

TOWN OF GREENSBORO

Meeting Minutes

08-07-2023

I. Call to Order

Board member Jason Clark called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Greensboro at, 6:30pm at the Greensboro Community Building.

II. Attendees

The following board members & staff were present for the meeting: Clerk-Treasurer, Elly Keck; Board Member, Jason Clark; Board Member, Ralph Chesher.

The following community member were in attendance: Mary Adkins, Larry Adkins, Misty Clark, Connie Ripberger, Jennifer Smith, Liz Runberg.

III. Minutes from the July meeting were read and same were approved by the board.

IV. Open Issues

- A. Community Building – Ralph is still trying to get new chairs, Rural King cannot supply them, he will check with another supplier to see if they will offer a lower price. Donated Koala Baby tables still need to be installed. Frontier has not been in touch with an update for repairing the downed lines.

No update on sidewalk from High Street to the Community Building

Installation of security camera's – still in research for pricing and availability.

- B. Police Department update. Summer fest upcoming this month
- C. Fundraising - Approx \$1200 raised from the Greensboro Pike Festival + \$250 donation. This money will be put in the Donation Fund for now until a decision is made on how to use those funds. This does not account for any expenses incurred.
- D. Streets – Board President has not been in touch with the anonymous donor who offered to help pay for paving. Contact with the donor needs to be attempted. Crim & Sons has been paid in full by the town. Kaiser Consulting will determine which road needs to be fixed next, likely Mill Street. A dump trailer is needed to do hot patching on Mill Street.
Jason spoke with the gravel pit business owner about using alternate routes to the town streets. The owner advised this was not possible due to not enough area for trucks to make U-Turns & to be able to access scales on the way in and out.
- E. Parks Board: No update on playground equipment, still researching costs and funding.
- F. Ordinances update is still pending.

V. New Business

- A. **Community Building** – Repairs needed for gutter on North-East Corner, Jason advised he would attempt to repair it. Dusk/dawn lights staying on during the day – may need to adjust the timer. Shelter lights need a solar switch or other way to turn off during the day. Do “street” lights work appropriately? Town needs to make sure lights all working appropriately and efficiently.

Larry Adkins advised that Roxy Dalton would like to use the Marquee signs for an after-school program providing snacks etc. at a local church. Elly advised to have Roxy contact

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me to arrange moving the sign or just putting the announcement on there. Elly also advised the signs need to have weight added so they don't blow over again.

Jason paid for a second day of rental on the skid-steer but does not yet have a receipt to turn in for it.

Ralph advised the water softener needs salt. Elly wants to contact Suburban to inquire about auto delivery of salt.

- B. **Clerk/Board:** Live streaming & recording of meetings may be required in 2024. Elly would like to request a special board meeting to be scheduled before the next monthly meeting to discuss roles, responsibilities, communication & education amongst the board & clerk.
- C. **Police** – Jason spoke about the previous accusations by Sheriff Sproles & reiterated what Chief Pickens outlined at the previous meeting. He feels Sheriff Sproles is blowing incidents out of proportion and believes the explanation of incidents are logical and truthful. One of the canopies that Chief Pickens purchased & allowed the town to use for GPF was destroyed. Elly will speak with Chief Pickens to see if he wants reimbursement for the canopy.

Larry & Mary expressed concern about how often (not enough) officers are patrolling and the times they are here. Misty asked how much our officers are paid & Jason answered zero.

- D. **Citizen's Concerns** - There was much discussion of the incident that occurred in relation to a specific citizen last week. Jennifer, Misty, Larry, Ralph, Liz, Mary & Jason all relayed concerning incidents that they have witnessed with the individual.

Jennifer asked if the town can have a trailer condemned – Jason advised he would look into it.

Citizens also expressed concern about overgrown properties.

Sneeds Garage – unsightly, housing stray cats & other pest animals. This property owner owns other abandoned properties around town as well. There are 2 abandoned trailers owned by Cleek or Holder.

Board voted to issue notices for properties in violation of ordinances.

Bush in front of Steve's house by the post office – blocking view of traffic & posing a hazard when pulling out of the post office.

Bush in front of Connie Ripberger's home & damaged gutter, she is trying to get fixed.

Citizens discussed the need & how to accomplish replacing / repairing sidewalks throughout town. Concerns were addressed about the large trees that have roots growing into the sidewalks and needing to have them removed. Misty & Jason will reach out to business to seek estimates. Research needs to be done to determine if the trees are the responsibility of the town or property owners.

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- E. **Parks Board:** Jason has obtained weed killer to put down on the walking path for maintenance. He will not be spraying it along adjoining property fence lines without prior permission from property owners. Mary asked for weed killer to be sprayed around the rocks at the monument as well & Jason agreed. Larry advised the Masonic Lodge provides that corner to the town for monument specifically.
- F. Connie has the blank planning & zoning permit but has not yet completed it. She advised that she is resigning from the position of issuing permits.
- G. Henry County approved 0.1% tax increase for use of Spillman / 911 system. As far as we know, this does not change / grant access to the systems by GPD or other PD's.
- H. Liz asked if there was talk of the town going back to being incorporated by the county. Board advised they have no reason to believe this & there would be several things that would have to transpire for that to happen.
- I. One citizen has registered to run for the board in November. Clarification is still needed on how to hold the election, whom is eligible to run & how to run (write-in as independents?)
- J. Misty asked if the town budget is accessible by the public. Mary advised it is viewable on the Gateway website. Discussion was held about how much knowledge town board members have about the budget and available funds. Mary asked if the budget public hearing was held. Elly advised she is unsure, Liz stated she does not believe the hearing was done. Jason reiterated the need for open access to information.
- K. Larry asked if the fire department is still paying the \$1/year lease. Elly advised she is not aware of a lease but they do pay part of utilities.
- L. Jennifer asked when the Board members last received a raise. Mary & Ralph indicated it had been many, many years since they knew of a raise.
- M. Connie asked if anyone had complained about drones in the area. Jason advised there had not been any complaints heard.
- N. Larry advised there are several unlicensed, junk vehicles & a trailer parked on the streets. This is in violation of ordinances. Board advised they can ask **GPD to check** to see if they are legally tagged & make contact if needed.

President adjourned the meeting at: 8:33pm

Minutes Submitted: 09/11/23

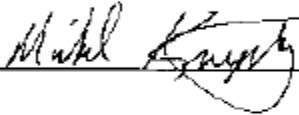
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Minutes approved by:

President, Mikel Knepley



Board Member, Jason Clark



Board member, Ralph Chesher

