

TOWN BOARD MEETING – REGULAR MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

June 16, 2020

Present: Mayor George Holleman
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenny Poole
Commissioner Ronnie Robinette
Commissioner Jack Simms
Commissioner Kimberly Brown

The regular meeting was opened for business by Mayor Holleman at 3:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Mayor Holleman. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the June 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to open the public hearing regarding the conditional use permit for Macedonia Church Road and Old Landfill Road. Southern Properties & Development, LLC proposes to develop 7.5 acres for a 56 unit multi-family development. This would be similar to the Milstead Woods Apartments. There will be 3 2 story buildings totaling 56 units for “income based housing”. Joey Russell with Southern Properties & Development, LLC stated that there would be a full time manager and maintenance person present Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Helen Braswell spoke against the development noting increased traffic and the residents wandering onto neighboring properties and noted that there was a fish pond close by. Bill Oren also spoke and asked if the project had been approved for funding yet from the state? It was stated by Mr. Russell that no official approval has been received yet. Mr. Orren also spoke about the increased traffic and stated that he believes the project would be better in another location. He asked, “How would you like it if it was in your neighborhood?” Commissioner Poole and Simms both stated that they were concerned about their neighborhood when Milstead Woods was proposed but since it has been constructed, there have been no problems. Commissioner Simms stated that his mother resides in Milstead Woods. Commissioner Brown stated that she has a rental house 3 doors down from Milstead Woods and has had no problems either. A fence will be placed on the eastern & western sides of the property in discourage wandering onto adjacent neighbor’s properties. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the conditional use permit requested by Southern Properties and Development, LLC for the 56 unit multi-family development located on Macedonia Church road and Old Landfill Road under the flowing conditions:

1. NCDOT approval of driveway access to Macedonia Church Rd.
2. Landscaping and buffering be installed as shown on the proposed site plan a minimum of 10 feet shall be left undisturbed on the East and West property lines.

3. The building materials used must be similar to those used for the construction of Milstead Woods. Brick and hardy-plank siding are acceptable, vinyl siding may only be used on 10% or less of the buildings. (Including the Multi-purpose Building)
4. The addition of a privacy fence on the Eastern and Western side of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Robinette and seconded by Commissioner Poole to open the public hearing for the 2nd reading of the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget. Town Manager, David Odom stated the proposed budget is balanced and totals \$4,248,273.00 which reflects a 1.1% increase over last year. The general fund totals \$1,945,675.00 and the W&S fund totals \$2,302,598.00 making the total overall budget of \$4,248,273.00. The tax rate will remain the same at 40 cent per 100.00 valuation. A 5% water & sewer rate increase is proposed and a \$1.00 increase to the environmental fee is also proposed. A 2.5% COLA is proposed for all full-time employees. The 2.5% COLA for the Town Council has been placed into a fund to purchase new Christmas lights and for electrical repairs to the light poles that they are displayed on. All health benefits will remain the same with no increases to existing premiums. There were no other comments and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Simms to approve the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget for the Town of Taylorsville. The motion was passed unanimously.

Further discussion of considering changes to the Town of Taylorsville's Cemetery Ordinance was postponed till the August meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Poole to set a public hearing for consideration of speed limit changes to Green Meadows and Habitat Sub-division. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Poole to appoint William Mitchell and Lisa Hines to the Planning Board for a 3 year term. The motion was passed unanimously.

NOTE: Commissioner Brown had to leave at 3:45 pm

A motion was made by Commissioner Poole and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to approve the following year end budget amendments as presented. The motion was passed unanimously. See attachment A, which is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simms and seconded by Commissioner Robinette to schedule the next meeting for August 4, 202 at 5:30 pm. A reception will be held recognizing retiring Chief Dennis James and acknowledging new chief Doug Bowman.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Mayor

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest: _____
Yolanda T. Prince, Town Clerk