

**Town of Swansboro
Board of Commissioners
September 26, 2022, Regular Meeting**

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.

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 Tuner, seconded by Commissioner Philpott, the agenda and the below consent items were adopted unanimously.

- **Meeting Minutes**

April 28, 2022, Special Meeting

May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting

May 9, 2022, Closed Session

- **Tax Refunds**

Bass, Brandon Edward	\$24.28	Tag Surrender
Brenenstuhl, Daniel James	\$137.28	Tag Surrender
Crook, Stephen Armstrong & Hauer, Marcie Kay	\$151.08	Tag Surrender
Foster, Sydnei Brooke	\$4.16	Tag Surrender
Miller, Nicole Alisa	\$60.27	Tag Surrender
Akerberg, Ethan R	\$91.21	Military
Grady, Jeffrey Lynn	\$64.74	Tag Surrender
Keller, Ronald Grant	\$4.02	Tag Surrender
Seddon, Justin Ryan	\$156.19	Military

Appointments/Recognitions/Presentations

Employee Introductions

Police Chief Taylor introduced two new officers Cindy Debonis and Luke Holt, and shared that Ben Brim had been promoted to lieutenant.

Business Non-Consent

Financial Report as of August 31, 2022

Mrs. Johnson reviewed details from the monthly financial report, attached herein with the PowerPoint presentation of the meeting. The amounts provided did not include any of the ARP funds. Starting with next month's report she would include a grant slide to provide information on those funds.

In regard to the deficit of \$242,000 in revenue over expenditures, Mrs. Johnson explained that it was due to receipt of ad-valorem taxes and this typically happens around this time of year.

Future Sidewalk Priorities Discussion

Manager Webb reviewed that at its July 25, 2022, meeting, the Board of Commissioners reviewed options for additional priority areas for sidewalks. These mapped areas would assist in making the triangle from NC24/Hammocks Beach Road/Old Hammock Road completely walkable. Maps were also provided for the area of Deer Run on Main Street Extension to NC24, and Mt. Pleasant Road.

An update from NCDOT indicated that funding was available to cover Priority 4 (a section from the soccer field to Halls Creek) and a small section connecting the Cottages of Swansboro and Piggly Wiggly.

Mayor Davis shared that adding a sidewalk at the other end of Cottages to Phillips Drive would complete sidewalks from Phillips all the way to Highway 24.

The board discussed and identified the following priority areas.

- Priority 5 – Pineland Drive parcel and Cottages to Piggly Wiggly side entrance street
- Priority 6 - Main Street Extension from the Recreation Center to Old Hammock to Highway 24
- Priority 7 – Gaps without sidewalks on 24 from Old Hammock to downtown
- Priority 8 – South side of Highway 24 from Walmart to Queens Creek

Board of Commissioners Policy 12(a) – Volunteer of the Year Award

Town Clerk Fender reviewed that board members requested to revisit the Samuel Swann Bland Award policy to consider amendments. At the board's August 22, 2022, direction was given to staff on several amendments to the policy to include changing the name.

Board members agreed that another name should be considered and that the award should be elevated with holding a banquet for the recipient of the award and invite past recipients, and to have a plaque placed in the Town Hall lobby with names of all who

received the award since its creation. Revisions of the award would be considered for the next year and expanding on the selection criteria specified along with researching other area awards was recommended.

Future Agenda Items

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.

The following items were addressed to be added to a future meeting:

- Recognition of Bob Vroom for Hall of Fame induction
- Social District consideration
- Water Street Rezoning consideration from B2HDO to Residential

Public Comment

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding items not listed on the agenda. No comments were given.

Manager's Comments

Manager Webb had no additional details or comments to her report provided in the agenda packet.

Board Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Tursi acknowledged the fire department and thanked them for their response to the house fire the other week.

Commissioner Philpott shared that 6 members of the EOC Committee were selected for participation on the interview panel and that the committee selected 3 to be interviewed of the firms that submitted RFQ's. The members selected for the interview panel were Brenda Pugliese, David Degnan, Paula Webb, Jonathan McDaniel, Dusty Rhodes and Larry Philpott.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.