

MINUTES
TOWN OF PITTSBORO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 22, 2000
7:00 P. M.

Mayor Charles R. Devinney called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Mayor Charles R. Devinney, Commissioner Gene T. Brooks, Clinton E. Bryan, Jr., Cassie H. Wasko and Max G. Cotten. Commissioner Ethel F. Burns was absent.

Others present: Manager Hugh Montgomery, Attorney Paul S. Messick, Jr. Town Clerk Alice F. Lloyd was absent.

Mayor Devinney recognized Mr. Goodman and his Boy Scout Troop and requested that they led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Manager Montgomery stated Commissioner Brooks requested some changes to the May 8, 2000 minutes. Page 3 – to state – Commissioner Brooks urged Mr. Cockman and his Attorney to study Section 5 note 10 which referred to 40% coverage of the lot, making sure what they are proposing will fit on the property. Page 4 – 4th sentence to state – Commissioner Brooks expressed concerns that the Towns impervious surface requirement may not be the same as the state watershed requirements.

Motion was made Brooks seconded by Bryan to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2000 and May 15, 2000 board meeting with the above corrections. Vote Aye-4
Nay-0

CITIZENS MATTERS

Mark Donaldson stated he had been trying to resolve a matter with the Town since April 20, 2000, he had his attorney send a letter to Mr. Montgomery on May 9th. He was wondering if he could expedite it one way or another?

Mayor Devinney asked Mr. Donaldson what the issue pertained to.

Manager Montgomery stated the day before the moratorium was passed a sketch plan was submitted for consideration, he was not in the office when it was dropped off. When it noticed it was there he put the check back in the envelope with a letter stating he was instructed by the board on March 27 not to accept any more preliminary plats pending verbiage changes in the moratorium.

Commissioner Wasko asked Attorney Messick his opinion.

Attorney Messick stated he did not think the Board could instruct the Manager not accept an application prior to the moratorium being put in place. He does not know of any authority the board would have for withholding acceptance of an application.

Motion made by Commissioner Wasko seconded by Commissioner Bryan to accept the sketch plan.

Commissioner Wasko changed her motion to read: To accept the sketch plan brought in on April 20, 2000 and that it come to the Town Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cotten stated this is one of the reasons he voted against the moratorium.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

Skip Hudson – stated he has concerns about traffic on Thompson Street at the location of the laundrymat, car wash and auto place.

He also had concerns about the Village Motel. He stated she is being sold water under motel yet she has no license to operate as a motel and she does rent rooms. The clients with boats, which impair the sight at the stop sign, are using the parking lot at the old restaurant. He has been trying to get something done about this for years.

The laundry is a traffic hazard to everyone the building is 2 ½ ft. off Masonic Street, paved from building to street there is no area for water to absorb into the ground and it has no curbing.

This is a very dangerous street.

The stop sign is 40 ft. before the intersection and there is no way you can see what is coming if you stop and the stop sign and there is a tremendous amount of tree overgrowth on the corner.

He does not understand why Clapp was allowed to pave the entire place there is no right of way.

Mr. Hudson stated he had an accident there five years ago and had to have his neck fused. There is no defined entrances or exits. On Fridays he uses four or five household trash containers and is pushing them out to the street and he does not pay a monthly pick up fee.

He can not believe the Police Chief would be responsible for such a dangerous intersection.

He also has a concern that there is no sign to tell strangers we have a police department much less where it is.

The Town refuses to do anything about parking or no parking.

Allow Cooper to display his cars in the grass right of way block the view again.

Bert Wieland is trying but his cars are easing out.

Doing nothing about temporary signs – the new one and Cooper Harris has one as was as one across from Horton.

Mayor Devinne asked about the roll out.

Manager Montgomery stated there had been a problem with ARS they broke the sewer line at the laundrymat and former administration allowed Clapp to contract with Chatham Disposal.

Mayor Devinne asked if everyone was supposed to use the Town's contractor.

Manager Montgomery stated we have exclusive control with Waste Management.

Commissioner Brooks stated at the intersection of Masonic and Thompson another situation is school buses stop there to put up and drop students off.

Manager Montgomery asked if the Board would like for him to have the NCDOT safety engineer for our area look at the situation.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Wasko to authorize the Manager to contact the NCDOT safety engineer for our area regarding this matter and to make sure he looks at the location of the stop sign.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

Commissioner Bryan asked how Clapp could do this and no one else can?

Manager Montgomery stated Waste Management has not pressed the issue.

Commissioner Wasko suggested establishing some type of regulations.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to go into a public hearing for the Mission Statement as presented by the Planning Board.

Manager read the Mission Statement as presented by the Planning Board. It is as follows:

Pittsboro is a community striving for sustainability through a mixture of economic and residential development where existing buildings are adapted for new uses, old neighborhoods remain viable with a mix of housing affordability and where natural resources including sensitive lands and water are protected and conserved.

The Town has interconnected transportation systems that promotes safe access for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycle and transit mobility to reduce congestion.

Open spaces for greenways, parks and beautification makes Pittsboro an attractive and healthy community.

New development is consistent with Pittsboro's rural heritage insuring protection of the environment while enhancing the quality of life for all citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NONE

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Wasko to go out of the public hearing. Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

Commissioner Wasko stated that it needs to be called something other than a mission statement, because it is not a mission statement.

Commissioner Cotten stated it is not a text book type mission statement, but he feels we have to look at it from the stand point that the planning board is operating from it is very broad and contains about four different items. Each of these sentences addresses one of the items. He was in the meetings when this was discussed and the planning board wrestled with this along time.

Commissioner Wasko stated she does not disagree with what is said she thinks it is beautifully written, but she feels it should be called something else. She knows that people are frequently critical of naming something when they know that it is not a mission statement. They will think that we do not know what a mission statement is. Causes people to wonder about what other type thinks you do not know about or know the appropriateness of.

Commissioner Cotten stated he disagrees. Certainly he knows what a mission statement is he worked with them 40 years. You have a broad situation here and the Council on Aging is simpler.

Commissioner Wasko stated to call it a vision statement or change the name of it would make her feel better.

Mayor Devinney asked Commissioner Wasko what she would recommend.

Commissioner Wasko said to call it a vision statement. Or would recommend the planning board consider that.

Commissioner Brooks suggested a compromise be to call the first sentence the mission statement and the next three sentences as tenants to go with the statement. Just a thought since 2, 3, and 4 flesh out for him what is said in the opening paragraph.

Commissioner Wasko stated that was a good thought. You should be able to commit to memory your mission statement on a moment's notice and her staff can do that.

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Wasko to call the first sentence the mission statement and the following three sentences as tenants to the mission statement.

Commissioner Wasko wanted to be sure the planning board understands this in no way criticizes the work they have done, its just a matter of form.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

ESTABLISH A DATE OF FY 00-01 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Motion made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Wasko to have the public hearing for the FY 00-01 budget June 12, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Brooks thanked Manager Montgomery for getting the budget to them early so they had time to study it more.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

PROJECT GRADUATION

Motion made by Commissioner Wasco seconded by Commissioner Cotten to give a \$200.00 donation to Project Graduation.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Commissioner Wasco said she is still concerned about the manholes that are low. She feels that there should be a cone over the one that is in front of her house on the other side of Credle Street.

Coming out of her driveway there is a dip and one of the neighbors has a gully. The one between her house and the Kiwanis Building need to be fixed.

Commissioner Bryan stated there is a bad hole at the corner of Rectory Street out from the old Hatchery.

Manager Montgomery stated the public works department has plans to begin some asphalt patching.

Commissioner Brooks wanted to know if we had heard anything from the State about the timetable for completing the work on 64 & 87. Ronny's has bound to have suffered greatly from lost of income.

Manager Montgomery stated she was told last week they are supposed to start backfilling again today.

Commissioner Brooks asked Mayor Devinney if he would call the highway commissioner for the district to let him know about our broken unreported lines, etc. and the loss of income for businesses in the area.

Mayor Devinney stated he would do it first thing in the morning.

Mayor Devinney asked if the letter has been sent to County regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Commissioner Brooks stated he did not believe a time was set to have the letter sent out by.

After discussion the board agreed to have the letter sent out this week and mailed to the Manager at the County Office and each Commissioner at their residence.

There was discussion about the recycling street sign, which is blocking the view of the Town street sign.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brooks seconded by Commissioner Bryan to adjourn the regular meeting to go into a budget worksession.

Vote Aye-4 Nay-0

BUDGET WORKSESSION

Manager Montgomery went over the Enterprise Fund.

No further business the Mayor adjourned the budget work session.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk