

TOWN OF ROLESVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN BOARD

AUGUST 4, 2014  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Frank Eagles, Mayor  
Gil Hartis, Commissioner  
Frank Hodge, Mayor Pro Tem  
Bryan Hicks, Town Manager  
David York, Town Attorney  
Matt Anderson, Police Chief  
JG Ferguson, Parks & Rec. Director  
Ryan Vinson, Rec. Prog. Director  
Westly Young  
Steven Young  
Robert Garrison  
David Allen, The Wake Weekly  
Billy Perry  
Betty Abernathy  
Jennie Stamp  
Eugenia Pleasant  
Ronnie Currin, Commissioner  
Betty Whitaker, Commissioner  
Shannon Whitley, Commissioner  
Leslie Rudd, Town Clerk  
Thomas Lloyd, Planning Director  
Bobby Langston, Police Capt.  
Matt Klem, Town Planner  
Michael Young  
Deborah Young  
Lee Campbell  
Emily Fischbein, Wake Co. DHHS  
Luther Williams  
Brian Nelson  
Bob Abernathy  
Huck Stamp  
Sherwood Bobbit

**Call to Order**

Mayor Frank Eagles called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mayor Eagles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Betty Whitaker gave the invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

With no changes noted, Commissioner Shannon Whitley made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gil Hartis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

With no changes noted, Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Resident Mike Young voiced his concerns with the planned sidewalk project along East Young Street. Mr. Young said the project could result in loss of farm land. He asked the board to redirect the grant funds for the project elsewhere.

Steven Young said he doesn't believe the grant money for the sidewalk project is being put to good use.

Huck Stampf said he doesn't believe this money needs to be spent on the sidewalk project. He also had concerns of watershed areas and existing utilities being disturbed during construction.

Commissioner Frank Hodge asked how many people in the audience were against the East Young Street sidewalk project; 12 people raised their hands.

Emily Fischbein with the Wake County Department of Health and Human Services stated that the survey of the area was conducted at the town's request to certify the area around East Young Street as low-income, thus qualifying it for grant funding. She reported 29 residents were surveyed and 59 percent qualified as low-to-moderate income.

Town Manager Bryan Hicks presented letters to the board from New Bethel Baptist Church and Rolesville Baptist Church in support of the project and noted that the letters denied having any prior knowledge of resident concerns over the plans for a sidewalk in this area.

Commissioner Whitley asked if there would be any property loss associated with the project or if the sidewalk would be added in the right-of-way. Mr. Hicks said that current plans call for the sidewalk to be added only along the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Hodge noted that to go beyond the public-right-of-way would be illegal.

Mr. Hicks reviewed the cost of the project, which totals \$595,000; the town of Rolesville would be responsible for \$119,000 of that total per the 80/20 matching funds requirement of the grant. He also noted that the town is seeking state funding to offset the town's financial obligations to the project.

Westly Young asked who would be responsible for maintaining the grass around the proposed sidewalk curbs. Mr. Hicks said the town would maintain these areas.

Billy Perry compared the number of families the CDBG funds would directly impact in Rolesville compared to the number of families impacted in other areas of Wake County receiving similar funds. By comparison, he noted, 100 families in Zebulon will be impacted by funding; 40 families in Wake Forest; 18 families in Morrisville; and 13 families in Rolesville. Mr. Perry said he considers funding the sidewalk wasteful.

Betty Abernathy asked how the Terrell family cemetery would be protected. Mr. Hicks responded that additional engineering plans are needed to work around the cemetery; any plans to protect the cemetery would be shared during public meetings for community feedback.

### **Chamber of Commerce Report**

Mr. Sherwood Bobbitt, president of the Rolesville Community Chamber of Commerce reviewed current membership numbers with the board; with 201 businesses currently chamber members. He also reminded the board of the upcoming BBQ Festival, Saturday, Sept. 13.

### **Consideration of Awarding Bid for Work to Resurface Redford Place and Wall Creek Drives**

Mr. Hicks stated that, in prioritizing road work during the recent budget sessions, the board approved having Redford Place Drive and Wall Creek Drive resurfaced during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Four bids were presented to the town, with Turner Asphalt submitting the lowest bid of \$133,058.

Commissioner Whitaker motioned to approve the bid from Turner Asphalt to complete the road work. Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Consideration of the draft agenda for the September 2 Town Board Meeting**

With the number of public hearings scheduled, Town Attorney David York recommended the board revise its policy of holding a public hearing at one meeting and then voting at the next meeting – both to expedite the approval process and to minimize any ex-parte communication on the public hearings.

### **Mayor and Commissioners Reports**

The Mayor reported the Rolesville Bypass will likely not be complete until the beginning of 2015.

He also reported that he is working with Rolesville High Principal Erica Lucas to start a Backpack Buddies program at the school.

Mayor Eagles also reported Terri Marcellin-Little now a member of the Wake County Library Committee.

Commissioner Hodge reported the Cornerstone Committee is making progress on its efforts to secure additional property for the new town campus.

### **Staff Reports**

Planning Director Thomas Lloyd reported the department remains busy with 21 single-family dwelling permits issued in July.

Commissioner Currin asked for an update on the vacant Planning Board seat. Mr. Hicks said the seat remains open and staff is in need of candidates from the ETJ.

Parks and Recreation Director JG Ferguson reported enrollment in fall sports is up. He also reported the field lights at Rolesville Middle School will be installed in September.

Mr. Ferguson also reminded the board about the next outdoor movie night, Aug. 23 at the middle school. The Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Nov. 1.

Captain Bobby Langston gave a presentation of the Police Department's recent Camp C.A.R.E. which was held for a week at Rolesville High School, with 47 kids participating.

Mr. York reported on developments in the state legislature that could impact town planning. He said he will continue to monitor House Bill 150 while discussing alternatives with state leaders.

Mr. Hicks reported that he sat in on the first Fourth of July planning meeting with volunteers.

He also presented the board with an agreement that indemnifies the town from any liability with regards to drainage issues around Post Nursery.

Mr. Hicks also noted there are concerns about a proposed house on Teresa Drive, as the draft setbacks aren't in line with neighboring homes and could cause erosion and safety problems. The plans meet the minimum setback requirements, Mr. Hicks added, but the home builder agreed to meet with inspectors to discuss changes. He suggested putting a hold on the permit until these issues have been resolved.

Commissioner Whitley asked how the town could hold the permit if its already been stamped for approval and meets minimum requirements.

Mr. York agreed that there could be legal issue with that. But, he noted, the site plan has been amended since it was first approved and the town could then require the builder to resubmit for new approval.

Mr. Hicks also updated the board on a service area agreement update between Raleigh and Rolesville that would add areas around Forestville and Mitchell Mill Road to Rolesville's service area.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the negotiated changes to the service area map. Commissioner Currin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Hodge made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the town attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to give instructions to the town attorney concerning the handling of a potential claim and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) and to give instructions to the town attorney concerning a potential real estate acquisition regarding property located at: 101 W. Young Street, 0 S Main Street and 106 S, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Whitley made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Commissioner Hodge made the motion to approve the real estate purchase contract for 101 West Young Street from Justine B. Pehush for \$112,000. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mayor Eagles announced that the Board unanimously approved increasing the Town Manager's annual salary by \$6,000 effective August 1, 2014.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner Hodge made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Leslie Rudd, Town Clerk

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C. Frank Eagles, Mayor