

**TOWN OF VASS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2017**

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

**A. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Kellis made a motion to approve. All were in favor.

**B. Consent Agenda**

Items approved by above motion were:

1. Minutes of June 12, 2017 Public Hearing
2. Minutes of June 12, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
3. Budget Amendments and Transfers For June
4. Police Report for June 2017

**C. Public Comment**

Sam Webb with the American Legion Post 296 addressed the Board to offer compliments for allowing their group to meet monthly at Town Hall. He stated he was recently elected as post commander. He stated their group wants to strengthen and deepen their relationship with the community and town. He talked about the BlueVass event coming up in November at the park. They want to offer up their services and be an extension of the town to be able to reach out to veterans and do things for the community.

**Old Business:**

**D. Street Maintenance – Brush & Tree Removal Contract**

During the June 12, 2017 Board meeting, quotes for tree and brush removal were presented. The Board voted to accept the quote made by Cheeks Ground Management for \$8,700 in the 2017/2018 budget. Town Clerk Barbara Boyd stated that since the June meeting, she had confirmed with the NCDOT that Powell Bill funds can be used for this purpose as long as it is on the right of way of the town owned streets. Town Clerk Barbara Boyd presented a budget ordinance amendment to appropriate the funds from Powell Bill fund balance for \$8,700. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to approve the amendment for the brush and tree removal contract work. Commissioner Mosley made a motion. All were in favor.

**E. Park Improvements Update**

Commissioner Kellis gave an update on park improvements. He stated he has been getting a lot of feedback from the public on the survey he has implemented online. This survey is also linked on the town's website. He presented a slideshow to the Board of the Long Range Plan for The Growth and Expansion of the Vass Park System.

He talked about the improvements that were done during the FY 2016/2017 budget with the update to the entrance area being widened along Holly Street and the fall zones were also installed around playground equipment. However, the baby swing area was not included in the contract work. He stated fall zone needs to be done there and the board needs to make a motion to have this area completed. He also stated the surveillance equipment has been installed at the park. We still need to get internet service at the park. Town Clerk is waiting for response from Spectrum Business (Charter Communications) on installation. Surveys showed there is a great need for updating the restrooms at the park. The room where the surveillance equipment is located needs to be finished.

Leigh Baggs, parks consultant has said that as part of applying for grants, we need to get a park committee together and also hold public meetings to get input from the public. She has suggested holding an ice cream social to get participation from the public. Commissioner Kellis and Town Clerk Barbara Boyd will be meeting with Leigh Baggs to discuss the next steps in the grant process including scheduling an ice cream social.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to install and continually fund the internet service to support the CCTV system at the park and to cover up to \$100 per month. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Kellis made a motion to accept bids on enclosing the room in the concession stand that houses the CCTV equipment and to accept bids on remodeling the restrooms. All were in favor.

Commissioner Mosley made a motion to accept bids for the fall zone around the baby swings. All were in favor.

#### **New Business:**

##### **F. Ballfield Rental Request**

Alex came to meeting as a representative for Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostes Church in Vass and stated they want to help out with the park. They would like to make request to reserve the ballfield to play soccer on Wednesday and Sunday. He said they would like to help out around the park with helping pick up trash and cleaning around the park. There was discussion about the use of the soccer goals the town owns that are currently in storage. Mayor Callahan stated we would have the goals brought out to the field for their use. Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to waive the fee on Sunday and to rent the ballfield for \$35.00 on Wednesday night. Commissioner Callahan made a motion. All were in favor.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kosem made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Henry E. Callahan, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Boyd, Town Clerk

# Town of Vass

## Budget Ordinance Amendment #1

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Vass, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

	<u>Increase</u>
10-5500-7040 Right of Way Tree/Brush Removal Contract Labor/Powell Bill	8,700

This will result in an increase of \$8,700 in the expenditures of Powell Bill funds. To balance the general fund budget, the following revenues will be increased.

10-4806-0000 Fund Balance Appropriation-Powell Bill	8,700
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Section 2. This Budget Ordinance Amendment will recognize the expenditure for contract work to remove brush and trees along the right of way on town streets.

Reported and Approved by Board of Commissioners on July 10, 2017

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Henry E. Callahan  
Mayor

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Barbara Boyd  
Finance Officer