

MINUTES
SNOW HILL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010
SNOW HILL TOWN HALL
201 NORTH GREENE STREET, SNOW HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 28580

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Liles.
2. Prayer/Pledge – Prayer was offered by Commissioner Whitson. The Pledge was led by Commissioner Scarborough.
3. Roll Call – The roll was called by Cathy Webb. All members were present except Commissioner Taylor, who was absent due to a family emergency. A quorum was declared.
4. Consider Agenda Approval – Town Administrator, Dana Hill, advised the Board that He had amended the agenda and asked for approval of the amended copy. A motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Whitson, and unanimously approved to approve the amended agenda.
5. Presentation – NONE
6. Report of Officers:
 - a. Mayor
 1. Mayor Liles reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Ceremony to be held Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Guard Armory and encouraged all that could to attend.
 2. Mayor Liles talked about the Holiday Extravaganza to be held on December 10, 2010. He said that plans were going well for this and hoped that everyone would attend.
 3. Mayor Liles reminded everyone of the David Emory Art Show to be held on November 11, 2010 at 7:00 and encouraged everyone to attend.
 4. Mayor Liles announced that the Greene County Improvement Association was having a Harvest Banquet on November 13, 2010.

5. Mayor Liles announced that Michelle Strickland, Clerk/Revenue Collector resigned effective November 4, 2010. He wished her the best in her future endeavors.

b. Town Administrator

1. Dana Hill reminded the Board that the November 24, 2010 meeting would be Wednesday before Thanksgiving and thought that they might want to consider changing it.
2. Dana informed the Board that the CDBG Grant needed to be closed out by the end of November and that a Public Hearing would need to be held for this.
3. Dana introduced Mr. Steve Molar, Parks and Recreation Consultant for the PARTF Grant. Mayor Liles asked that item #9 on the agenda, Public Comments, be moved to item #7. He would like to give all who want to ask questions of Mr. Molar concerning this grant to have a chance to speak at this time. Mr. Molar gave an overview of the grant and asked for any questions from the Board or the audience. Commissioner Scarborough asked about the control of the property. Mr. Molar indicated that the property needed to be publicly controlled. The original agreement with the State requires that the town own or control the building and grounds for 25 years from the date of execution (2007-2035). Commissioner Scarborough was concerned about the maintenance and upkeep of the property. The Greene County Improvement Association has done the upkeep thus far.

7. Public Comments:

1. Mrs. Joan Atkinson, President of the Association, said that although the facility was located in the Black Community, that the facility was available to anyone. Carolyn Newcomb asked about the fees being charged to rent the facility. Mrs. Atkinson told her that there were different fees being charged, depending on the situation. She said that they did not charge the non-profit organizations. There was much discussion on the fees being charged and Mrs. Atkinson said they would be willing to sit down with the two Boards and talk about this matter. Ms. Newcomb also asked what the charges were for a repast. Mrs. Atkinson told her that a family was given one free, and the next one was \$50.
2. Mrs. Lorraine Washington reiterated that the facility was available to everyone and that she wished people would stop dragging up the past and enjoy the facility.

3. Mr. Tom O'Brien said that the rental rates as well as the availability of the facility might need to be published on the Town's Web-site.
4. Mr. Jody Tyson asked Mr. Molar about the original budget for the project and why an additional \$90,000 was spent. He wanted to know who authorized this increase. Mr. Molar told him that this was more than likely a decision of the Town Manager, the Mayor, and the Board.
8. Report of Boards, Committees and Commissions: NONE
9. Unfinished Business – NONE
10. New Business:
 - a. Consider changing the November 24, 2010 meeting because of Thanksgiving Holiday – A motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously approved to change the meeting to November 23, 2010.
 - b. Consider Scheduling a Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant at the next regular scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Whitson, and unanimously approved to schedule the Public Hearing.
 - c. Consider authorizing Town Administrator to Complete the Community Center project and Close PARTF Grant – A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and unanimously approved to allow the Town Administrator to close out the Grants.
11. Commissioner Comments:
 - a. Commissioner Scarborough said that she thoroughly enjoyed the Sweet Potato Festival and looked forward to next years' Festival.
12. Adjourn: A motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Dennis Liles, Mayor

Interim Clerk