, is being recommended to repave Oak Street with a cost of \$36,466.44. Fatland is recommending funding from the water and sewer fund. Commissioner Crowell made a motion to approve Tar Heel paving for Oak Street. The motion carried unanimously.

## **X. FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Town Manager Fatland presented budget amendment number two to the Board. The details of the amendment are located in the agenda packet for the meeting. Fatland stated that the following amendments need to be made:

Cemetery Fund to account for grant funding received

Water/Sewer for the mobile compressor that broke down, clarifier repairs  
Fire Fund to account for closing of the parade account  
Culture and Rec for grant funding received  
General Fund for contract services for repairs

Commissioner Morris had a few clarifying questions regarding the budget amendment process which Fatland answered. Commissioner Lambakis made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **XI. DOWNTOWN UPDATES**

Assistant Town Manager Daniels gave the downtown update. He stated that there was a great turnout for Tryon Midnights. Daniels wanted to extend a special thank you to the Polk County Community Foundation (PCCF) for the grant, as well as, Brad and Katheryn Gordon for helping with s'mores table. Tryon Downtown Development Association was the recipient of a grant from PCCF for their board members to attend the annual NC Main Street Conference in New Bern in March.

The road closure request for Depot Street on April 19, 2026 from 9:00am-9:00pm was approved by Chief Holt. Commissioner Lambakis made a motion to accept the street closure. The motion carried unanimously.

### **XII. PLANNING UPDATE**

Planning Director Tim Daniels opened a discussion with the Board regarding potential amendments to the number of cars individuals are allowed to have parked in their front yard. Daniels stated the Town would need to consider if any amendment would be to the zoning ordinance, which would include the extraterritorial district, or regular town ordinances.

There was much discussion among the Commissioners regarding the examples provided by Daniels and which avenue the Board would like to pursue. Ultimately, the Board reach the conclusion that they would like for Daniels to draft some options by next council meeting.

### **XIII. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Fatland provided an update from a meeting he had with Mayor Peoples and Congressmen Tim Moore's chief of staff regarding the Saluda Grade Trail. The hope is to work with Tom Tillis and staff to obtain some federal funding for the project as was the case in South Carolina.

Fatland stated the Town was prepping for the upcoming storm and Daniels was spearheading the preparations. Daniels stated all the generators and chainsaws had been checked and prepped. Meetings were happening daily with supervisors to ensure prep is on target and get all staff on same page. Fatland and Daniels noted that double yellow lined roads are the responsibility of North Carolina Department of Transportation while the Town is responsible for others.

#### **XIV. COUNCIL/MAYOR REPORT**

Commissioner Lambakis stated she would be attending the NC Main Street conference as well. She heard good things on Tryon Midnights. A special thank you to staff, the HR/Finance Committee and everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Morris thanked the members of the HR/Finance committee and the staff members who had input. She urged citizens to join the HR/Finance committee to help work on matters such as policies and strategic planning. She thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Crowell thanked everyone for coming out as well as staff for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Crowe stated they would be recruiting for kudzu eradication soon. He also asked for an update with the website. Daniels looked at a beta version this morning and hopes to have a better update next month.

#### **XV. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

The following citizens from Vista Terrace spoke:

Gary Heim  
Kam Kammerer  
Lynn Lewis  
Charlie Culbreth

All of these individuals expressed a common message. They are concerned about one of their neighbors and his property. The neighbor in conversation has a substantial number of vehicles and debris at his home. The citizens are concerned about the ability of emergency response vehicles to navigate the street due to the cars as well as overall presence of the neighborhood. All of the neighbors were also concerned about the well being of this individual. The members of the neighborhood had been working with Planning Director Daniels on this matter and were very appreciative of his efforts; however, they are coming to ask the Board for more help since the ordinances only allow Daniels to do so much.

Harriet Hudson and Kam Kammerer also spoke regarding the no parking signs placed in the lot across from the History Museum. Traditionally, Museum and Tryon Painters and Sculptors customers would park in this lot. The new owner of the building associated with the lot has now placed no parking signs. The Commissioners offered a few suggestions including the ability to park there for the Museum since it is a tenant of that building. Town Manager Fatland proposed a potential meeting with the new owner to come to an understanding or agreement.

An individual from Hidden Hill spoke about several flooding incidents at their home. The Town worked with the homeowner and an engineer to determine the source of the issue. The engineer believes he can come up with a solution to the issue and Daniels stated he would be in touch.

#### **XVI. CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL GS 143-318.11(A)(6)**

Commissioner Morris made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(6).

**XVII. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.