

**TOWN OF VASS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2012**

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

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Blackwell made a motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

Items approved by motion above were:

1. Minutes of April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of April 16, 2012 Reconvened Meeting
3. Police Department Report for April 2012
4. Financial Report

C. Public Comments

Wiz Horner and Alan Ingraham from the Vass Lions Club presented information about the Lions Club and the work it does for the community. They also encouraged Board members to join and to encourage others in the community to join. They also have a website at www.vasslionsclub.org.

Old Business:

D. Discuss maintenance of NCDOT planting plan for 690 interchange.

After further discussion and input from Maintenance Technician Andy Layton, it was decided we did not have enough manpower and other resources to maintain such a large planting at the 690 interchange. Commissioner Kellis made a motion that we withdraw from participating in an agreement to maintain any plantings at the interchange. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Callahan was to contact NCDOT to tell them of our decision.

E. Firm up locations for electrical outlets for future use of Christmas lights.

Town Administrator gave the commissioners information regarding the cost of a lifetime agreement with Progress Energy. It will cost \$242.46 per pole to replace the receptacles and light photo control bracket. We will still have to pay for the electricity used each season. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to replace 10 receptacles in the downtown area. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Report on the use of Annual Spring Clean Up Dumpsters

Town Administrator reported that only 12 households used the dumpsters for this clean up and the cost to the town was \$764.31. The year before the use was also minimal. Therefore, the Town Administrator recommended suspending this service for the coming budget year which will remove \$1,000 from the expense line. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to suspend the annual spring clean up dumpsters and remove the cost from the budget for 2012-2013. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Discuss possibility of Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan with Moore, Lee, Chatham and Harnett Counties.

Further information and copies of a resolution will be sent from Moore County regarding this joint effort. They hope to be able to apply for a grant to cover the cost of developing the Regional plan. We will have more information at the June meeting.

H. Discuss quote by First Carolina Health Insurance for insurance coverage.

Town Administrator reported that while the monthly premium per employee would be less than we currently pay, the deductibles and out of pocket costs would be higher for the employees and in some case there is a restricted number of visits per year. She recommended dropping the Short Term Disability coverage that we currently provide and the money saved would more than cover the 1% increase we are receiving in our premium from the League of Municipalities. Commissioner Callahan made a motion that we stay with the League for health insurance and drop the short term disability insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Discuss draft of 2012-13 budget.

Maintenance Technician, Andy Layton, explained to the board that although he would like to replace the 1993 pick up truck, the more critical need would be to replace the dump truck before something major happens to it. He said he would like to look for a Ford F-350 automatic transmission dump truck. Commissioner Kellis made a motion that we put up to \$20,000 in the budget for a used dump truck and if the truck costs less then we could also look at replacing the pick up. Motion carried unanimously. It was also decided that should a used dump truck that meets the requirements become available before the new fiscal year, that we go ahead and purchase it.

There was also discussion about how it is hard to collect our garbage bills from residents because Moore County first applies any payments to water and sewer and if anything is left over it is applied to our garbage account. We also lose money from renters who move out without ever paying the garbage bill. It was decided to table the discussion on garbage until the next meeting.

Chief Deel went over items in his budget which included a request for a part-time 30 hour per week officer and a raise and promotion to Sergeant for Officer Beck. It also included a request for three new police vehicles.

J. Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issued. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken

RECESS

At 9:30 p.m. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to recess and reconvene on Monday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN OF VASS

Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Josephine E. Smith, CMC
Town Clerk