

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2016**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Callahan, Blackwell, Kosem and Kellis. Commissioner Mosley was absent.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
2. Police Report for February 2016
3. Financial Report for February 2016

C. Public Comment

Paulette Elliott addressed the Board with concern regarding trash being dumped on roadside along Lincoln Avenue and Union Church Road she request a no littering sign be placed at the intersection of these two streets. Mayor Callahan told her the Town would take care of placing a sign.

Old Business:

D. Police Officer Promotion

Chief Beck made a request to promote Officer Haddock to Sergeant. He is requesting to raise his pay to \$36,000 on July 1, 2016. Chief Beck introduced Tim Blakeley, Auxiliary Officer for the town. Mayor Callahan asked to move into closed session to discuss officer promotion. Added to Item K. on agenda.

E. Town Attorney T.C. Morphis

The town attorney, T.C. Morphis of The Brough Law Firm came to meet the Board and provide a brief training based on requests from the Board members. The topics were:

1. Code Enforcement
2. Liens
3. PUDs versus subdivisions
4. Water/Sewer Agreement with the Moore County Water and Sewer Authority

F. Bids for Garbage Service

Board members were given the proposals for garbage collection for the Town. Proposals were made by Waste Management, Waste Industries, and Republic Services. Representatives from Waste Industries and Waste Management were present and answered questions regarding their proposals. The Board discussed continuing this item to a special call meeting and March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. was decided on. Motion was made by Commissioner Callahan to hold a special call meeting. All were in favor.

G. Bank Resolution

Motion was made by Commissioner Kellis to adopt bank resolution to remove Commissioner Donald Bridgers and Interim Clerk Jody Smith and to add Commissioner Kris Kosem as a signer on bank accounts for Town at First Bank. All were in favor.

H. Lawn Mower Replacement

Andy Layton presented to Board to ask to purchase a new lawn mower. He has found one he would like to be considered at Tractor Supply for \$5,000 and also purchase a service plan for \$500. Town Clerk said money could be reallocated from the line item already in the budget for the purchase of a dump truck. There was discussion regarding the amount of \$14,000 that was budgeted not being enough to purchase a dump truck. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to reallocate \$6,000 to purchase lawn mower and service plan. All were in favor.

I. Request From Vass Women's Club

The Vass Women's Club would like to spruce up the Memorial Park and have asked for money to purchase flowers to plant. Town Clerk told Board there is \$941 in deferred revenue for the park. She also told the Board there are benches that were donated in memory of two people that need to be replaced. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to approve a budget of an initial \$200 to purchase flowers and to come back to the Board if they should need additional funds; and motion to approve replacing benches. All were in favor.

J. Street Maintenance

Commissioner Kosem has toured the town with Andy to review the need for street repairs. There are potholes on Bank Street and Cameron Avenue that are the worst. The streets that need repair are Blue Street, Johnson, and Pine Streets. Town Clerk was asked to seek proposals from paving companies.

K. Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session to discuss client/attorney privilege and a personnel issue made by Commissioner Callahan. All were in favor.

Commissioner Kosem made a motion to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kosem made a motion to approve promotion of Officer Haddock to Sergeant with a pay increase to \$36,000 beginning July 1 of new fiscal year. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk