TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2015

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

A. Approval of Agenda

Barbara Boyd Town Clerk wanted to add Item K. Write-Off Prior Year Unpaid Taxes. Commissioner Kellis wanted to add Item L. Veterans' Day Celebration. Matthew Callahan added Item M. Update on Town Sewer.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report as of July, 2015
3. Police Report for July 2015

C. Public Comments

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

D. Follow up on discussion re paving problem on corner of Alma and Maple Street

Ron Atkinson submitted proposal to pave the corner of Alma and Maple Streets for $8,672.00. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to accept proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Status on fixing grate on Seaboard Street

Ron Atkinson submitted proposal to repair grate on Seaboard Street for $1,500.00. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to accept proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Amendment to Contract between Town of Vass and Waste Management of Carolinas, Inc.

At the July 20, 2015 Board meeting, Chip Dodd of Waste Management attended to get Board approval for an amendment to the contract between them and the Town of Vass in order to take the waste from the town to their Sanford location. It was unanimously approved to accept the amendment to the contract between Town of Vass and Waste Management of Carolinas, Inc. The amendment was presented to the Board. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to approve the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Citizen concern for fire trucks entering intersection of Hwy 690 and Alma Street

At the last Board meeting, Debbie Williams of 240 E. Maple Street asked if a sign could be posted on bridge indicating there is a fire department coming onto Hwy 690. Town Clerk Barbara Boyd contacted DOT and they provided G.S.136-18(5);30. This statute states this area does not meet the criteria to warrant a warning sign or light. In regards to the traffic, Mayor Callahan asked Police Chief Beck if he had any comments. Chief Beck stated his department did a speed survey the week after the last Board meeting. Four citations were written after the survey. During the survey out of 45 cars, 37 were within 5 miles per hour.

H. Naming of the Town Hall Community Room and Kitchen to honor Vass Women's Club

Mayor Callahan has contacted Kathy Atkinson to get a list of names and history of the club. The women of the Vass Women's Club were instrumental in raising money by cooking and selling meals to raise funds to build the original Town Hall. Mayor Callahan would like to have a plaque made to hang outside the community room and the kitchen. He would like to have a ceremony on Sept 12th before the September Town Board meeting. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to set aside a budget of $750.00 for this event. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Proposal for new accounting software

Mayor Callahan and commissioners discussed purchase of new accounting software from Southern Software for $6,049. There is already $1,000 in budget for new software. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to purchase accounting software. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to amend motion to purchase accounting software to include amending the budget for $5,049. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

J. WRAL Annual Azalea Giveaway

Commissioner Kellis would like to participate in the WRAL Annual Azalea Giveaway. These azaleas could be planted at both the Memorial Park and Sandy Ramey Keith Park. The Town could apply as well as the American Legion post. Commissioner Kellis stated members of the Legion Post could help Andy with the planting of the azaleas.

K. Write-Off Taxes

Town Clerk Barbara Boyd presented to the Board to write off taxes for prior year 2003 and 2004 Real Property and Motor Vehicle taxes in the amount of $577.14. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to write-off prior year taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Veterans' Day Celebration

Commissioner Kellis would like to participate in the Veterans' Day Celebration by having a kick-off on Friday night, November 6th at the Sandy Ramey Keith Park. He stated there would be bands playing under the picnic shelter and a car cruise-in on the ballfield. This event would raise money to

help out Veterans. The American Legion Post would operate the concession stand. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to waive the park fees for this celebration. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Update on Sewer

Commissioner Callahan stated he has recently had numerous calls from the County officials in regards to extending sewer in Vass. They are in the process of getting information together and looking at lift stations and design for the Town.

Adjournment

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan

Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Boyd

Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk