

**Town of Swansboro  
Board of Commissioners  
February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Mayor John Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Tursi, Commissioner PJ Pugliese, Commissioner Larry Philpott, Mayor Pro Tem Tursi, Commissioner Pat Turner, and Commissioner Jeffrey Conaway.

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**Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Pledge**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding items listed on the agenda. No comments were given.

**Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items**

On a motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tursi, the agenda and the below consent items were approved unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

- September 26, 2022, Regular Meeting
- October 24, 2022, Regular Meeting
- October 24, 2022, Closed Session

**Appointments/Recognitions/Presentations**

*First Citizens Bank – Laddered Bond Strategy*

Sherwood Blackwood of First Citizens Bank reviewed investment opportunities for consideration which are attached herein with the PowerPoint presentation of the meeting.

In response to inquiries from the board, Mrs. Johnson clarified the following:

- It was a good idea to invest some, not all of the Town funds.
- A list of other municipalities that have utilized this type of strategy would be provided.
- The 6 million (SCIF) funds were identified as only able to go into a money market account.

*Board Appointments*

Town Clerk Fender shared that due to relocations of board members, two in-town seats were vacant on the Board of Adjustment.

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, Wayne Mixon was appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

On a motion by Commissioner Philpott, seconded by Commissioner Conaway, Elaine Justice was appointment to the Board of Adjustment.

### **Business Non-Consent**

*Financial Report as of January 31, 2023*

Finance Director Johnson reviewed details from the monthly financial report, attached herein with the PowerPoint presentation of the meeting.

With regard to unpurchased capital items, Mrs. Johnson shared that the paving machine in Public Works was determined as no longer be necessary.

### *Future Agenda Topics*

Future agenda items were shared for visibility and comment. In addition, an opportunity was provided for the Board to introduce items of interest and subsequent direction for placement on future agendas. No other items were introduced.

The following items were addressed:

- Community Meetings Discussion was to be scheduled for either the March 27<sup>th</sup> or April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Truist Presentation (Investment option) could possibly be on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Church Street Dock safety policy should be put on the agenda soon.

### **Public Comment**

Kathy Morrell of 118 Ryan Glenn shared details on an unfortunate event related to her parent and having to call 911. After calling more than once she was finally forced to cancel her 911 call and take her mother to get medical care herself. She stated that schools are full, and traffic was already heavy and tourist season hadn't even started. She urged the board to consider a moratorium and requested a speed trap on Main Street Extension.

Ed McHale of 221 Marsh Hen Court shared that he was thankful for all the town staff for what they do daily. He feels safe here and the town is clean and well maintained.

With regard to the public comment offer by Mrs Morrell, Manger Webb was requested to reach out to the county to find out why Swansboro's fire department was not called.

**Manager's Comments**

Manager Webb shared that an upcoming closure of Hammocks Beach Road would occur from March 6th through the 10th. She shared her concern that there was not any intended detour signage and will be contacting them for further clarification.

In response to an inquiry from the board, the Living Shoreline project on Highway 24 was estimated to be completed between May and June.

**Board Comments**

Commissioner Philpott shared that Main Street Extension intersection has been brought up with county official through the JUMPO committee. He also shared that the EOC/PSB consultant has been speaking with staff and things are still progressing along.

Mayor Davis shared that the lack of response by the ambulance for Mrs. Morrell was concerning and a way to work with the county to help our residents needed to be explored.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Philpott, the meeting adjourned at 619pm.