TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2015

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 Bridgers was absent. Also present was Kathy Liles, Zoning and Planning Consultant.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan.

Pastor James Elliott gave the invocation.

A. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Callahan requested Item D. Administer Oath of Office be moved from old business to new business to Item E. Commissioner Kellis wanted to add Item H. Letter to CSX. Commissioner Callahan wanted to add Item I. Nomination for Planning Board. Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the agenda. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
2. Police Report for November 2015
3. Financial Report for November 2015

C. Public Comment

Norma Yanez with Waste Industries wanted to speak about her company for waste collection service. They would like an opportunity to provide service to the Town of Vass. She stated she would like to present a proposal for the upcoming bid on waste collection service.

Old Business:

D. Lights at the Park

Barbara Boyd told Board she had the the non-working lights in the parking area of the Sandy Ramey Park removed. She asked the Board if they would like to replace lights at this time. She relayed the recommendation from representative of Duke Energy Progress. Commissioner Kellis suggested a review lighting pollution for the park. Mayor Callahan requested Mrs. Boyd contact Duke Energy Progress to do a review of the lights at the park. Commissioner Kellis made motion to table lights at the park. All were in favor.

New Business:

E. Swearing in of new Board members

Plaques were presented in honor for their service to the Town to Commissioner Blackwell for his service to the Town as Mayor from 1995-1999 and Commissioner from 2003-2015 and Commissioner Bridgers who served as Commissioner from 1999-2015.

Town Administrator/Clerk swore in new Board Members. The new Board is the following:

Mayor Henry E. Callahan
Commissioner Matthew Callahan
Commissioner Alphonso Mosley
Commissioner Rora Kellis
Commissioner Kris Kosem
Commissioner George Blackwell Jr.

F. Garbage Service

Contract with Waste Management expires 6/30/2016 with obligation for 90 day notice. Mayor Callahan said it would be a good time to send out for bids for this service. He stated Waste Management has done a good job and he asked if anyone had any comments. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to entertain bids for new fiscal year for garbage and notify Waste Management. All were in favor.

G. Preliminary Plat for Alma Street Subdivision

Wes Caddell and Tim Carpentier presented their preliminary plat to the Board and recommendation from Planning Board to move forward and present to town Board. Mr. Caddell stated they would like to proceed with a final plat in late summer or early fall. Mr. Carpentier told the Board they have been in preliminary discussion with the County in regards to sewer and fire flow. Commissioner Callahan asked about the issue of sewer. Mr. Caddell stated they have been in discussion with the County regarding a pumping station and capacity issues. There are possibly plans for a new school and another subdivision on the other end of Town that would also affect the town and capacity.

Mike Cameron with the fire department was present and addressed questions regarding water flow issues.

Mayor Callahan wanted to schedule a meeting with the County and some of the Commissioners regarding the future growth of sewer in Vass. Kathy Liles stated she had been by and talked to Randy Gould, Public Utilities Director. He indicated he wanted to see the preliminary design of this system and once that took place they would want to then meet with the Town to discuss the Town's needs at that time. There was additional conversation on the sewer issue.

Kathy Liles also has had a conversation with Town Attorney and he is reading through the contract with the County dated 1992. There was discussion regarding the contract.

Mayor Callahan along with some of the town Commissioners would like a meeting soon with representatives of the County. He told the developers he would not want to hold up their proceeding

with their plans and would like to get the County to make a position on the sewer issue. Kathy said one of the things could be moved forward starting with PUD approval. Approve master plan and then come back and approve the preliminary plat once the sewer issue is resolved. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve the master plan for the development. Motion made by Commissioner Kellis. All were in favor.

Wes Caddell asked if they would have to go back to the Planning Board. Commissioner Callahan stated that the Planning Board approved the Preliminary Plat and it would not have to go back to the Planning Board.

H. Letter to CSX

Commissioner Kellis stated there was once a bridge in Town that crossed over the railroad connecting Seaboard Street with Maple Street. He sent an e-mail recently to CSX and has not heard back. He stated there are people who would like to see a foot bridge that could connect the community and be part of a walking trail through town. He would like to see a walking bridge crossing the railroad to be constructed in this location. The walking bridge could be part of a walking trail through town that could also include the parks. Commissioner Kellis asked if we as a town could send a letter to CSX requesting that possibility and if it is something they would consider. Mayor Callahan asked Town Clerk to write a letter to CSX Railroad regarding getting permission to pursue installing a bridge once again in this location. Motion made by Commissioner Kellis to send letter to CSX. All were in favor. Mayor Callahan asked Town Clerk to write the letter to CSX.

I. Nomination for Planning Board Vacancy

Commissioner Callahan said he would like to nominate Jeff Stroder who is a P.E. and works with the Department of Transportation and could be an asset to the Planning Board. He stated he would step down if he found someone who would replace him. Mosley made a motion to nominate Jeff Stroder to the Planning Board. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS

Henry E. Callahan

Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Boyd

Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk