

TOWN OF NEWLAND
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Valerie Jaynes
ALDERMAN: Donetta McKinney, Roxanna Roberson, Dave Calvert, Kenny Caraway
ATTORNEY: Joe Seegers
GUESTS: Clara Dickson, Shannon and Greg Seiz, Frances Banner, Joleta Wise, Tim Gardner, Matt Debham, Families of Officer Denton, Officer Lambert and Chief Clawson.
STAFF: Lise Meinhardt, Keith Hoilman, Byron Clawson, Crystal Hicks, Tammy Gardner

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Mayor then led the audience in the pledge to the American flag.

Donetta made a motion to approve the minutes for the July meeting. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

The Mayor swore in Officer Daniel Denton and Officer Matthew Lambert. The Board expresses their gratitude to them.

The Mayor then asked for public comments.

Frances Banner was first. She asked why minutes of special meetings were not on the website. Keith explained how the website is still being constructed and worked on. He stated we are still trying to get everything we need on the website. She also asked who pays attorney fees for the petition that Mr. Caraway has filed with the board of elections.. The board responded Mr. Caraway.

Clara Dickson was next. She thanked the board for not raising taxes. Wanted to know if it was because of election year. Dave responded that was not even thought about, it was just the budget was at a good standing right now. Clara then asked why the board did not hire Doug Tennant or send him a letter as to why he was not chosen to do the audit this year. Dave explained how they chose the auditor through bids and that Misty Watson had given a cheaper bid. It was just an oversight in notifying the others. Keith said it was not regular protocol to notify bidders.

The Mayor then asked for Department reports.

Crystal Hicks gave the tag office report. There were no questions for Crystal.

Lise Meinhardt gave the finance report. She stated she was getting everything ready for the audit and things were going well. Dave explained to the audience when looking at numbers the way Lise presents them you can better tell what direction things are going in. Frances Banner then states she is worried by

the loss of money on the property of the corner lot. Frances also stated she believed that without Doug Tennant's audit the missing money may never have been found. Dave explained to Frances that Doug charged more because he would actually have to come in and do the books and the audit himself. He explained that now with Lise they will not have to pay for that anymore. Now with Lise as finance officer we have checks and balances to go by. Dave states the town should have had checks and balances done years ago. Joleta Wise asked if Doug was given a chance to bid. Dave responded yes he was, but they chose the one with a lower bid saving them around \$5000.00. It was just a matter of saving the Town money. Donetta McKinney added Misty has done audits for other towns and the Town of Newland checked her efficiency before hiring. It was just an oversight in notifying the others. Keith said it was not regular protocol to notify bidders. Keith Hoilman stated that Doug Tennant has done an excellent job for the town in which he and the board are very appreciative of all he has done.

Byron Clawson gave the police report. He said Officer Denton is through with his training. Officer Lambert is pending. He stated a Jeep was reported stolen, and recovered days later at Little Plumtree Creek. It was recovered thanks to Officer Fields who entered it in the Division of Criminal Information Network. With the assistance of the N.C.S.B.I. the police department is investigating an un-attended death. Preliminary results indicate a massive heart attack. Dave then asked Mr. Clawson about evidence stored in the evidence locker. Mr. Clawson stated that weapons and related items of prior cases had not been properly labeled in the past. Mr. Clawson stated that some of the items had been stored for as long as 20 years and had no bearing on any case. He added he was working with the DA to decide which items should be kept and which should be removed from the town.

Keith Hoilman gave the Administrator and Public works report. Danny Cole was now a full-time employee for the public works department. Everything is going well. There were no questions for Keith.

Tammy Gardner gave the clerks report. She asked for releases for Todd Lecka-\$619.52 He was billed for all his property being in the city limits, when he only has 1.22 in the city limits. James Speake-\$12.48, He was double taxed by the county. Juan Carlos Ambrocio-\$12.48 He was charged for 2 trailers but he only has one. Total of \$644.48. Then another came late it was for Kevin Winslow in the amount of \$1235.01. He was billed for all in city but has only 1.200 in city limits. Tammy stated she would get with Stephanie and make sure the minutes are put on the website.

Donetta made a motion to release the total of \$644.48, and to release the amount of \$1235.01. Dave seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.

In old business, Keith reminded everyone they could get on a committee and help with the planning.

There was no new business.

Donetta made a motion to adjourn. Kenny seconded the motion. All agreed by a show of hands.
Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Mayor, Valerie Jaynes

Town Clerk, Tammy Gardner