

MILTON NORTH CAROLINA TOWN HALL

Town Offices: 173 Broad Street
Town Hall Meetings: 11928 Academy Street
TUESDAY: July 09, 2024—7:00 PM. Minutes
Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am.-5:00 pm.
Thursdays- 4:00 pm.-7:00 pm. Payments Only

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Angela Upchurch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Angela Upchurch stated that this meeting is being recorded and I (**Mayor Angela Upchurch**) would like to remind you for **Public Comments** please call Town Hall at 336-234-0030 by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday the day of the Town Meeting and leave your name, address, and your reason for Public Comments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Mayor Angela Upchurch** asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Angela Upchurch welcomed everyone to the July 09, 2024, Town Meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Angela Upchurch, Mayor Pro Tem. Robert Palmer, Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk, Commissioner Sherri Garrard
 Commissioner Jackie Jeffries, Commissioner Steven Lattime, Elizabeth Lattime, Finance Officer

Absent:

Mayor Angela Upchurch introduced the guest for the evening. Kirk Bullock, a real estate developer, with plans to build 1-3 duplexes on East Street along with the engineer/architect Sasha Berghausen.

- Showing illustrations of the Duplexes they plan to build on East Street, they will be identical.
- Sasha: Explained the designs, showed a map where the property is located.
- Proximity to VIR but also down to Country Line Creek
- Explained each page, views, front and back of duplexes, floor plans that show the elevations of the duplex.
- Collaborating with suppliers for doors, windows, and color.
- 2300 square feet 5300 per building

APPROVALS: **Mayor Angela Upchurch** called for approval of the **July 09, 2024, Agenda: First 2 items move to old business second two items moved under the mayor report move to new business. Add under the owner and tenants' signatures to the new water application.**

Commissioner Bob Palmer motioned to approve the **Agenda for July 09, 2024. Commissioner Sherri Garrard seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Angela Upchurch** asked for the approval of the **June 11, 2024, Minutes. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries** motioned to approve the **June 11, 2024, Minutes, as they stand. Commissioner Bob Palmer** second the motion. **All were in favor.**

MAYOR REPORT:

- ✚ **We still work to look for infrastructure funding beside the Rural Community Assistance Project Incorporated (SERCAP) is a 501-C3 non-profit organization focusing on improving the quality of life of low to moderate income households or individuals in Southeast United States. Commissioner Palmer and I (Mayor Angela Upchurch) have met with someone from this organization, and he wants to come back. His boss is interested in wants to help us find funding for the grinder pumps. Focused on that.**
- ✚ **Commissioner Bob Palmer, Town Clerk Shirley Wilson and I met with Senator Berger in a positive conversation. He mentioned he might be able to help us move up in line for the need for a grant for the infrastructure. He may not have been able to find seven million but asked his assistant to try and see what he could find.**
- ✚ **On August 2nd several entities, including Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Commerce, SERCAP, and Tom Poe with Withers Ravenel will be coming back on his own and will convene in Milton for a day-long meeting to see how to best assist Milton with its infrastructure needs.**
- ✚ **New parking lot improvements: We have packed gravel on the lot, no town funds were used for this. This was done through grant funding from Danville Regional Foundation. When Spectrum comes and moves a meter and post, we will plan for a sign indicating Town Parking. The area purchased with DRF funds Milton Renaissance Foundation Trail Fund had some initial improvements made mainly removal of overgrowth and dead tree removal. Mayor Angela Upchurch read a quote from Joshua Hearne, Program Director, and Senior Program Officer, stating this "I also feel extremely optimistic and positive about Milton and its future. It is a good feeling to be involved with something good and beautiful like the ongoing work there. Thanks for making room for us."**
- ✚ **In meeting with different ones with the Department of Commerce, including an Economic Development Commission joint meeting with the Town of Yanceyville and County of Caswell, Senator Graig Meyer and staff with Visit NC, we**

continue to learn that recreational tourism is a popular topic, especially for areas that can't or where it would not be appropriate to attract industry or large retail chains, which is the case in Milton.

- + The Caswell County DOT District Engineer Jeremy Delapp visited Milton to address a couple of drainage issues along the roadway easement, to repair. One large drain site, especially on Broad Street, needs sufficient covering. He is also interested in contacting his supervisor to produce a plan to address safety issues involving the sidewalk and steps on the east end of the Commercial Row. Very unsafe.
- + Caswell County Solid Waste providing a good neighbor dumpster for tire removal behind Samantha's Hometown Grill. There are 300- 400 tires behind the building. Volunteers to help with clean-up. Dumpster will remain on site for a couple of weeks.

Financial Report: Elizabeth Lattime

General Fund Revenue: As of June 30, 2024

Income: \$99,700.00

Actual: \$94,300.00

Remaining Budget: \$5,400.00

Total Expenses: \$99,700.00

Total Actual Expenses to date: \$87,460.00

Remaining Balance: \$12,240.00

Bank Statement Balance: \$23,689.54

Cash on Hand: \$20,592.43

Less Outstanding Checks: \$4,234.90

General Fund Balance: \$16,357.53

Water Sewer Fund: As of June 30, 2024

Water Fund Budget: \$203,700.00

Income: \$157,152.00

Remaining Budget: \$46,548.00

Total Expenses: 196,092.00

Remaining Balance: \$7,608.00

Bank Statement Balance: \$38,422.97

Cash on Hand: \$36,013.45

Less Outstanding Checks: \$3,338.37

Water Sewer Fund Balance: \$32,675.08

NC Capital Trust SCIF: **Account Closed** payment went to Withers Ravenel

Investment Management Trust: \$127,730.32

- + Getting Paperwork ready for the auditor to come in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

Old Business: Mayor Angela Upchurch

- + (When working on water rates we forgot to approve a two-month deposit with increase.) Approving two months deposit of base rate from \$136.00-\$138.00. Commissioner Sherri Garrard motioned to approve the \$2.00 increase change and seconded by Commissioner Bob Palmer. All were in favor.
- + **Renter Property:** The Property Owner and Tenant should sign the Water Agreement Application. (Explained by Mayor Angela Upchurch) Commissioner Jackie Jeffries motioned to approve two signatures on the Water Agreement form. Commissioner Bob Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- + Town of Milton Implementation Plan (Copies to all Board Members) Board was asked to approve this Implementation Plan (the town is okay with this guide) Commissioner Bob Palmer made the motion to approve this Town of Milton Implementation Plan and Commissioner Sherri Garrard seconded the motion; All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Planning Board Proposal: Mix-Use Destination to be used in the Milton Commercial District. Before this a Public Hearing Must Be Set. (Copy of document is in the Folder) Any zoning change will have to be approved before the Public Hearing. The dilemma was the Zoning that was implemented in the 1990's (residents if not used for 180 days are considered Commercial.) **Explained** about store fronts and one is Grandfathered in.

Public Hearing date set for Thursday August 22, 2024, and will be going out in the August 10, 2024, mailings.

- + **The wastewater Treatment Plant** has urgent repairs that need to be addressed that equals **\$13,214.58**. Clearwater Company: Flow Meter that measures water coming into and out of the treatment plant. Has not been accurate. Has to be done as quickly as possible. Commissioner Bob Palmer motioned to go ahead and take care of this problem and Commissioner Sherri Garrard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

EDC Report: Shirley Wilson

- ✦ **On July 01, 2024, we attended the EDC meeting in Yanceyville N.C. with guests** Senator Graig Meyers, Kenny Flowers, Melissa Smith, Whitt Tuttel, Tracey Dalenger from the **EDPNC**.
- ✦ The meeting focused on the need for collaboration, infrastructure improvements, grants, and resources to address challenges such as internet access, labor costs, housing, and outdated infrastructure in rural areas for economic development and quality of life improvement.
- ✦ Senator Graig Meyer began with an announcement: At 1:00 today the state will officially announce that Caswell County will receive another connecting access to Broad Band award for three million dollars to go with Spectrum not another company will leave us high and dry to provide broadband access to 38% of the unserved locations in the county. A total of 589 locations. Will work on a timeline for installation, most grants have a two-year span.
- ✦ Secretary Flowers (Rural Economic Development) gave a basic introduction that EDPNC being a part of Commerce.
- ✦ Targeted programs we focus on.
- ✦ Building Partnership in rural areas
- ✦ Build Foundation for Economic Growth and success.
- ✦ Investments in Infrastructure in neighborhood, downtown and Main Street, local government capacity building as well
- ✦ Secretary Flowers the Rural Economic Development person discussed the EDPNC explaining that the EDPNC help businesses and cooperations grow. He congratulated **Milton for being a partner RC2.**
- ✦ Give Investments for Infrastructure for the entire Caswell County.
- ✦ **Tony Smith, the Director of Economic Development for Caswell County**, provided updates on ongoing projects and expressed enthusiasm for new opportunities.
- ✦ The importance of improving internet access in rural areas to support local farmers and increase technology use was discussed.
- ✦ Labor costs were identified as a major challenge for small-scale farmers looking to expand their operations.
- ✦ The participants emphasized the need for collaboration, community engagement, and outside partnerships to drive economic development and infrastructure improvements in the area.

CLOSE OF MEETING: Mayor Angela Upchurch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Bob Palmer** motioned to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Jackie Jeffries** seconded the motion. All members were in favor. **Time: 8:05 p.m.**
Next Meeting August 13, 2024

Minutes humbly submitted by: Shirley Wilson