

TOWN OF BAILEY METING MINUTES 7/17/2019

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Thomas Richards, Joel Killion, Shelley Bullard, Dwan Finch, Ervin Powell, and Allen Daniels.

Called the meeting to order:

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. I would like to welcome you all here. Before we start the meeting I am going to let Pastor Ervin Powell lead us in a word of prayer and then kick into the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Powell asked everyone to bow their heads. We thank you Lord God for another day. Thank you for each and every person that is present, Lord God. Father, we thank you God for your grace and mercy Lord God. God, we just thank you for just being in the midst of this meeting. We pray God that everything will be done in your honor. We give you all the glory and honor due your name. Praise in Jesus name. Amen.

Mayor Richards asked if you all don't mind standing. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Thank you all. I am going to call this meeting to order.

Approval of financial statement and minutes:

The financial statement for June 2019 and the minutes for Regular Board Meeting for June 20, 2019. Commissioner Finch stated just one comment can we get for next month a list of all of the checks that were written. We usually have a list and I did not see one for this time, otherwise I make a motion to approve the financial statement for June 2019, the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on June, 2019. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards stated up next on the agenda we have Walter Wells, he is not here. So we are going to move right along with Cecil Hawley, President, Bailey Chamber of Commerce.

Cecil Hawley, President, Bailey Chamber of Commerce stated we are working in conjunction with the Bailey Police Department for National Night Out on August 6, from 6:30 to 9. There will be food trucks, hamburgers/hot dogs for free, food for purchase, ice cream, snow cones, a DJ. We will be accepting donations for school supplies and back packs. I have some flyers printed out. I can give everybody here one if you will make some. That is all I have thank you.

Walter Wells, Bailey Planning Board stated I would like to share from the Planning Board we continue to be interested in the Downtown Strong Initiative we can get something organized and get back to you on what the Board would like to participate in some subsets of that. We are looking to help the members where ever we can. Mayor Richards commented I spoke with Bruce Naegelen with Downtown Strong but he could not be here tonight he had a meeting in Louisburg he had to attend tonight. So he

could not be here tonight. He will be here for the August meeting and we will get things rolling with that. Thank you, Walter. Up next is Matthew with Envirolink.

Matthew Littell, Envirolink stated well production for the current month is .99 million gallons, previous reading of 1.03 million gallons. Waste water for the current month is 2.01 million gallons; previous month is 1.81 million gallons. As far as the report that is all I have are there any questions?

Mayor Richards stated yes, I have this list of hydrants if you will give it to whoever is in charge tomorrow and especially put an asterisk by number 11. That hydrant was turned off at the street. So if it had been a fire in the middle of the night it would not have been any water in that hydrant. The fire department would not have like to play catch up so the rest of these need to be fixed.

Matthew Littell asked has that one been shut off at the valve.

Mayor Richards stated they said it had been leaking for a year and I have been hearing a story about how it is going to be fixed and it was just shut off and told to us that it was fixed. It wasn't you but we were told it was fixed. When the fire department went to flush the hydrants, it was shut off. So just give that to your folks. And see if we can get on these hydrants.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk asked Matthew if he could give this document to JP tomorrow. Thank you.

Mayor Richards stated up next we are going to open this up for public comment I think we have one person on there for public comment. Cecil Hawley you have three minutes.

Cecil Hawley stated I take my name off.

Mayor Richards commented alright, good deal. So I guess we are going to close that up and move on to old business. The sidewalks quotes, I did get up with Mr. Tony Silver. He was busy the first time I talked to him. He said it would be a few weeks, people are busy now and we waited three months to give him the job. We are going to have to work in his schedule but he is still going to do it. So hydrant quotes.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk commented this is the one we approved from the last meeting and I talked to JP and asked if this was still current amount and he said yes. So I don't know if we need to have him look at it again or what?

Commissioner Daniels stated we can order the parts.

Mayor Richards stated up next we are going to move to the Hardware building. So I was made aware that this engineering report would be great to get but at the same time if these people are insured we are just throwing our money away by getting this structural engineer report, so we have three quotes here. One is 34,500 I don't think this includes

the tipping fee, yes it does. So \$34,500 for this one, this is Four Seasons Demolition. I have actually talked to this guy about some ways to go about it. Then we have one for \$79,500 and the other one is for \$71,000. We just have to accept which bid we want to accept and go from there. So if anybody wants to look at these and study them before we make a motion to demolition on that building.

Ms. Lamm asked so do we have to tear it down?

Mayor Richards replied I don't see any other way around it. But that doesn't mean that something can't be done in its place like a pocket park. We don't have 5 or 6 hundred thousand dollars to rehab the building and I think we have looked at every way trying to look at the Chamber.

Commissioner Daniels stated I still think you should let those guys start knocking stuff down to see how strong those walls really are. If the walls are strong enough leave them there. We have Audrey's building there. It's not going to look good that is the only problem I have with it.

Mayor Richards added we can talk to her again about it.

Commissioner Daniels replied he can start on it; I don't have a problem with that. How many days will it take?

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator answered I think it was 2 weeks total time.

Commissioner Daniels stated we need to have a plan in place while he is tearing it down. I am not making a motion. I just want to know the plan. If we get in there and he says the walls fall down on Audrey's side. We need to get that letter signed releasing us from all; I know Enfield has a letter. We need to get that same kind of letter done; I have a copy of it.

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator stated in the pack that went out had that letter in it. It has all of that in there; he has to have his insurance. He just has to sign it. It releases the Town from all liability.

Commissioner Finch commented so you are saying that since we are insured not to worry about the Structural Engineer?

Mayor Richards replied I talked to another engineer because the first engineer did not get here when he said he would. I called another one and I told him what we wanted to do and he said why are you calling me? He said if you are going to tear it down and these guys have insurance then there is no need to worry about me.

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator stated I also believe that the low bidder said he was going to section the wall by Audrey's that he was going to take that wall down by hand. He was not just going to wrecking ball it.

Commissioner Finch asked does he have that in writing.

Allen Daniels stated I am going to go ahead and make the motion to let Four Season demo ...

Mayor Richards commented do you all want to talk to Audrey to see if we can re-negotiate this deal with her because since then things have changed.

Commissioner Daniels stated I think we go ahead and make a motion then work the details out. If she doesn't want to do anything then she doesn't want to do anything. We can work the details out. We need to go ahead and tear the building down. We need to do something at least get the front off. I mean if everything is done. I am going to go ahead and make a motion to tear the building down with Four Seasons Demolition at the price of \$34,500. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mayor Richards stated up next we have software quotes.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk stated you all have the software quotes in you packet. I will give you a simple run down and if you have any questions I will try to answer them. I didn't talk to Joel about this first and I probably should have. All of the computers in the Town Hall run on Windows 7. Windows 7 as of January 14, 2020 Microsoft will no longer provide security or updates for running Windows 7. Every one of the software people we have talked to no matter if you change software or not you are going to have to go with Windows 10. That is something I talked with Computer Central about and there are some numbers on their how they can get us some rehab computers and put 10 on it. We definitely need to think about that before January 14, 2020 because Microsoft will no longer support Windows 7.

Commissioner Killion asked will they just load new hardware.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk replied Computer Central? Yes, we will take our towers to Computer Central and they will load new hardware. They will put 10 in and if it is not enough ram they will install ram. If all of this will not work on the tower we have they will give us a refurbished tower with 10 loaded on it. They just have to look at our towers before they can say what they will need to do. If you look at the Logics one if we do an upgrade it is 51 hundred dollars and annual support and maintenance is \$13,201. The total cost will be \$18,301.22 with annual cost \$13,301.22. Remember that Logics has been brought out by Edmunds and there are only six municipalities that are currently using the same software we are using. There is only one person for support and he was on vacation from July 3rd until July 5th. The other one is Southern Software, we have talked about. I have seen a lot of stuff on the computers here in the Town Hall, where Tim had started looking at Southern Software. They even did a demo. Just a quick run down, if the tax collection is not included the software is \$19,400. She did give us \$3,898 discount that is a 20% discount because the Police Department does use Southern Software. Normally it is a 10% discount. It will be \$15,592 for the software. There is a \$7,938

project management fee which is installation and training for the first few days. Then there is a \$3,508 for annual support. Our total investment with them would be \$27,038 and an annual cost for support will be \$3,508. If the tax collection is included that brings out total investment to \$35,133 and our annual cost for support will be \$4,407. So there is a little bit of difference. At the end I will explain why I separated them out if you flip to Publiq. I did not say this but Southern Software is out of Southern Pines, they are a small company base right here in North Carolina. Publiq is located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Their total initial expense with hardware and training would be \$3,179. Their annual support is \$9,840 and they do have an annual hardware maintenance which is \$579. So our total first year cost with them would be \$13,598.61. Their annual cost is \$10,419 that is without the tax collection included. If you go back and compare Southern Software annual support is \$3,508, Publiq is \$10,419 and right now Logics is \$13,000. Southern Software annual cost is less and you will have to pay a little more up front for them. But Debbie and I did the figures and in two years we would be caught up. That was without the tax included. With the tax included the total cost is \$15,710.61 and the annual cost will be \$12,531. That is a lot more than Southern Software for support you just have to pay a little more up front. The reason I separated them out was because I talked to Nash County. Nash County is collecting taxes for Middlesex, Castelia, Momeyer and Sharpsburg right now. They charge 2% of what they collect and that is off of your total Levy. Figuring what our total Levy was for 2018 we would pay Nash County \$4,230 if they collected 100% of our taxes, like I said they already do that for Middlesex, Castelia, Momeyer, and Sharpsburg. That is why I broke the software down so you could see that if we got the software to collect the taxes or if we pay Nash County to collect our taxes for us. I did reach out to the Town Clerk in Sharpsburg and talked to her about it. She told me they were doing it on their own, I believe they were using Logics. They love that Nash County is collecting their taxes, their collection rate went up. It has been beneficial for everyone. When they agreed to let Nash County collect their taxes they did it by a resolution. If we decide to go this route Nash County needs to know by November. It would be us not collecting any taxes in the office; everyone would just send their taxes to Nash County for the Town of Bailey. That is why I separated each software quote out because there is a little bit of difference in money.

Commissioner Daniels commented so it is \$8,000 a year for us to collect our own taxes with Southern Software.

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk replied yes.

Commissioner Daniels aske is that who you want to go with.

Kellie Glover stated I think Southern Software was easier; it was user friendly, the company is right here in Southern Pines. The company does this onetime event Debbie and I can go to for free it is training, it is networking. Whenever they have new updates we get them for free.

Commissioner Daniels commented if we let Nash County do it, it is \$4,000.

Kellie Glover replied if we went to Southern Software without the tax collecting we would be paying \$3,508 annually for support. But if you added what we pay Nash County we are still paying less than what we are paying Logics yearly right now.

Commissioner Daniels asked about collecting taxes here in the office.

Kellie Glover stated it is a lot involved, but I do not mind doing it, if it is my job. They know what they are doing; they have more time to spend on collecting. If we went with Southern Software and did not include the tax collection portion and then paid Nash County to collect our taxes, again that \$4,000 is if they collect 100% of our Levy.

Commissioner Daniel commented then you could work on other things.

Kellie Glover replied yes, I could work on other things and we are going to save money in the long run.

Commissioner Finch asked is that \$4,000 a year with Nash County? Is the \$8,000 a year with Southern Software? Or is that a onetime thing?

Kellie Glover commented so it is annual support for the year.

Commissioner Finch stated I got it. Do we have a budget for this currently? Is this in the budget to spend this much money for software?

Kellie Glover commented Tim had talked to Southern Bank about financing this before I put that with you software quotes. We just said \$30,000 because we did not know if we would include the tax program or not. If we decide to go with Southern Software our initial investment will be \$27,038.

Commissioner Daniels stated we can amend the budget or is it best to borrow the money.

Debbie Baker commented we have the money; we have the money in other places I would have to get the budget. So it will really be up to you guys. We can move the money around or finance it. That is why we went with Southern Bank to give you an option.

Commissioner Finch stated we got an extension on the Logics one when is that due?

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk replied the twentieth. The lady at Southern Software along with the Publiq person said it will take a couple of weeks to get everything up and running. Depending on when you started we would start with the most important things like when we got the meter reading sheets and we had to get them keyed in. That is what we would focus on first along with you payroll. It is going to be a process; everyone has said it will be a couple of weeks. We will have to figure that out with Logics.

Commissioner Finch commented that will work with the meter interface also.

Kellie Glover stated yes. Southern Software has other options they were just giving us what we have right now. Just to compare

Commissioner Daniels asked and Nash County will collect our taxes for \$4,000.

Kellie Glover stated yes, she just needs to know by November. She stated that if the Board had any questions just let her know and she will be happy to answer them. Sharpsburg said it was so easy to switch.

Commissioner Daniels asked when they pay us, when they get their money.

Kellie Glover replied I am not real sure about that but I can ask. And let you know.

Commissioner Daniels stated I don't want them holding our money for 90 days. I am going to go with Southern Software minus the taxes

Commissioner Killion asked what we think Logics can do.

Kellie Glover stated that is what Logics can do. The Logics quote is that we are going to have to pay \$5,100 that is the upgrade we need right now.

Commissioner Killion commented so we need to pay by the twentieth. That is when it expires, right.

Kellie Glover stated by the twentieth is when we have to pay for our next year support.

Commissioner Killion commented so Southern Software is going to take a couple of weeks. What are we going to do about that?

Kellie Glover Southern Software suggested that you can ask Logics to give us a month. Can we break down this bill and just pay whatever we decide for support. I don't know if Logics will do that or not.

Commissioner Killion stated so you said a couple of weeks are we looking at four or six.

Kellie Glover commented what they both told us; especially Marci at Southern Software was that it depends on how quick you can do it. They can collect all of our data and move it them there selves or we can move it in house ourselves a lot cheaper. So it just depends on how much Debbie and I can do. She told us she had someone do it in two weeks, everything. It just depends on us. Marci also suggested that we do it in house because you can look through your accounts and say this one is old, we don't need to transfer this one, or we need to change this address. We are more familiar with it than them putting everything it to the new software.

Commissioner Daniels stated that is only if you and Debbie like Southern Software.

Kellie Glover replied yes.

Commissioner Finch stated we have the money right, Debbie. Where do we have to adjust it do you know? I think we should pay for it outright and not finance it.

Commissioner Daniels stated that \$27,000 is enough for a police car. I think we should let Nash County collect the taxes so we don't have to pay the \$8,000.

Vince Sievert stated just one observation if you move over into Southern Software it sounds like you are going to have to have a special meeting very soon to address an extension with Logics and do a budget amendment to pay for the software, just throwing it out there.

Commissioner Bullard stated the budget does not get amended until the end of the year.

Commissioner Finch commented we need to see if Logics will give us an extension, is the first thing right.

Kellie Glover stated the original payment was due on the seventh, but Debbie talked to them and they gave us until the twentieth.

Commissioner Daniels commented we have five days.

Kellie Glover stated I will be glad to call tomorrow and throw it out there to see what they will say.

Commissioner Daniels comments asked for thirty days. Tell them we will pay for thirty days. We still need to make a decision on which way we need to go.

Commissioner Killion asked could we make the decision to move forward with it tonight and then in the rare chance that Logics says absolute not then we can call a special session. Cross out fingers.

Commissioner Finch stated then they will want to know why.

Commissioner Daniels asked what is the worst case scenario with paying the Logics bill you just can't bill anybody for two weeks.

Debbie Baker, Financial Officer stated that the money is just for support. We already have the software.

Kellie Glover commented it would just be like we can't call them for support. The flip side of that is if we get Southern Software we are starting to move stuff over how much support are we going to need with Logics anyway.

Commissioner Daniels stated I thought they would just shut you down.

Kellie Glover stated I hope not.

Debbie Bake stated it is already our software now. We brought that program.

Mayor Richards commented I am going to tell you something just the few transactions I have done up there on that computer it reminds me of being in the library in elementary school on the apple twoie computer.

Commissioner Killion stated the Town Clerk and Financial Officer understand the software.

Mayor Richards stated we should have done this last year.

Commissioner Bullard comments just pray nothing breaks down or crashes.

Commissioner Daniels stated I am making the motion to go with Southern Software minus the tax program. Then we will have to sign a resolution to let Nash County take over collection our taxes. Commissioner Finch seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mayor Richards read the CDBG Letter to the Residents of Bailey. That was sent out.

Commissioner Bullard replied that most people got them today; it took me what three days.

Kellie Glover commented good job, Shelley.

Water Wells stated I know the post office is official I got mine today. How are they treating an unoccupied home? How is that treated in the survey?

Mayor Richards's comment that will be something we can ask unless you already know.

Commissioner Finch replied you just don't get any points. You can't make anybody be there.

Walter Wells commented I understand that but what is amazing is that in Middlesex they seem to get all the grants there is something in play.

Kellie Glover replied I talked to Helen at the COG because they gave us the map. They asked us to go through and find all of the addresses. There were some that were business and on the corner across from Envirolink where the trailers are they were all included. We told her that there were, I don't remember the number, places on the map that you could not send a true survey to some were commercial and some were vacant. She said ok that does count and she wanted to know those addressees. I don't know if she will

send us more addresses to replace those. She did say the number of places were very important.

Walter Wells stated it would be good to understand how that plays into the figure.

Vince Sievert commented so those addresses did not receive a letter.

Kellie Glover replied no, they did not. She told me that if it was vacant or a business do not send them a letter.

Commissioner Bullard asked how many did you send out do you remember?

Kellie Glover commented sixty-six. It was probably 10- 14, it was over 10 that we did not send a letter to.

Commissioner Finch stated that once we get the surveys back we can look at the data and if we need more we can add more addresses. That is the way I understand.

Walter Wells commented once you get the surveys back you have an official tally.

Commissioner Finch stated the COG has been doing this for many years and they are advising us so I am going with their direction.

Walter Wells commented that I understand but it would be good to know their direction. What impacts it, how it is handled. I understand what you are doing it would just be good to know. How they play out, how they handle it. I understand that you are following their direction but there has to be areas like that where you have residents right now and how that comes into play. To not be able to count an area like that is only hurting ourselves.

Mayor Richards commented moving on to new business we have this National Night Out Proclamation. Mayor Richards read the Proclamation. I would like to thank Chief Broaski, we don't have a lot of public nights out here and at first I was kind of like it sounds great. I didn't know how many people would be interested in it. It is amazing to me already. I commend him for doing it. It takes effort. Now the contract with Anthony & Tabb you all just have to make a motion. It is the same price as last year. He has helped us out a lot.

Commissioner Finch stated I make the motion that we accept this contract for Anthony & Tabb PA to do our audit for 2019 in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards commented I have one more thing on new business and we have to do this tonight. Everyone knows we have a filter project going on with Envirolink and McGill. Long story short about three weeks ago I got a call saying that the well pump in well number 1 was not working. Just a couple days before we figured out that the well had been down for a while because the pump was not working. I asked how does that

work with the filter project, they said we can't do the project until this is finished. The engineer said there was some contingency money inside that grant, like \$16,000 and we can use that if approved by the State to replace the pump or repair it. We have two quotes and Allen will read them to you. If this is approved we have to send a letter to the State tomorrow to tell them exactly what has happened, I talked to them this afternoon. They said just explain what happened in the letter and that you would like to use the contingency money in the grant to pay for it. Whatever you all want to do we have to have the pump.

Commissioner Daniels commented I talked with one plumbing place they said it would be close to 15 thousand dollars. He asked did we want to try to get the name brand pump to put back in there. I said that did not matter. Poole sat here and gave us the same price \$14,680 and then they waived the \$2,800 labor for pulling it in and out. So we are saving three thousand dollars if we go ahead and by the pump and pipe from them. I am making a motion to go with the pump from NW Poole Well Company for \$14,680. And I do have a question I want to ask the guys there is a lot of mud being pulled through that well and maybe they can shortened the pipe by five feet or something so it does not pull so much mud. I am going to ask them a few questions. If you see that pipe, I have it in the office in there, it is full of mud. That is all I am going to ask him. I don't know if there is something we can do about it or not. But I am going to ask them maybe we can just shorten it a little bit. I make the motion that we go with Poole for \$14,680 that is installed. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards stated Officer Callahan you taking Chief's place tonight.

Officer Callahan, Bailey Police Department, commented for the month of June since the last meeting the Chief has attended Booze it and Lose it and Operation Fire Cracker in Jacksonville, NC. During the Booze it and Lose it campaign we had one check point and issued 10 citations for that week. The Chief filed a grant application with the League of Municipalities for the Brant for Body Armor. The Chief, Kellie and Officer Garland met with Matthew Selves with League of Municipalities to discuss other programs they offer. He has an attempted bank robbery but we can't classify it as that at Southern Bank. We are still working with Wilson PD. The bank in Wilson was actually robbed. We are still looking for the suspect. There was an incident at the Bank today that we thought might be related to that but we checked into that and this individual had mental health issues. He came into the bank and we had a detective with the Apex Police Department where this person lives interview him. He is not a suspect he just has some health issues. The Chief is attending Radar school in Raleigh this week. Regarding building issues the window was fixed at the Police Department we just have to find someone to tint it. In respect to car issues vehicle 11 still has the check engine light coming on. Regarding gas cards he would like to Board to consider gas cards for the patrol cars and a reminder for National Night Out August 6 from 6:30 until 9. The Chamber and the Police Department are hoping for a big turnout. Southern Q, snowball, Kettle Corn, Funnel Cake, music, face painter, magician, Harp Family will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. All donations taken will be given to Bailey Elementary School. Thanks to Cecil Hawley for all of his help. That is it.

Mayor Richards stated thank you. Vince.

Commissioner Killion stated it also says here to remind people to slow down with increase of traffic accidents.

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator, commented I will start with Code Enforcement follow up on one previous violation code letter I had sent out was to Deans Processing about their overgrowth on Stott Street. I had met with Mr. Hunt I drove around with him. I gave him a call today to remind him he is still on the clock. He assured me he would get to it this week, so you should see something. The concern there is a power line; I called Duke Energy today to find out what the process is either for the Town or for Deans Processing. They can call and request Duke Energy come out, it is not a safety issue and it is not a critical issue. Once they call them it could take 3 weeks for someone to come out. So he is going to work on the things on the street. He needs to wait for them because the power line runs right through the trees. That is one of the lingering ones. Early this month, I went and met with the owner across from Hardee's at Woodrow Strickland's place the little gas station. I talked to him and gave him a letter explaining what needs to be done. He has made some progress and I see that. We still have a ways to go. The same goes for the car lot across the street where they do painting, they have made tremendous progress over there by cleaning up their abandoned vehicles and such. They have made really good progress on the end by Oak Street. They have not made as good progress on the other end. He is aware that he has to work on that. I sent out letters to three businesses on Main Street the grocery store next door to here, the first of the row buildings right here and to the one across the street, Brenda's Antique Store. I sent letters to those owners last week. I did find a number of issues falling bricks on that building, the canopy needs to be revisited and stated that the Town does have an ordinance that a building on Main Street cannot be used for storage. The first floor and first fifty feet in a building on Main Street cannot be used for storage. The owner has clearly stated that is what he is using it for that is the violation that I cited him for in the letter. I also sent a letter to the owner of the house back here behind us that is falling down. That is everything for codes. Under zoning I have a couple of items under the title of continuing education we received a brochure about some training that is going to take place the title is Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law. The date is September 10. I would like to take a class or course. I would like the Board to consider paying for two seats one for me and one for a person to be named off of the Planning Board. We brought this up at the last Planning Board meeting as to if someone would like to attend. The cost for this is \$349 for the first seat and \$339 for the second seat if you choose to do that. I will send a link out to the Commissioners so they can get an idea of what this is because a lot of it is a one day workshop with a lot of really good information that I feel would benefit both myself and a member of the Planning Board. Primarily what I am looking for is down the road is we have to start looking at an subdivision ordinance. There is a lot of information in this workshop that we can use to start working on that. I know in the past with subdivision ordinances we came together with the Town lawyer and received a quote which cost around about eight thousand dollars. I think it would be beneficial for us to get educated on what it is going to take to put this ordinance together and do a little bit more of the

work ourselves to keep the price down. I will send out a link, don't necessary have to have a decision on this now but I would say by the next meeting. Other things that are going on Mr. May at May's Mini Storage have submitted a permit request to get water and sewage at his storage facility. He wants to put in a bathroom. You have probably seen it but every now and then he has an outhouse down there. His wife is getting ready to retire. She is going to be spending more time there and she does not want to use the outhouse. So right now we have submitted a work order to Envirolink to request a quote. Water we know will not be an issue because water is available out there. And we have found out there is a sewer line that runs past May's Mini Storage, the industrial building that is right next to them headed towards Sims there is a line there. That business has a lift pump where they pump to the sewer header. I have already talked to Mr. May if we go that route he would have to put a lift pump in to pump into the main as well. So we are waiting on a quote so he can determine which path he wants to take. If he chooses not to tie into there we cannot make him tie into it. We have to make a decision if he wants to get a permit from the County. I think he is leaning to the one that does not cost him money. So there are two pieces to this. He has already located a tap that someone is going to sell. He just needs to get a hold of the State to find out what the process is to do a transfer. Mike Tolson from Mac Gay has been coaching me through this. It is the same process they are using to figure out what the sewer capacity is for the potential Hardee's building. Also, I have another zoning request that comes from a homeowner that comes from a homeowner that lives in the ETJ that is requesting she is a certified nurse and does elderly care not in home care but she does elderly care in their homes. She has a home based business runs her business out of her home. She is trying to apply for a new license or a new certification on her license and the State is requiring that the Town has to sign off on the fact that she has this home based business. She qualifies for everything by ordinance but except for the fact that she has thirteen employees and the ordinance says she can have no more than two that don't live in the house. She is going to come to the Planning Board and pitch her case and the Planning Board will decide to pursue adjustments for variances. She really needs the ordinances to do this. She is not turning her house into Grand Central Station, it is not cars coming and going, none of the employees actually come to her house. I will give you a report on how that goes. A follow up I received a permit request from Bonanza Grill today to repaint on the side of the building where the church is next to Bonanza Grill it says Bailey Café with a phone number the big mural painted on the side of the building. They are wanting to paint over that and put Bonanza Grill with their phone number over that. The problem with that is that our ordinance does not support that, our ordinance believe it or not, you can probably tell when I stand on all of this. Our ordinance says businesses in Town; their sign cannot be any bigger than two square feet. Well if you travel up and down Main Street or any business in Bailey I don't think there is a business in Town that has a sign that is only two square feet. That means two foot by one foot that is how big their sign can be. They are going to come to the Planning Board meeting to pitch their case as well. It will be something that will be taken up for a possible change. That is it.

Commissioner Daniels asked if we tear down the hardware store, is it one or two sewer taps in there.

Vince Sievert, Zoning Administrator stated I don't know it would make sense that it was two because it was two buildings with two bathrooms. I will look into that any other questions.

Mayor Richards replied thank you, Vince. Kellie

Kellie Glover, Town Clerk commented I just have one thing, I know when I started everybody had talked about furthering my education. I am glad that Vince brought that up. I will piggyback on what he said. The UNC School of Government is doing a school, Municipal Clerk School August 15- August 17. It is Wilkesboro, North Carolina they have this school every year. The cost is included in your packet; basically what it is I would be going to Academy 1 and Academy 2. It is Thursday, Friday, and Saturday your meals or included there is a banquet on Saturday night. The Academy 1 is \$150 and Academy 2 is \$275. That price is if we are a member, we are not a member at this time; the membership fee is \$70. I was told to pay the member price and then just become a member and pay the \$70 they were not too worried about that. That is an opportunity; I think we have to register by the end of July. I know the Clerk email/blog that I am on several Clerks stated that one hotel has already booked up they are booking into the next hotel. I know it is a big deal and all of the Clerks seem to be really excited about it. I just wanted to bring that up, but it does happen every year about the same time, so there will be another one next year. I don't know if we have to make a decision on that now, but if I register it has to be by the end of July.

Commissioner Daniels asked can you do this year.

Kellie Glover replied you mean on my calendar can I go this year?

Commissioner Daniels stated yes.

Kellie Glover replied yes, I can go this year. Other than that I wanted to say thank you for the prayer and the pledge. That is all I have got.

Mayor Richards asked if Commissioner Bullard had anything, she replied no. Ok. Allen.

Commissioner Daniels stated I would like for you to go to the Clerk School, so I am going to make a motion that we pay that and let you go. I think that is important. I know when I go to a school like that I get a lot of good information. I would like to make a motion to go if you want to go. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards asked Commissioner Finch is she had anything.

Commissioner Finch replied I don't have a thing tonight.

Mayor Richards asked Commissioner Killion.

Commissioner Killion stated I know it was mentioned by Corporal Callahan regarding tinting of the window and the vehicle and gas cards. I would like to at least address them at some point or in closed session. I have two quotes here from Lee Dodge and one from Elderton out of High Point. Lee Dodge is right down the road and seems to be the best deal. I would like to address it at some point it does not have to be this month. The engine light is still on we have to keep taking it in. We need our Police Officers here in Town doing their job. Not continually going back to Wilson to take this thing just putting it out there.

Commissioner Bullard asked haven't we set the money aside for that?

Commissioner Killion replied we did. What I have her² from Lee Dodge is \$22,730 which is a saving of \$179 compared to the Elderton quote looking at it. It is a better deal.

Commissioner Daniels stated I am not for buying a Dodge.

Commissioner Killion commented we can have that conversation for sure.

Commissioner Daniels stated I think Middlesex brought a Ford. I have nothing against buying a Ford or a Tahoe. The Tahoe was two cent a mile cheaper than a Chrysler that is proven.

Commissioner Bullard asked can you get quotes for other cars.

Commissioner Killion replied yes, I can get quotes for different cars.

Mayor Richards stated I have already made him aware that the State Sheriff Association has a big things they have a price that you get a special price because we are a municipality. It tells you the price.

Commissioner Killion comment I am sure some variation of these are available.

Mayor Richards stated you can get them with lights or not, it is just a matter of him getting all of the quotes here. So you all can look at it.

Commissioner Killion commented I don't mind. I just want to have this conversation about getting a new vehicle. I don't care what kind it is, just that our Officers can use when fully geared up and they are not tight and comfortable just taking care of the Town as long as it is good for the Town.

Commissioner Daniels stated I am just saying we have problems with what we have now and it is kind of like if you google or YouTube. I can talk two hours about how you can fix it.

Mayor Richards asked do you have anything else Joel? Ervin do you have anything.

Commissioner Powell stated he did not have anything.

Mayor Richards commented so my first thing is this building. I know everybody is like why can't you save it, there was like five routes I wanted to go maybe four. Then somebody would say, why did you give this guy some money and did not give me any money. So I talked to the politician to help appropriate this money and he said that is a very slippery slope. I went off of his advice by not doing it. Speaking to the Downtown Strong committee they told me in order for this Main Street to come back you have to get property owners in here that are willing to do something to these building, I would be leery to tell them anything or transfer the title over to anyone that has not done anything to the building before. There are other buildings sitting around and he has not done anything to then. Then what makes you think these buildings are going to be improved on. Then I tried to go with the Chamber. I really wanted this to happen because it would be a Town deal or whatever. Well I talked with this guy from Greenville several times as a recommendation from the Downtown Strong Association and he was like I am going to refer you to the School of Government. I have this email on the thing because I don't delete them they gave me several articles where if we did this it would go against the North Carolina Constitution. And then that is if we just gave the money to the Chamber but then if we let the Chamber have it, it could not be a forgivable loan then we would have to charge the Chamber a construction loan. I think it was 8% a year, don't hold me to that. So the Chamber didn't want to do that. I don't want to put that cost on the Chamber. And then they said the Town could do it. Well if anyone here has time to we can try to tackle this ourselves but we have eighty-eight thousand dollars to work with here for putting a roof back, securing the walls, and painting it, tearing the floor out and gutting it. I don't see any other way. I know people here are upset in Town to have a hole on Main Street. I know, I realize that and I don't want it to be. I waiting on the downtown district to be done but seem like to me this building has been here forever and nothing has been done on it since. And we got money to do something with it; we are going to lose that money in another year if we haven't done anything to it.

Mr. Lamm asked wasn't it a hundred thousand?

Mayor Richards replied yes, but we had to purchase the building. And then if by chance Audrey can negotiate with us she gave me a price she wants for the building but that is more money we have to have to buy her building and tear them both down at the same time. I mean some people have said something to me about private donations, yea but I will donate some money myself, but I have seen any. I would love to save the building but I don't think there is no way unless we get some other grants but I don't see that happening. We might get fifteen thousand dollars this year as a grant if that passed and it is not taken out of the budget. Who is going to do it? The first engineer I spoke to just to get a roof on it and sure up the walls, fix the windows and get all the trash out of it, we are going to have to put a roof on it. Another business in Town I talked to said it will be about fifty thousand dollars just for the roof. Then you will have to pay engineer fees and all.

Commissioner Killion asked what the cost in doing it all is.

Mayor Richards commented it is going to be at least, if you are going to make the building like it should be it is going to be five or six thousand dollars.

Commissioner Daniels stated my thought was to shorten the walls to eight feet something that is safe and sure the walls on the inside then we can go in a pour concrete in there. You really are not going to know all of that until the guy starts working.

Mayor Richards commented I am just trying to tell you that I have lost a lot of sleep and a lot of other people have to like worried about how to go about this building. And they are not all on this board, there have been other people trying to help me out by telling me. Robbie Troxler got me in contact with people at the Historic District and I think that might help with something else we can do to benefit the Town, tax credits and stuff like that. If we would have had this ten years ago we would be in a better situation than we are today. That is all I have got on that. Second thing is that the grant we applied for, the three million dollar grant we were informed last week out of thirty people we finished second on the list. We were eligible for a five hundred thousand grant and a two and a half million dollar loan. So that is crazy because we if took that loan we have 280 sewer customers not saying it would not go up but if we took the loan it would be \$675 a year for forty years per customer. So I was like no, we will wait. They said what you can do is apply for this one coming up and do it in phases. We are going to try to keep doing this there are also other ways to do this, we don't have to use the Upper COG every time we can actually go through the engineers we have now. They can write grants, they said you are second on the list now, just a matter of time before you are there. The main thing they want me to take away from this is we have not been putting your name out there to be favorable towards Bailey. There is an editorial out there now and the legislatures are seeing places like Bailey and Carteret County that don't have sewer. In order for these places to grow they are going to have to have it. Someone is going to have to help us we can't afford it ourselves. We can't give up we just have to keep applying for this. But this problem has been here for thirty or forty years all together the infrastructure and everything else and being on the moratorium the last sixteen years. I mean it did not happen overnight and it is not going to get fixed overnight.

Commissioner Killion stated I have to say for the longest time people here said there are no grants it is not going to happen rain or shine on any given day. It is not going to happen. That is what I heard time and time again, we are making a lot of progress better news than no news.

Mayor Richards commented today I go an email from somebody with the USDA. They could loan us 2.7 million and the project would be to run a pipe from here through Sims to hook into Wilson's stuff. They offered us a loan. They said we heard you did not get the grant, but again going back to that \$675 additional dollars a year to add to people's sewer bills for forty years. I am not going to sit up here and say I want this to happen and you all have to pay for it. I am in Town. I am on a septic tank it is not fair to you all. I am not going to do it.

Larry Baker stated will fifty dollars a month will be a hardship for everybody.

Mayor Richards replied yes, it probably will be. I have people saying now it is high. I don't know myself because I don't know what the bills are. Like I said I am on a septic tank.

Walter Wells stated you are making decisions for the people who vote.

Commissioner Finch commented we are looking at the long term just the viability of the Town for us and future generations. We are looking into the future as well.

Mayor Richards stated I am sure that if we had this pipe that runs to Sims or whatever it and this sewer problem was fixed and we were off the moratorium, work out with the spray fields we would immediately have people who wanted to build houses. So we would have more sewer customers to spread out even more but I just can guarantee that is going to happen. We just have to keep applying.

Walter Wells stated the whole thing with Sims was tried before and failed. A lot of things were done and a lot of money was spent.

Commissioner Killion commented I understand that and I had heard from the powers that be at the time it was not going to happen. We are not going to apply for grants. We are just not going to quit. It was a quitting attitude before that quitting attitude is gone now. That is a good thing.

Walter Wells stated I feel like I am being slapped here. I will tell you I am not advocating for quitting. I am advocating doing it in a judicious way. I am not saying I am going to put you out of office. I am just telling you, you are making decisions for the Town it needs to be long term and we need to find a way to make it work. And I hope you do, I really do. I am just trying to say it did not happen before, I hope you can find a way to make it work.

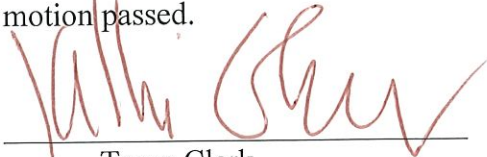
Commissioner Daniels I am just saying things that upset me when I was on the Board before we had an engineer he was relying on an uneducated Board, he dug a few holes for sixty thousand dollars next thing you know we are at one hundred fifty thousand dollars. I was on the Board when that was going on I think we really need to be more educated when we make a decision. That is what I am for. We have to find people we trust.

Mayor Richards stated ok now we are going to make a motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Finch made a motion to go into closed session, Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed.

Mayor Richards welcomed everyone back.

Commissioner Finch made a motion that we pay Braswell Library five thousand dollars for the current fiscal year. Commissioner Killion seconded, motion passed. Make sure she gets that check for five thousand dollars, thank you.

Commissioner Bullard made a motion to adjourn. Several Commissioner seconded, motion passed.



Town Clerk



Mayor Thomas Richards

