

Stewart Pickett, Mayor  
Elizabeth (Dale) Williford,  
Mayor Pro Tem

Commissioners  
Joel Fortune  
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## REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS MINUTES

**MAY 13, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pickett. Mayor Pickett and Commissioner Fortune were in Town Hall meeting the distance requirement. Commissioner Williford, Wylie and Luther attended the meeting via ZOOM. Also attending via ZOOM 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 Williford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Fortune seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Town Manager White thanked the staff for continuing to perform their duties necessary to keep the town operating during the unsettling times.

He advised the Town continues to operate under a State of Emergency and will continue to do so until the Governor lifts the State of Emergency. The restrictions on short term rentals and curfew were lifted on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

In March \$15,181.41 was collected in property taxes and \$9,063.86 was collected in April. The total collected for the year is \$1,049,397 at a collection rate of 99%.

Town Manager White requested the Town Clerk make a statement in the minutes, that states the April meeting was cancelled and the May meeting was held via ZOOM video conference due to the COVID-19 VIRUS.

Manager White presented the Budget Message.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Chief Pollock gave his report and it was accepted as presented.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Chief Haraway gave his report and it was accepted as presented.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 9 (a) Manager White has obtained a loan with First Bank for \$ 250,000 for 15 years at 4.36% and the Police Department will be used as collateral. The funds will be used to refund the General Fund Balance. The loan agreement was approved by the commissioners at the February 12, 2020 meeting and before closing, the Town Attorney advised to have a second public hearing for public comment. The first public hearing was held on July 10, 2019.

Victor Heinrich asked if the interest rate was locked in and Manager White replied that it was.

Mayor Pickett closed the public hearing.

- 9(b) Manager White gave a summary on adopting the revised Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Wylie made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the revised Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 9(c) Manager White presented the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.
- 9(d) Commissioner Williford made a motion to set a Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Fortune seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner's comments, public comments.

Commissioner Luther asked for a sidewalk update. Manager White said that he had not heard anything. Commissioner Wylie asked about a FEMA application. Victor Heinrich recognized the fire department training, mentioned last year's budget freeze, safer grant, Retirement Community.

The meeting adjourned 5:26.

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Linda Brickhouse, Deputy Clerk

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Stewart Pickett, Mayor