

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2016**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Callahan at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Callahan, Blackwell, Mosley, Kosem and Kellis.

Pastor James Elliott gave the invocation.

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kellis wanted to add Item. J. Eagle Scout Project in the park. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve the agenda. All were in favor.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
2. Minutes of December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
3. Police Report for January 2016
4. Financial Report for January 2016

C. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak.

Old Business:

D. CSX Railroad

Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk presented information received from Troy Creasy, Public Projects Manager with CSX Railroad in regards to building a walking bridge to connect Seaboard Street with Alma Street. Board reviewed the information. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to proceed with seeking out someone to advise on this project. Commissioner Callahan spoke about the cost of a new bridge and possibly utilize the bridge we already have on Hwy 690 and install a rail along the existing sidewalk on the bridge and connect with a new sidewalk possibly down Seaboard Street on the railroad side. Commissioner Kellis wants to explore the cost and the feasibility for this project. Mayor Callahan asked Commissioner Kellis to head up a feasibility study.

E. Alma Street Subdivision

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve the preliminary plats for the subdivision on Alma Street contingent upon recommendations to be made by Kathy Liles, Planning and Zoning consultant for the Town who was unable to attend the meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Mosley. All were in favor.

New Business:

F. Assignment Of Departments for Board Members

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion for assignment of departments for board members and to name Matthew Callahan as mayor pro-tem.

Police – Mayor Callahan

Streets and Infrastructure – Matthew Callahan and Kris Kosem

Administration – Al Mosley

Solid Waste – George Blackwell Jr.

Parks & Recreation – Rora Kellis

Motion made by Commissioner Kosem. All were in favor.

G. March Board Meeting

The regular scheduled board meeting for March 14th will have to be changed due to the meeting room being used by Elections on that date. Town Clerk will contact the Fire Department to see if the board meeting can be held at their facility on the 14th.

H. Police Officer Promotion

Chief Beck introduced Sean Ballard our new part-time officer who replaced Seth Patterson. Chief Beck addressed the Board in regards to promoting Officer Ben Haddock to sergeant. He would like to make the promotion effective for the new fiscal year. Mayor Callahan asked that this item be moved to the next board meeting.

I. Reception

A reception was held in honor of Black History Month to recognize the contributions and achievements of the Black/African American citizens of Vass. A plaque was presented and is displayed in Town Hall. Mayor Callahan also read a proclamation.

J. Eagle Scout Project in The Park

Commissioner Kellis told the Board about a project he would like to have an Eagle Scout do at the park. However, Eagle Scout did not attend.

Adjournment

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS

Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk