

TOWN OF BAILEY

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on October 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Thomas Richards, Mayor Pro Temp Shelley Bullard, Commissioners Allen Daniels, Dwan Finch, Jerry Bissette and Town Administrator Timothy Johnson.

Called the meeting to order:

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order and opened the meeting and welcomed all guests who were attending the meeting.

Approval of minutes and financial statement:

The financial statement for September 17, 2018 and the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 2018 with an amendment on page 3 to state "Bobby Joyner is knowledgeable about grants that are available to small towns instead of Bobby Joyner who writes grants" were unanimously approved upon a motion by Commissioner Finch and seconded by Commissioner Bissette. (4 affirm); (0 nays)

Agenda items:

Ervin Powell – Mr. Powell introduced himself and stated that he lives at 6155 Vance St. On September 17, 2018 he stated that after he left that meeting he was upset and he directed this toward Mayor Richards, Commissioner Finch and Commissioner Daniels why because you made a motion, you seconded it and you finalized it. Mr. Powell then stated that how could you make a statement saying you wanted to bring and this is no regard to Joel as a commissioner to be on this Board cause you said Troy and you all had other names but you want to bring Joel aboard without considering anybody else. Commissioner Daniels and Mayor Richards stated that they had only received one other name and that they tried to contact him but were not able to get in touch with the individual. Mayor Richards stated that he had even reached out to Kaye Folsom and he said she was going to try and get her neighbor next door to speak to him but no one had contacted him back. Mayor Richards then asked when Troy resigned. Administrator Johnson then stated July 31, 2018. Mayor Richards stated that he had only received one email from Administrator Johnson for Chuck Sizemore. He stated that nobody else said anything to him about being interested. He continued to state that one of the former Mayor's meet him in Tracy's and asked if he was going to approve who all they nominated the other night. Mayor Richards asked him if he had a better suggestion and he said the former mayor said my sister would be great. Mayor Richards stated that he was one step ahead of you because he had already called her and she turned it down. Mayor Richards stated that no one said that Ervin Powell was interested and my phone is on 24/7 and if I am at work it is beside my bed at night and nobody texted me and told me anybody else wanted to be in there. Mayor Richards continued to say that with all due respect I would have considered you. That is just like Mr. Sizemore, I called him a couple of times and his voicemail was full so I did not leave a message. Mr. Powell said ok so what about you Commissioner Finch. Commissioner Finch stated that it was known that Troy resigned in June so you had that time frame to come. Mr. Powell then stated how did you all come up with Joel. Mayor Richards stated that nobody else was showing any interest. Commissioner Daniels stated that he sat up there at Troy's and on his porch he stated I want to put Joel in there and Commissioner Daniels stated that he have him nominated and passed before he left. Commissioner Daniels also stated that he would bring it up to the Board and do that and that is what he did. Mr. Powell said well let me stop you right there. Commissioner Daniels then said if you want to call Troy to ask him. Mr. Powell then stated that was irrelevant because he meant that Troy was a commissioner here. He continued to say Troy is not a commissioner anymore so whether he said it not it is not relevant anymore just like any other former mayor or commissioner. Whatever they said in the past is irrelevant what I mean by that you know is maybe Troy did say it or maybe he did not it is irrelevant. Mr. Powell continued to state that he had been coming to these meetings for a while and he stated he has observed a lot of things. One of the things he stated he observed was when Mr. Peanut and Rocky was on the Board that Commissioner Daniels did not start coming to the town meetings until he was told that seat was coming up. Howard did not

start coming to the town meetings until Rocky told him that a seat was becoming available. Mr. Powell stated that when they came aboard he had to fill out an application but this time you all want to bring Joel in without filling out an application or without any other candidates. Commissioner Daniels stated that an application is not required. He stated that was something that the other Board required. He continued to state that people are appointed all the time. He also stated that Tim could run it like he want to when he was Mayor and Thomas can run it like he want to when he is Mayor that's their prerogative. He continued saying that he told Troy he sat there that if he really wanted Joel at the time to go ahead and appoint somebody but you know just because they did not come to town meeting. He stated that he did run a couple of times and if you had some interest and you ran last time you would have been asked. Mr. Powell asked I did not what? Commissioner Daniels stated you did not run on the ballot last time. Mr. Powell stated that is right I did not. Commissioner Daniels continued to state that was one of the things that he did look at, I said Joel did run and had some interest and Troy brought his name up and Troy really talked about him and I asked another guy in Wilson about him and he sounded like someone we needed so I made a nomination to do it. Mr. Powell asked do you all think that that was fair as commissioners. Commissioner Daniels stated I think anything is fair if you sit there and you can say what you want to. He continued to state that if you had interest we had a meeting before that and that and you were at both meetings where I remember and Jerry sat there and said let's leave this thing open and we agreed to that because I brought up Joel in the meeting before that and will give it 30 days but nobody else's name came up. Mr. Powell then stated that he did not want to be a commissioner in Bailey. He stated that he just was a voice for somebody else who would want to he just wanted to tell them that what they did was wrong. He continued to stated that the reason why is because he had to fill out an application. He indicated that Commissioner Daniels was there and Commissioner Wescott was there and that they were asked questions. He stated he knew even then that they were not going to vote me in as a commissioner but I did it anyway. Mr. Powell continued to state that it was not right and that he was racially profiled. He stated the simple fact you Commissioner Daniels the reason you brought Joel aboard is because you wanted someone on your side. Mr. Powell also stated that this is how it works as I have been coming is the buddy system. He stated that Commissioner Wescott got on by the buddy system with Rocky. He stated that Commissioner Daniels got on by the buddy system the first time and the last time you won but that is how things have been handled in here. He then stated that Commissioner Finch you won the election but everything else been going on commissioner been getting on here by the buddy system. He stated that Roberts Rule on how you do business on a commissioner one make the motion the other seconds it and to finalize it you need three votes and that is what happened. That is what happened when you brought Joel on the Board and like I said I do not feel like it was right. Mr. Powell continue to state that he did not want to be commissioner in Bailey why for the simple fact now because I am raising sand about it that would be the only reason you would want me up there. He continued to state that like I said before what Troy said is irrelevant because he is not the commissioner anymore. What he felt does not mean nothing and I told Troy that before when he was the commissioner about what was going on up here. Mr. Powell then asked if there were any questions. Mayor Richards stated that the day I got elected I saw you up at the polls and I came to you and I told you I brought up something that happened to you in one of these meetings that I thought you were disrespected in here and I told you that would never happen while I was here and me and you talked back there if you had wanted to be a commissioner you probably should have come up here and say hey I would like to put my interest in. That would have been real simple and I would have looked at anybody and said hey this is somebody that we need to consider or we could have put them on a list and I would have been able to vote. Mr. Powell stated that in the future is to do it one way and do not change it when you want to change it. Either you are going to do it by application or you are going to say that so and so would be a good candidate. Mr. Powell continued to say that he felt like he was racially profiled for the simple fact this time there is a black person involved this time we just going to nominate whoever we want to nominate. Commissioner Daniels stated that he has friends that are lawyers, friends that handle a lot of things that work with the League and most people are appointed. He stated that I'll take an example. The lady Ms. Barnes is running against she was appointed by the Democratic committee out of Franklinton and she was appointed. It was just they got together there were no applications somebody wanted her and they appointed her. Appointments happen all the time that is why it is called appointments. If the Town of Bailey wants to change this we could put it in an amendment and say we are going to take job applications from now on. But if we got a man that want to do it and I feel somebody ran last time and did not get on the ticket and he is a good candidate that is who I nominated. Commissioner Daniel continued to state that he did not care what Mr. Powell thought about Commissioner Conner because he thought a lot about Troy. He stated that he had been a friend of Troy for a very long time and he got on the Board with Troy the first time and he told him that he should have stayed on the Board and appointed just like he told Peanut that he

should have stayed on the Board and appointed whoever he wanted to be on this Board to replace him. Mr. Powell stated that you keep throwing Troy's name out and like I said it is irrelevant because Troy is gone. Mr. Powell then stated that Troy has served his purpose but he is gone now. There will not be another Troy he has served his purpose he is gone now. What I am saying is from now on however you all are going to do it do not do it this way this time and another way next time. Mayor Richards stated with all due respect were me and Dwan on the Board the last time we did not know any ground work. All we were told was that we could appoint somebody and that is what we did. Going forward we will have to look at every case differently and I guess next time somebody will have to speak up and say hey I would like to be on the Board. Mr. Powell asked do you think now I came to the town meeting but do you think you publicized it as far as like there was a seat coming available. Mayor Richards stated he said it right here in front of everybody. Mr. Powell stated no I come to the meetings I am saying for anybody else that may have wanted this position as a resident in Bailey. Mayor Richards stated well I guess that they will have to show up here at the meetings. Commissioner Daniels stated as soon as you see it in a newspaper you know somebody is leaving you somebody is going to get replaced and you go say something to somebody. Mr. Powell then stated that Joel had stopped coming to the meetings but when Commissioner Daniels told him to start coming back to the meetings because he was going to get him back on the Board he started coming to the meetings. Mayor Richards stated well he expressed interest. Mr. Powell stated right because it was on the buddy system. Mayor Richards stated well you just said that you did not want to be a commissioner. Mr. Powell stated I said I am the voice for somebody who do want to be a commissioner. If I get put up there now you would look at me as a minority and I am not a minority. Mr. Powell stated this is my last statement I want to make to you all. I am going to leave this with you Commissioner Daniels, American novelist James Arthur Baldwin said this, "People are trapped in history and that makes history trapped in him." Commissioner Finch then stated that you brought up the word being fair. When I made the decision and voted the way I did the word fair did not come to mind but the word what I was thinking about was what can we get done for this town. Commissioner Finch stated that she felt like the town has been stuck from her perspective and that is where I came from. I have talked to some people who were around when the last seat needed to be filled and there were applications and I heard it took six months. Commissioner Finch continued to state that we do not have a lot of time and I do not know if it took six months but it took several months for that process. So I was just thinking to expedite getting something done that is why anyway I am glad I feel good about the decision and I am sorry you feel that way but I feel like we made the best decision with what we know. I think that there is some buddy system that goes on up here on the Board that we are not even a part of so if you want to start talking about buddy system I think that there are some that are all involved as well. Being a part a new person on the Board yeah there are a lot of things that happen as a commissioner that I am not even aware of until after the fact. Mr. Powell stated since you brought up the buddy system cause like I said I know how it works Roberts Rule how you do things. He said Commissioner Daniels he got you on his side. You all go the Mayor on your side so you only needed three votes and that's the three votes right there and that's how it works. Mr. Powell continued to say I have been coming to these meetings for a while and I know how you all have been doing. I know it has been running on the buddy system for a long time. Commissioner Daniels stated Ervin its politics. I am not going to deny it goes on that side and on this side this Board is divided I am not going to lie to you but if I am going to flat out tell you just like it is. He continues to say if this Board would communicate with us Ervin we would not be in this problem. If the Town Manager would communicate with me Ervin we would not be in this problem. That is all I am going to say Ervin. You can go talk to Angelo. You can go talk to my other neighbor next to me. Me and Angelo were on the Board together. I think the world of Angelo Cox and I even told Angelo that there was nobody running for Mayor why don't you go run for Mayor but he did not get down there to do it. Commissioner Daniels continued saying do not ever put those racial profile when I sat there in a fox hole beside any Asian man, black man, Chinese man whatever you want to call it. Cause I am going to tell you something when you fighting side by side buddy you are only one person you are a human being and I always remember that. Mr. Powell stated but you are not in a fox hole now though you did what you had to do then. Commissioner Daniel stated I did what I did because I know Joel was a good choice and that's why Troy sold me on it again I am going to say Troy he sold me on it. I said we needed somebody and he could be in there a year and Ervin I going tell you like this please, please run next time because if you beat me I am going to shake your hand and I say thank God I am off the Board again for a little bit longer and maybe something can get done.

Bailey Chamber of Commerce: Cecil Hawley, President of the Bailey Chamber of Commerce stated that he stated that he did not have a whole lot to discuss. He stated that the Miss Bailey pageant was being held on November 10, 2018 at 6:30pm. He also said that Veterans Day is November 11, 2018 and I guess Mr. Johnson will be getting the flags up a week before and taken down the week after. He also mentioned that on November 6 to remember to vote because the \$100,000 coming from the Department of Commerce and the State of North Carolina was because of one person and that was not the Town Administrator or whatever but Ricky Horner so remember that when you vote so that maybe we can get some more next year. Also he stated last time about having a contractor submit a bid and we are backing out because if he does that and does the bid and you do sealed bids later and we have already done this it is better like Jerry said to wait until you get the money to do something with and then we will go from there.

EnviroLink: JP McCann, representative of EnviroLink, stated that he had not been in discussion about flags but that if he needed to facilitate those discussions he would be more than happy to do so. As far as the monthly report goes if we look at operation highlights we have loose leaf pick up season starting in November. He indicated the following:

1. That there were 49 works orders received.

He also stated that if you look at water and waste water production that you would see a decrease in volume due to the lack of storms during this time period. Commissioner Bisette asked Mr. McCann on where the fire hydrant was that is no longer there at the corner of Nash and Alt-264(Deans St) where The Leaning Tree is. Commissioner Bisette stated that it is gone. Mr. McCann stated he did not know. Administrator Johnson asked Chief Bullock if he had received any report showing where it had been hit and Chief Bullock stated that he had not. Mr. McCann stated that he check into it.

Public Comment:

Mayor Richards opened the public comment section. Since no one wanted to speak Mayor Richards closed the public comment section.

Old Business:

Status with Mr. Cox and Mr. Deal on new sewer tap for 6689 Elm St Work Authorization Request from EnviroLink – Administrator Johnson stated that we have the work authorization but asked Mr. McCann if they had received the quotes for the plumber. Mr. McCann stated that he had received one quote. He stated that all three plumbers had been contacted but he would like to hold off on this until the other two had provided the quotes so that he could bring all of them to Town Hall. Mr. McCann did ask that the plumber wanted to know if there was an issue with the right of way. Administrator Johnson asked what issue about the right of way. Mr. McCann stated that he would get back to him about this issue.

Status of Effluent Pump #2 with Charles Underwood – Mr. McCann stated that they had the pump back but that it was not in service yet. Administrator Johnson asked what date it would be back in service. Mr. McCann stated by Friday, October 19 and he would get back with Administrator Johnson.

Status of Effluent Pump #1 Quotes– Mr. McCann stated that he would provide the status once he met with Administrator Johnson this week.

New Business:

Installation of Joel Killion as Commissioner – Administrator Johnson stated that he had a point of order for the Board. He stated that it could not be done because the Board has a procedural error in last month's meeting until we were going over the minutes it was not clear. He stated that he had the recording available and that if anyone wanted to question it or hear it he would play it so everyone could hear it. Administrator Johnson continued to state that Commissioner Daniels made the statement that he would like to nominate Joel Killion and that Commissioner Finch stated asked if she could second that motion. Administrator Johnson stated that everything was moving so fast it did not register that a primary motion had not been made by Commissioner Daniels. Commissioner Daniels did not say I move or make a motion to nominate. Commissioner Daniels then stated Tim do you really want to go there. Administrator Johnson stated all I am trying to say is that in a point of order that no primary motion was made. Commissioner Daniels then stated I tell you what we have passed things on less than that. Administrator Johnson then stated and you can at this meeting Commissioner Daniels you all can go back, I am just saying as far as procedurally done that there was no primary motion. That does not mean that you cannot go back in this meeting and correct that. Commissioner Daniels stated I understand that so I will make that motion. A motion was made to appoint Joel Killion as Commissioner for the Town of Bailey by

Commissioner Daniels and seconded by Commissioner Finch. Mayor Richards asked all in favor and Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Finch stated aye and Mayor Richards asked all opposed and Commissioner Bullard and Commissioner Bissette state aye. Since there was a tie Mayor Richards cast the final vote in favor of appointing Joel Killion as Commissioner for the Town of Bailey. (3 affirm); (2 nays) After the vote was taken Mayor Richards administered the Oath of Office for Joel Killion as Commissioner for the Town of Bailey and he was asked to take his seat.

Street Condition Report with McGill & Associates – Bill Roark from McGill & Associates made the presentation to the Board of Commissioners about the Street Condition Report that the Board had made a request for. He stated that McGill & Associates had been contracted to update the Powell Bill Map and provide an assessment guide for our streets in order to better utilize our Powell Bill monies. He stated that they used the standard Institute of Transportation Research format. He indicated that they rode every street in Town and videotaped it. That information along with the scoring sheet to look at the typical things like alligator and traverse cracking, rutting, graveling, quality and patching gets a score. Because there is some subjectivity to it that is the reason for having one person follows this through from beginning to end. This helps keep numbers ranking the same. One person did the videoing, one person doing the numeric rankings and I checked the scoring with spot checking the videos so that they could present an accurate representation of what was out there. Again this is in draft format so as to allow for any change that the Town would require or add additional services if needed. He explained that the ranking was provided in three different formats of the presentation which included it being in alphabetical order and whether or not streets were classified as collectors, arterial or local. He stated that this format is to provide information that the Town needs to understand that its primary consideration should be that arterial roads are primary then collectors then local streets. This report does show that ranking and should help the town know what streets need to be considered primary versus secondary for maintenance. The object of the report was not to look at how many houses are on each street but solely what are the conditions of the street. He did reiterate to the Board that this was a draft version and that if they needed any further narratives or explanations that they could accommodate those request if the Board needed anything further from the report. He also stated that there were numbers provided for budgeting that would help the Town in knowing what it would need to budget for in the future. Commissioner Bullard asked Mr. Roark what adequate meant in the report. He stated that it meant that there were other streets that need it worse than ones not showing adequate. Commissioner Finch asked how they came up with the estimated cost because they were some really big numbers. Mr. Roark stated that they took what was historic and trending cost for paving projects and looked at whether it was a full depth repair versus resurfacing or simple overlay and other factors such as length and width of the streets to come up to the cost shown. Commissioner Bissette stated that he thought they were pretty close to the numbers in what the Town has done in the past. Commissioner Finch stated that looking at these numbers that we would need to look at this as an investment. Administrator Johnson then advised the Board about the amount of funds available with Powell Bill and Street funds in the general fund account of about \$55,000.00 dollars. Commissioner Bissette and Commissioner Daniels wanted to know if these funds accumulated each year. Administrator Johnson stated that no they do not accumulate year over year. He advised that the Board has a budget line item that they approve that shows what monies will be spent that year on the project. If you wanted to take unused funds for later use then you would need to move those monies out of the general fund into savings or a cd before the end of the budget. Commissioner Finch asked about how the Powell Bill funds are received. Administrator Johnson stated that based on our Powell Bill map of surfaced/non-surfaced streets the calculation determines what portion of federal dollars are allocated to the Town of Bailey.

Commissioner's remarks:

Commissioner Daniels stated that we needed to go ahead and contact Davis Heating and Air on the heating unit for the Library.

Commissioner Finch asked if the money for the building project could be used for sidewalks. Administrator Johnson stated that it would need to go towards the building coming down first then if there was any funds left that they could see what they wanted to do with the remaining funds. Commissioner Finch asked if the sidewalks could be power washed. Administrator Johnson stated that he did not see a reason why it could not be done just needed the appropriate number of quotes to be presented before the Board. Commissioner Daniels stated to get some pressure washing quotes and get them back to the Board as well. She also stated that she spoke with someone from Southern Nash High School about horticultural and a dual thing with planting plants and getting them interested in some civics of the Town and the person that she spoke with had some good thoughts that just having kids plant plants is not really going to do anything and that the Town needed a 5 year plan of how to improve the appearance. She challenged the Board to make plans on how they want the Town to

look otherwise we will keep on looking like we are looking. Commissioner Finch did ask Mr. McCann with Envirolink to look into the pothole that is in front of the Methodist church because a work order had been issued for it. He stated that he would look into for her. She then asked Administrator Johnson about the roll off behind Town Hall if Waste Industries was going to pick it up and he stated that yes it was on their radar to pick it up.

Commissioner Killion just wanted to say that when he ran for Mayor that he put his number on home cards. He provided his number again to let everyone know that he could be reached if anyone wanted to talk with him.

Commissioner Bullard stated that she, Commissioner Bissette and Administrator Johnson met with Envirolink officials about the letter we sent regarding the issues we sent to them. She stated we had a very good meeting with Mike Myers explaining about things that had been going on. She continued to state that we gave him all of our complaints about grass cutting and leaf pick up but it was determined during the meeting that progress had been made. We are going to meet again in thirty days to see where we are at with them but for right now they are making improvements.

Commissioner Bissette did not have any comments.

Mayor's remarks:

Mayor Richards did not have any comments.

Department Heads Remarks:

Chief Bullock stated at this time he was giving the Town Board his resignation with an effective date of October 15, 2018 and with his last date of work being October 28, 2018. He stated that he had been granted to the opportunity to grow and learn in the action of Town government and Town policies and he thanked the Town Board for the opportunity. He also expressed if there was anything that he could do to assist during his transition period he would more than willing to help the Town. He wished the Town all the best going forward. Commissioner Bissette remarked that he hated to see Chief Bullock leave because he did a fine job and Commissioner Killion concurred. Mayor Richards thanked the Chief for his service.

Administrator Johnson asked for a status update on who had completed the Ethics training course and to get their copy of the completed certificate back into the office. He advised Commissioner Killion that he would be sending him the information in order for him to complete the course before October 31, 2018. Administrator Johnson also advised that Mayor Richards signed the Department of Commerce package on October 4, 2018 and that it was sent off to Raleigh for them to process. He expected the money to be made available within 30 to 45 days from that date. Administrator Johnson also stated that per a request from Commissioner Finch that information was sent to Mr. Hartigan in Raleigh regarding the sewer moratorium. He stated he would look at the information that was sent to him and determine what funding might be available for us. Administrator Johnson also brought up was that the Board did not stick around for a picture so that he could update the website. He asked that all members of the Board either let him take a picture or to provide him with a picture so that he could get them uploaded to the website. The last item that Administrator Johnson brought up was the AIA grant for water. He advised the Board that by working to obtain this grant the Town would be in a better position to ask for money along the CDBG funding source by knowing exactly what it has as far as types of water lines, valves, hydrants, pump stations etc. He also stated that it would be made available to the Town in the form of GIS so that you could locate anything within 6 inches from a tablet or smartphone. However he stated that we would need to pass a resolution in order to apply for the grant. This did not mean that there was a charge to do this but that in order to apply we would need to pass a resolution. Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Bullard asked how much was this going to cost and he stated that there is no cost because of in kind services so the normal \$7500.00 for our cost is covered. He reminded the Board that we are already doing the AIA-Sewer grant and that the only reason we did not get the AIA-Water grant is because we were seeking funds for the filtration project. After Mayor Richards read the Resolution for the AIA-Water Grant a motion was made to accept the Resolution by Commissioner Bissette and seconded by Commissioner Killion and was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Closed Session:

A motion was made to go into closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318 (a) (6) to consider the qualification competence and performance of an employee. A motion was made by Commissioner Bullard and seconded by Commissioner Finch and was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

A motion was made to go back into open session by Commissioner Bullard and seconded by Commissioner Finch and was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Open Session:

Mayor Richards stated a motion was made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Finch to change the status of Thomas Edwards from full-time to part-time police officer at \$11.00 per hour and it was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Mayor Richards stated a motion was made by Commissioner Bisette and seconded by Commissioner Killion to accept the resignation of Chief Corey Bullock with an effective date of October 15, 2018 with an end date of October 28, 2018 and it was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

A motion was made to recess the meeting until October 24, 2018 at 6pm by Commissioner Bullard and seconded by Commissioner Bisette and it was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Meeting reconvened:

Mayor Richards at 6pm reconvened the meeting from October 15, 2018.

New Business:

Commissioner Finch opened with advising that she had contacted some businesses about powerwashing the sidewalks and that she knew Commissioner Daniels had spoken to someone and she was waiting for the quotes to come in. Administrator Johnson stated that he had a quote that came in from Vortex for her already.

Commissioner Finch then asked the Board if they had taken a look at the Street Assessment and what plan of action did the Board want to take. She then asked Administrator Johnson to break down the funding so that the Board could work on the plan. Administrator Johnson then advised the Board that they had \$28,434.28 in Powell Bill and \$31,100.00 in the budget line item in the General Fund available with a potential additional allocation for of \$8,503.15 from Powell Bill. Commissioner Finch then asked what streets should we begin with. She remarked that the first street on the list was Jackson St. Commissioner Daniels then stated that he thought that we should get bids for the first four streets on the list. Commissioner Bisette then asked why are we getting quotes for the additional streets when we should be doing it by the priority on the provided assessment. He stated that we had these people come out and provide us the information and why would we not go by it. Commissioner Daniels stated that all he was saying would be for the Town to get some additional quotes to know what streets we could do from the quotes provided. Commissioner Daniels continued by saying that it would not take any additional effort for the bidder to just run a tape and calculate the estimated cost. He stated that he did it in his business all the time. Commissioner Bisette said that he did not care about what happened in his business that this is Town business and he believes that we should go by what these people provided to us because they know more about streets than they did. Commissioner Finch then asked if we could compromise on getting at least three streets quoted. Commissioner Daniels stated you at least know to get the first two quoted and he did not see why we could not get an additional street quoted. Commissioner Bisette then stated that if anyone came to ask him to quote something that they were not going to get then he would not do it. After further discussion Commissioner Finch made the request that quotes be obtained for the following streets: #1 Jackson, #2 Nash, and #3 Pine streets.

Closed Session:

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A motion was made to go back into open session by Commissioner Bullard and seconded by Commissioner Finch and was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Open Session:


Mayor Richards had to leave the meeting so Mayor Pro Temp Bullard assumed the role of running the Board meeting for the evening with a quorum still present. Commissioner Killion made a motion to bring

Thomas Edwards back to full-time corporal officer status with same pay as of October 1, 2018 and it was seconded by Commissioner Bissette and was passed unanimously (5 affirm); (0 nays)

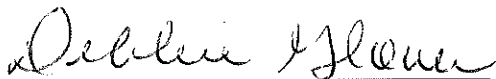
Administrator Johnson advised that he had received the preliminary title assessment from the Town's attorney and he wanted to know what was the pleasure of the Board in should he go ahead and proceed with tax foreclosure. Commissioner Bissette asked what were the taxes that were owed on the building. Administrator Johnson that is was about \$4500.00. Mayor Pro Temp Bullard asked if there was a motion that was needed. Administrator Johnson stated that yes there would need to be a motion authorizing him as the Tax Collector to proceed with tax foreclosure. Mayor Pro Temp Bullard then asked is there a motion. Administrator Johnson then advised the Board that if there was not a motion to proceed forward with tax foreclosure and the Town did not own the property and you demo it then the property owner could sell it out from underneath you. Mayor Pro Temp Bullard then made a motion that we accept the preliminary title report on the Main St old Drexel Rhodes building for tax foreclosure and it was seconded by Commissioner Killion and was passed unanimously. (5 affirm); (0 nays)

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Killion made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Finch seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. (5 affirm); (0 nays)



Mayor Richards



Clerk