

MINUTES
SNOW HILL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR METING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
SNOW HILL TOWN HALL
201 NORTH GREENE STREET, SNOW HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 28580

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Liles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Prayer was offered by Commissioner Whitson. The Pledge was led by Commissioner Taylor.
2. **Roll Call** – The roll was called by Cathy Webb. All members were present. A quorum was declared.
3. **Consider Agenda Approval** – A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.
4. **Consider Minutes Approval** - A motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2010 meeting.
5. **Public Hearing: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments** – A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to enter into the Public Hearing. Town Administrator, Dana Hill, stated that there were two amendments to be considered.
 - 1) Consider Amending Section 6.03 of the Snow Hill Zoning Ordinance to add C (o) *Accounting/Bookkeeping* as a Special Use in R-10 District
 - 2) Consider Amending Section 6.05 of The Snow Hill Zoning Ordinance to change B-2 (v) "*Game rooms, Pool Halls, Taverns, Dance Halls, and Bingo Parlors...*" As a Permitted Use to C (f) as a Special Use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and carried unanimously to reconvene to regular session.

6. **Report of Officers** –

a. Town Administrator-Dana Hill

1. **Community Center**

- 1) Task Force Appointments – Mr. Hill stated that the Town had received 8 applications for interest in serving on the "Community

Center Task Force”. Also he mentioned the correspondence from The Greene Improvement Association listing recommendations for the operation of the Community Center. There were no questions concerning this. Each Commissioner was given a list of the applicants and asked to mark three (3) choices for citizen representation. Those were as follows:

- 1) Commissioner Scarborough – Newcomb, Tyson, Jones
- 2) Commissioner O’Brien – Tyson, Newcomb, Jones
- 3) Commissioner Shackelford – Paige, Washington, Jones
- 4) Commissioner Taylor – Paige, Tyson, Newcomb
- 5) Commissioner Whitson – Jones, Tyson, Newcomb

Commissioner Shackelford stated that she did not believe that a Task Force was needed because things were working well as they were. She said that there were other things in Town that needed some attention such as the skateboard park. Commissioner Taylor said that he believed that the idea of the “Task Force” had been blown out of proportion and that the focus of the “Task Force” was to develop a more structural format and management for future use.

2. **Expense and Revenue Statement** (Exhibit A) Mr. Hill asked if there were any questions concerning the Revenue and Expense Statements. Commissioner Taylor said that he did not see any revenue from beer and wine. Cathy Webb told him that these monies would be distributed in April or May. Mr. Hill told the Board that the figures were good and that a statement of the Revenue and Expenses would be provided on a monthly basis for their information.

Mayor Liles reported that he had met with the staff on Thursday, January 6 and everything seemed to be operating very well.

- b) Interim Revenue Collector – Cathy Webb asked the Board for release of Taxes for Robert Exum, Jr., Parcel 08-22991. The Town used this parcel for public Parking. The amount to be released is \$94.56.

7. Report of Boards, Committees, and Commissions: NONE

8. Unfinished Business: NONE

9. Public Comments -

- 1) Jason Thomas, Planning Board Member, said that he would like to leave Section 6.05 concerning the *Game rooms, Pool Halls, Taverns, Dance Halls, and Bingo Parlors* as a permitted use, not as a special use.

- 2) Mrs. Lorraine Washington stated that the Community Center had not asked the Town for any money to operate with. She said that there was some unfairness in this situation and that she believed that this was purely racial. She indicated that she had never seen Jody Tyson or Carolyn Newcomb at any function held at the Community Center. Mayor Liles said that he does not think this is a racial issue and that he had been to functions there and his brother had rented the facility. He said that anyone could rent the building.
- 3) Ms. Carolyn Newcomb commented on a statement made by Mrs. Washington regarding the fact that she had never seen her at the Community Center at any function. Ms. Newcomb said that her Church had rented the facility and she was there and also that she had attended a Town Forum there.
- 4) Mrs. Joan Atkinson commented that Jody Tyson did not even live in the Town but that Ms. Newcomb did. She asked why a Task force was not formed for other organizations that had been formed in the Town. She said that the Greene Improvement Association had managed the Community center in the past because there was not a separate Board for the Community Center. She said that she everyone needed to come together for the betterment of the community. She indicated that the Greene Improvement Association would not participate if the task Force was formed.
- 5) Mr. Jody Tyson commented on a statement made by Mrs. Atkinson concerning the fact that he did not even live in the Town. He said that he is a partner in a business located in the Town and paid Town taxes. He also said that he did live in the county, but to his understanding the county donated \$25,000 for the construction of the center and that he paid county taxes. He indicated that he had asked the previous administration for several documents, which he never got. He also responded that he had not been advised that families could use the facility for repass and that there was no cost for this.

Commissioner Taylor said that he was hopeful that all the applicants that applied to Be on the Task Force would come to the meetings. He said that clarity on a lot of areas was needed and that all comments would be welcomed.

10. Action Items -

- 1) **Consider Amending Section 6:03 of the Snow Hill Zoning Ordinance to add C (o) Accounting/Bookkeeping as a Special Use in R-10 District -** A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and unanimously carried to make this amendment.
- 2) **Consider Amending Section 6.05 of the Snow Hill Zoning Ordinance to change B-2(v) "Game rooms, Pool Halls, Taverns, Dance Halls, and Bingo Parlors.... As a Permitted Use to C (f) as a Special Use.** – Commissioner

Taylor asked that this item be tabled.

- 3) **Consider Appointments to Task Force** - A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Whitson to approve the appointment of Jody Tyson, Carolyn Newcomb, and David Jones to the Community Center Task Force. All Commissioners voted yes, with the exception of Commissioner Shackelford, who voted no.
- 4) **Consider authorizing the tax release of \$94.56 as requested by Robert Exum, Jr.** A motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Whitson, and carried unanimously to release these taxes.

11. **Closed Session: Personnel** – A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, and carried unanimously to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford to reconvene to regular session.

12. **Consider the Appointment of Town Clerk/Finance Officer** - A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Whitson and carried unanimously to appoint Cathy Webb as Clerk/finance Officer/Revenue Collector as of January 26, 2011.
13. **Commissioners Comments** - It was discussed that it was great that the Task Force for the Community Center had been appointed and that it was the consensus of the Board that hopefully all would come together and make this a worthwhile and rewarding effort. They also discussed several town sites that needed some attention and they will hopefully get started on these soon.
14. **Adjourn** - There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Whitson, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

Interim Clerk