

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 4, 2022

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Tony Jefferys and Drew Griffin. Commissioner Wilkins was absent.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeIonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Nathan Gant.

Lindell Kay from the Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Cone from Southern Nash News and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic were also present.

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the March 7th meeting; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Robin Van Dorn a resident from Walnut Court told the board that she had spoken with Tom White the developer for Walnut Cove about her concerns. She said that she was satisfied with what he told her and she thanked the board.

Robin Koricanek said she felt like the rules for the public forum had changed several times in the past months. She said she liked the thought of following rules and wanted them to be enforced.

Old Business

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno told the board that the town had secured a contract with a demolition company to remove the building located at 205 W Main St. He mentioned that the company doing the demo was the same company that did the abatement.

Mr. DeIonno explained to the board that there had been several expenditures from the Powell Bill funds due to needed repairs. He reminded the board that these are the same funds that had been originally put aside for the CMAQ project which had been delayed several years. He asked the board to allow the town to withdraw from the project. Mr. DeIonno also noted that withdrawing now would not cause any issues with NCDOT since the town did not expend and funds.

Commissioner Cone made a motion withdraw from the CMAQ project; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Phyllis Pearson from Petway, Mills and Pearson presented the 2021 financial audit. Ms. Pearson said that the presentation was late due to her office staffing issues. She also said that there were no fiscal irregularities and that the town has received an unmodified or clean opinion. She did mention that the water and sewer fund ended with a loss of \$4,154.00 which was due to depreciation.

Mr. DeLonno thanked Ms. Pearson.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that all people who want to speak at public forum need to sign up early, give their name, topic and address when they are submitting their intention to speak. As well as having each speaker introduce themselves along with their address at the meeting and that they would only be permitted 3 minutes to speak and if they were a group, they must delegate one speaker; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Tolson with Mack Gay and Associates gave an update on the AIA consulting grant. He told the board that he had found several issues within the system including manholes that were in poor condition. He said that 80 to 90 percent of the system was at least 40 years old and needed to be rehabbed. He recommended that the board try to reduce the I & I therefore increasing the revenue.

The board voted to appoint Mark Corvin and LeaAnne Hahnel to the Downtown Development Board.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment 2022-04 transferring monies from revenue to expense for the AIA Grant project; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Report

Town Attorney Mark Edwards told the board that the closing of the two buildings on Ash St. should take place within the next two weeks.

EnviroLink

John Nelson with EnviroLink read the monthly report.

Police Report

Chief Gant gave the report for the Police Department.

Manager's Report

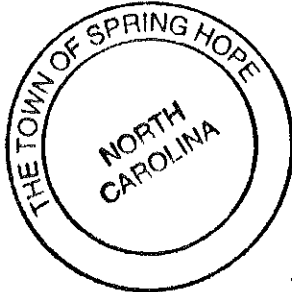
Town Manager Andrew DeLonno gave his monthly report which included updates on ARPA, NCRWA, Bryson's Ridge and Mclean St. washout.

There were no new items by the board.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by

W. Michele Cone



Attested

Kyle Starnes