

Town Council Meeting

Town of Greensboro

12.02.21

In attendance: Town Clerk/Treasurer Mrs. Tammy Kelledees (Zoom), Pastor Doug Morley (Zoom), Mayor Kevin Reichart, Comm. Brandon Cunningham, Comm. Robert Harrison, Comm. Amanda Weaver, Comm. David Spencer, Attorney Lyndsey Ryan, Public Works Supervisor Allan Anthony, WWTP Operations Supervisor Bill Lesmerises, Police Chief Biddle, Admin Vanice Myers, Rich Covert -GVFC, Barb Mutolo, Timothy Blake, Kris Blake, Jake Taylor, Steve Poppish, Cathy Spencer, Cindi Harrison, Sam Geib-Finance Clerk.

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Reichart at 6:00 p.m. on December 2, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation led by Pastor Morley.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Comm. Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

Committee and Department Reports

Police Dept - Chief Biddle – Presenting house decorating contest winners:

1st place - gift card to Tenchi 407 Mallard – Jake Taylor

2nd place – gift card to Tenchi 116 S Main St – Timothy and Kris Blake

3rd place – 103 Wood Duck (no one in attendance)

Christmas lights decorating contest is coming soon. The police department has taken 297 calls, 15 reports and 6 arrests and 15 charges for the month of November. Our radars have not been working properly, they will not calibrate; quotes for replacement will be sent to Mrs. Kelledees for approval. The one-way sign, that was just put at the stop signs of Wothers and Boyce Mill Road had to be removed per the County because it was confusing those turning. The daycare has been closed so no issues, but will monitor once they open back up. It has been a challenging month but the department is moving forward.

Fire Company-Rich Covert

On Saturday the Ladies Auxiliary will be putting on a free event showing the Polar Express and will give out goodie bags. Christmas dinner is scheduled for 12/12 at 4 p.m. The Town, Commissioners, Police and Public Works are all invited and they need a head count. Every couple is asked to bring a covered dish, a \$10 gift for games, and need kid count to get a gift to kids. The Greensboro VFD Hale (fire truck) will be going to Marydel for their Christmas parade, the new AED's will be going into service soon. Mr. Rich will post on the Fire Dept sign about Whoville being open only on Friday and Saturday nights.

Planning Commission – No one present to represent

Parks Board – No one present to represent (Ober Park Update)

Public Works – Allan Anthony

Provided an update on Whoville and how it was coming along. Questions were asked regarding parking and he explained how parking would work. He explained that the Christmas lights were up at Town Hall and that Bob Nichols from Federalsburg was the one who donated the 26ft Snowman for Whoville. Allan also reported that he checked with Preston Ford and the new truck would be here in a couple weeks.

Waste/Water – Bill Lesmerises

Mr. Lesmerises reported that things were going well at the plant for the most part. He has been cleaning but having problems with the filter that he has been working on all week. Bill mentioned the maintenance of the wells and believes that the last time they were checked was in 2008. He stated they should be redeveloped at least every 15 years. AC Shultz has provided a proposal to do all 3 for \$3,600. He will forward information to Mrs. Kelledees. With Baldwin coming in, he would hate to lose one due to lack of maintenance. He also provided bids for pump stations; looking for approvals soon but did not have to be tonight. Commissioner Spencer asked Bill some questions and asked if he was comfortable with Bilbrough being his top choice in which Bill stated that he is comfortable with Bilbroughs. Commissioner Spencer stated they didn't need to sit on it; they could vote tonight.

Commissioner Spencer made motion to accept Bilbrough's Electric as the company to use for the pump stations. Commission Cunningham seconded the motion. All in favor, motion approved.

Old Business

ARPA Funds

Mrs. Kelledees had a discussion with Scott and Bill regarding the I&I about the pros and cons and things don't look as bad as they thought. This means the plans that regarding street repairs are not going to happen the way anticipated. Funds can be used for other things, if there is nothing invoiced with the I&I for the streets.

Comm. Spencer and Comm. Weaver would like a summary of how much ARPA funds has been received, how much is spent, what has it been spent on and what it is to be used for. Mrs. Kelledees will put something together and get it out to them for the workshop meeting.

Whoville

Sam Geib announced that the Whoville will be open on Friday and Saturday nights from December 3rd to the 18th from 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. There will be no lighting during the weeks. Mayor Reichart explained the reason for this is because it will not be monitored and other towns have had issues with vandalism. All Commissioners requested that the lights stay on every day on a timer. They will ride by periodically and requested that Chief Biddle notify the State Police and the County Sheriffs about the event and to advise the Town of any suspicious activity. Pastor Morley will serve as honorary Whoville Mayor.

Ober Park and Choptank River basketball courts

Comm. Cunningham sent two designs for the new basketball courts; however, did not send to Tammy yet. There is a blue one and one with a gold boarder; figured both designs could be used since both courts would have to be done anyway. Comm. Weaver agreed with Comm. Cunningham on this.

Admin Report – Tammy Kelledees

Mrs. Kelledees had a meeting with Attorney Ryan, Attorney Joe Stevens and Mike Baldwin regarding the development and what is still needed to move forward. Baldwin is currently in position to get phase one approved.

Town Hall started extended hours on Monday and so far, things are running smoothly.

A COVID policy will be implemented so things are outlined and clear. There are some grant opportunities opening up. Mrs. Kelledees, Scott and MDE will go over what could benefit the town and infrastructure. The newsletter will be going out with the bills on the 15th of this month so if someone has something they want to add, please let Town Hall know. Mrs. Kelledees would like to thank Town Hall staff for stepping up while she is out and many thanks to Public Works for all of their hard work. They have been crazy busy and they are appreciated.

New Business

Water/fire hydrant at School

Comm. Cunningham asked about report regarding fire hydrant being used by school if any damage had been done; Chief Biddle advised no damages had been done.

Maryland Rural Development Corp (MRDC)

Mrs. Kelledees thought it was Comm. Cunningham that told her about the ground breaking (not him), but will say they are going to do a ground breaking for 12/17. Comm. Spencer states it is just taking a picture day not actual ground breaking done. (Permits were in question)

Trash/Recycling

The Town has to give notice 60 days prior or the trash/recycling contract will auto renew for 36 months. Mayor Reichart states to put the RFP out 60 days before the contract expires; Lyndsey would do at least 90 days with advertising and give the old company time to pick up the cans. Commissioner Harrison thinks advertising for a new company should begin the first of the year. Mayor Reichart states to send the service notice in January that service will not be renewed. Comm. Spencer requested to inquire about can size and if more than getting one is possible? Also, do will the residents be responsible for their own recycling?

House near School

Mayor Reichart asked if the owner will allow the Town to document and indicate what is wrong with the house? Also, will he allow the Town to meet with him? Comm. Harrison asked who has been paying the fees and since they are still being charged without water service, has the bill been paid. Sam stated she is not sure who pays but a big chunk of it has been paid on the account. She stated that previous employee, Nicole, was handling the case with the house so not sure what fines she may have imposed.

Town Council Remarks

Comm. Cunningham asked if there are any bids for the storm drain cleaning? Bill did not know of any. Tammy will have to go over with Lyndsey and then go over with Bill. She was told that it cannot be in conjunction with I&I but it will need to be discussed further. Comm. Cunningham believes that if the pipes need fixing it can be included. Manpower seems to be an issue in getting the drains cleaned. Bill asked how deep should we get into drain cleaning, should jet inspection also be included? Comm. Cunningham suggested maybe reaching out to Livingston. Livingston does vacuum and jetting for 200 dollars per hour. They will camera for an additional charge. Cambridge has used them as they are also understaffed.

Council asked if the number of abandoned homes can be researched? How does it work with sending a bank out west a letter? Comm. Harrison asked if this is the same thing that happened before? Attorney Ryan advised to get a lien against the properties. The letters need to have stronger information regarding the specific violation. Previously, the court did not feel the wording was sufficient. Comm. Weaver stated that it seems that no code enforcement was being done so there is no resolution. It was explained that due to employee turnover, things had gotten pushed back and that the current code enforcement officer (Jaime) is in classes to get certified and should be done by the end of December.

Comm. Harrison asked if anyone signed up for the vacuum truck training classes yet? Comm. Harrison advised there is only have one shot with Colin at Mid-Atlantic; so, a full crew should be available when Colin's services are requested. Bill advises that he has to order supplies for the truck and see where the budget is before he can do any of that.

Comm. Spencer asked what action has been taken against the house on Main St? Lyndsey does not think she was asked to write a letter for that house.

Comm. Spencer asked that if someone is outside of town limits could be brought into town limits? They are touching the main road but their back is touching the county line. Attorney Ryan stated that if the property is touching Town property, they can be annexed in. The planning commission has to agree to a comprehensive plan and county has to stamp it.

Mayor Reichart asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Cunningham made a motion. Comm. Harrison seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Respectfully submitted by Vanice Myers