

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2018**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Callahan at 6:04 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were: Blackwell, Kellis, Kosem and Mosley. Mayor Callahan arrived at 6:10 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of November 20, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
2. Financial Report for December, 2017
3. Budget Transfer
4. Police Report – Chief Blakeley

Chief Blakeley presented, and summarized the Police Department's December, 2017 quarterly update for review by the board. He explained the difference between a civil violation and a criminal citation. The current structure should be reviewed and rewritten to allow for a more efficient process. He requested permission to work with Kathy Liles.

Mayor Pro Tem Callahan stated code enforcement by the police department was taken on by former Police Chief Beck. He asked Chief Blakeley if he wanted to continue to enforce code violations if he thought the town should look into setting up a separate code enforcement department. Chief Blakeley stated they could handle the code enforcement issues, and gave an update on some of the cases they have been working on.

Code Enforcement / Compliance Violations: Chief Blakeley summarized code violations. He stated concerns with the number of basketball goals in public streets around town. The last count of goals was 8. The department has had complaints from citizens about the goals in terms of safety, visual appearance and property values. Commissioner Moseley asked if the Union Place development had a homeowners association, Chief Blakeley stated they did not have one. He asked the board for permission to speak to Kathy Liles for help with drafting an ordinance addressing this matter. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to allow Chief Blakeley to talk to Kathy Liles, all were in favor.

Chief Blakeley read commendations for Officer's Tyler Flynn and Michael Miller. Officer Flynn was commended for his professionalism, compassion and help to the victim's family when he responded to a cardiac / respiratory call on December 24, 2017. Officer Miller was commended for his outstanding actions during a vehicle chase on November 4, 2017. Officer Miller was commended for his outstanding police actions during this chaotic and dangerous situation.

Commissioner Kellis asked Chief Blakeley to elaborate on the camera training in the park, and the pig that was roaming near the US Hwy 1 Business and Bypass. Chief Blakeley stated he can pull up the closed circuit television in the park on his phone and portable laptop. Central Security is coming back to revisit some things. The system is up and running. Moore County Animal Control set two traps had been set by the county and request was run on the Aberdeen Times website asking people not to chase the pig.

Discussion was held pertaining to the following:

- Union Place: Declarations / covenants regarding basketball goals and fencing. The board discussed when they thought the developer was to turn the development over to HOA.
- Anthony McLeod's project on McLeod Street. Mrs. Boyd, Finance Officer, informed the board she heard from Mr. McLeod in November. At that time she told him he would have to complete a new Zoning/Watershed Compliance application and pay the applicable fee. Mrs. Walden, Town Clerk said she would give him a call for an update.

C. Public Comment

Angela Vacek: Congratulated the board on the November election results. She asked if the girl scouts could use the community room on Saturday, January 13, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for training. The board granted her permission to use the room. Ms. Vacek asked if there was anything the town could do about the traffic and speeding on Main Street and South Street. Town Clerk stated her office had requested a traffic study from the DOT, and was told they had several studies going on, and Alma Street and Main Street are still on the list. Chief Blakeley stated the police department recently did a study on speeding and school bus concerns. Ms. Vacek stated she has concerns for one of her neighbors; she asked if the police could do a safety check on him. Chief Blakeley stated Officer Ballard had recently checked on this particular neighbor, and advised her to call 911 or the non-emergency number. Lastly, Ms. Vacek received a survey from USDA regarding the use of the town hall by the Girl Scouts, which she completed and returned.

D. Glenda Barden – Discussion of proposed land use of 3825 Old US Hwy 1

Glenda Barden was not present. Mayor Callahan asked Chief Blakeley to have her call him.

Old Business:

E. Park Concession Improvements

Commissioner Kellis asked the board for permission to get quotes for improvements to the bathrooms and closing in the room where the cameras are located. Commissioner Moseley asked for a motion to proceed with quotes. All were in favor.

Angela Vacek gave the board her contractor's contact information.

New Business:

F. Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternative Program Projects

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to table this matter to February. All were in favor.

G. Budget Amendments:

- Amendment 6 - Bike rack
- Amendment 7 - Board of Elections Expense
- Amendment 8 - Telephone service / repair
- Amendment 9 - Board Travel and Training
- Amendment 11 – Police Uniform Expense

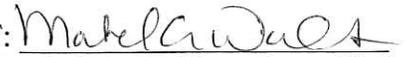
Mayor Pro Tem Callahan made a motion to approve Amendments 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS


Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Mabel A. Walden, Town Clerk