

Stewart Pickett, Mayor  
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Commissioners

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## **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pickett. Commissioner's, Williford, Fortune, Wylie and Luther were in attendance. Also attending were Town Manager White, Deputy Clerk Brickhouse, Police Chief Pollock, Fire Chief Haraway, Public Works Director, citizens, and news media.

Commissioner Fortune gave the invocation, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wylie made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FINANCE OFFICER/TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager White ask to amend the agenda to include insurance proceeds referencing a fire vehicle that was damaged. He attended the Carteret County Property Damage Assessment meeting with FEMA for Hurricane Isaias. The Town's total expenditures for the event were \$3,238 which was personnel cost; therefore, the town did not meet the threshold for reimbursement. The new ladder truck will arrive next Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Manager White has enrolled in the County/City Clerk certification course. The first class will begin in February 2021.

He reviewed the financial report.

He reported taxes collected in August were \$271,824.52.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Chief Pollock gave his report and it was accepted as presented. He also reported that calls are down by 100 and Officers Ty Mann and Michael Onofrio made a large drug bust.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Chief Haraway gave his report and it was accepted as presented. Commissioner Williford asked what the purple flags represent. Chief Haraway advised that Indian Beach does not fly the flags but they make people aware that there are jellyfish, man of war, etc. on the beach which could cause discomfort. Commissioner Williford

also asked if he has had to replace any rescue cans. Chief Haraway said no, not in the last two (2) years.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Director Golden gave his report and it was accepted as presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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- (a) Manager White asked to amend the Personnel Policy to add Martin Luther King Day as a Holiday.

Commissioner Luther made the motion. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- (b) Manager White asked the Board to consider a Resolution opposing the third bridge connecting Bogue Banks to the mainland. There was a brief discussion.

Commissioner Williford made the motion. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- (c) Manager White requested a motion to surplus the 2017 Dodge Ram truck.

Commissioner Williford made the motion. Commissioner Fortune seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- (d) Manager White has received an insurance check in the amount of \$32,000.00 to replace the totaled Fire Department's 2017 Dodge truck. He is requesting a motion to approve the budget amendment.

Commissioner Luther made the motion. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's comments, public comments.

Police Chief announced that a new law will go in effect on October 1<sup>st</sup> that will allow Modified Utility Vehicles on NC State highways. Examples: side by side, gators, etc. Manager White said the speed limit on the beach is 15 mph in answer to Commissioners Williford's question.

Commissioner Williford said she was pleased with the Police Department's assistance to the lady in a wheelchair and the officers giving out suckers to children and some adults. This information was provided by a lady that lives in Paradise Bay Mobile Home Park.

Lauren Donnachie thanked Amy Anderson for her work on the website. She asked if a piece of property had been sold which no one knew anything about. She said that all warning flags are not the same in any of the beach towns. Fire Chief Haraway said that the ocean activity is not the same in each town. She also asked about the sidewalk project. Town Manager replied to the crosswalks instead of the sidewalks. He has not heard anything on the sidewalks.

The meeting adjourned 5:13.

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Linda T. Brickhouse, Deputy Clerk

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Stewart M. Pickett, Mayor