

TOWN OF ROLESVILLE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN BOARD

OCTOBER 21, 2014  
MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Frank Hodge, Mayor Pro Tem      Ronnie Currin, Commissioner  
                 Gil Hartis, Commissioner                      Betty Whitaker, Commissioner  
                 Shannon Whitley, Commissioner              Bryan Hicks, Town Manager  
                 Leslie Rudd, Town Clerk                              David York, Town Attorney  
                 Cameron Shearon                                      Beverly Shearon  
                 Clellie Allen, The Wake Weekly  
                 David Boyce, Koonce, Wooten & Haywood  
                 Amy Stevens, Finance Officer

**ABSENT:** Frank Eagles, Mayor

**Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Hodge called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Shannon Whitley gave the invocation.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge requested Mr. Cameron Shearon be able to speak first so that he not have to wait through the remainder of the agenda. All commissioners agreed with that recommendation.

With no changes to the agenda, Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Betty Whitaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Shearon told the board that his family owns property on East Young Street that was previously approved by the board for a subdivision. The property has not been developed yet, but plans are being made to do so.

Mr. Shearon shared his concern with a recent letter from PSNC Energy that outlines proposed plans for a transmission gas line that would go across Century Farm and Quarry Roads, cutting through the Shearon and Barham family properties.

The gas line, and restrictions that come with that, would potentially prevent the development of the Shearon property, he added. Mr. Shearon asked for the town's help in conveying to PSNC his concerns. He said that he doesn't believe the proposed location for the gas line is in the best interest of the town.

Town Manager Bryan Hicks stated that the proposed line has a 400-foot survey area in which PSNC staff will review the affected structures and developments to determine the final placement of the gas line. He estimated the area survey will take six to eight months

to complete, with an additional six to eight months to complete negotiations with affected property owners.

Mr. Hicks further explained that developments can't occur on top of gas lines. He recommended that town staff and affected property owners submit a joint letter to PSNC Energy notifying them of the already approved subdivision development in the proposed pipeline area.

Commissioner Ronnie Currin asked why the gas line is projected to be placed near Rolesville High School. Mr. Hicks said he is unsure of that proposed route.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge asked if PSNC Energy has condemnation rights on the buffer area at and around the gas line extension site. Town Attorney David York said he would need to research that further, but he believes that they do have condemnation rights as it is for a utility.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge stated that he believes there is adequate time to open discussions with PSNC Energy.

#### **Presentation of 2013-14 Fiscal Year Audit Report**

Auditor David Boyce with the firm Koonce, Wooten & Haywood, LLP, presented the board with the financial statements for the 2013-14 fiscal year. He noted that the audit offers a clean and unbiased opinion.

Mr. Boyce reviewed the town's revenue intake, which saw a 12 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. This was due in large part to an increase in ad-valorem taxes, an additional grant from the Wake County ABC Board and an increase in permits and fees.

Mr. Boyce also noted that expenses for Public Safety increased \$175,000, mostly due to the purchase of new vehicles and equipment. Overall, the town saw a five percent increase in expenses. The town's fund balance increased by \$206,194 from the previous fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem Hodge asked if this was the largest growth year for the town. Mr. Boyce said he couldn't determine this without reviewing numbers, but estimated that it was likely one of, if not the largest growth year on record for the town.

Mr. Hicks thanked Finance Officer Amy Stevens for her hard work during the audit and throughout the fiscal year.

#### **Consideration of the draft agenda for the November 3 Town Board Meeting**

Mr. Hicks noted the revisions to the proposed agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Whitley also asked for an update on the discussions between Mr. Shearon and PSNC Energy.

Mr. Hicks also presented a budget amendment for the board's approval for an increase in \$3,234.36 in Powell Bill funding. Commissioner Whitley made the motion to approve the

budget amendment. Commissioner Ronnie 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)(5), to discuss with the Town Attorney as a negotiating agent the potential purchase of 502 and 204 Southtown Circle. Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

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

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner Whitley 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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Frank Hodge, Mayor Pro Tem