

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2015**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Callahan at 7:42 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Kosem, and Kellis. Mayor Callahan and Commissioner Bridgers were absent.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kellis wanted to add Item. I BlueVass Festival

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of August 10, 2015 Regular Meeting
2. Budget Amendment of August 10, 2015
3. Police Report for August 2015
4. Financial Report for August 2015

C. Public Comments

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

D. Clean Water Rule

The county has adopted a resolution opposing the clean water rule and supporting any legislative means that would stop the final clean water rule until implementation issues are resolved. The Board discussed if the Town would adopt this resolution as well. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adopt this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Street Lights in Union Place Development

Town Clerk stated a new resident in Union Place Development called and wanted to know when street lights would be installed. Commissioner Callahan has talked to Wes Caddell with Caviness Land Development and he said that the Town could get the lights installed for free as long as they are located within 10-15 feet from a transformer and the Town would be taking over the monthly charge. The Board was given a list of lights to choose from Duke Energy Progress. Town Administrator has talked with Duke Energy Progress representative who has confirmed there should be no charge for installation. The Board discussed the issue. The Board liked two styles of lights, traditional or

roadway. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to table the decision on lighting until a recommendation can be made on how many and what type of lighting by Duke Progress Energy. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Clerk will contact Heather Oxendine for a site visit and get a recommendation for lights.

F. Concern from citizen regarding traffic in the area of Union Church Road and Lincoln Avenue

The Town has received a letter from resident Mae Frances Barrett of Lincoln Avenue with concern for the level of traffic between Union Church Road and Lincoln Avenue. She states it seems more than necessary for some type of traffic light to be placed at some point for safety reasons. Ms. Barrett was present and told the Board about her concerns. Commissioner Callahan asked Chief Beck if they could do a speed survey.

G. Chickens

Town Clerk told the Board she and the Mayor have received numerous calls regarding allowing citizens to have chickens in Town. They are currently only allowed in the RA district. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to send this item to the Planning Board. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Annual Audit

Town Clerk informed Board that the annual audit has been finalized and approved by the Local Government Finance Division of the Department of State Treasurer and there will be a copy available for review in her office.

I. BlueVass Festival

Commissioner Kellis told Board about the event scheduled on Friday evening, November 6th at the Sandy Ramey Keith Memorial Park. This will be a kick-off for the Veteran's Day weekend. There will be live bands playing bluegrass and country music as well as a group of cloggers performing under the picnic shelter. There will be cars for a cruise in on the ballfield. The concession stand will also be open.

Adjournment

Commissioner Kosem made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Matthew Callahan, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk