

MILTON NORTH CAROLINA TOWN HALL/TDH

TUESDAY: February 15, 2022---7:00 PM. Minutes

Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am.-5:00 pm.

Thursdays- 4:00 pm.-7:00 pm. Payments Only

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Patricia Williams called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

This meeting is being recorded and I (Mayor Patricia Williams) would like to remind you for **Public Comments** please call Town Hall at 336-234-0030 by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday the day of the Town Meeting and leave your name, address, and your reason for Public Comments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- **Mayor Patricia Williams** asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Williams, Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk, Sharon Williams, Finance Officer, Commissioner Cathia Stewart, Garrard

Zoom: Commissioner John Wallace Jr

APPROVALS: Mayor Patricia Williams called for approval of the of the **February 15, 2022, Agenda: Commissioner Cathia Stewart asked for a change under Commissioners Report: EDC Report will be presented by Town Clerk Shirley Wilson instead of Commissioner Cathia Stewart.**

Commissioner Cathia Stewart motioned to approve the **Agenda for February 15, 2022**, with the changed item under Commissioners Report (**EDC Report will be presented by Town Clerk, Shirley Wilson.**) Second by Commissioner John Wallace. All members were in favor. **Mayor Patricia Williams** asked for the approval of the **January 11, 2022, Minutes. Commissioner Cathia Stewart** motioned to approve the **January 11, 2022, Minutes, as they stand. Commissioner John Wallace** second the motion. **All members were in favor.**

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Patricia Williams: Update on Milton Post Office: Manufacturing has been delayed due to the COVID Supply Chain issues and funding issues. The Milton Post Office is projected to arrive in February or March 2022. No official date has been set.

- **High Street Baptist Church Crosswalk Update:** There is a delay in the signal light being put in due to the Pandemic. Everything else is ready and looks great.
- **Late Payment Fees will begin to be applied to overdue water payments beginning in March 2022.** A delinquent payment charge is **\$10.00**. Payment is now due by the **25th** of each month.
- Professor Dick Hails came to the Planning Board Meeting on February 07, 2022, to discuss the draft of the Milton Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board and the Team from UNC Chapel Hill is continuing to work on the Plan.
- **A Meeting with the Milton Chamber of Commerce Members and the Executive Director Amanda Hodges was held on Thursday February 03, 2022. Discussion was held about the upcoming Chamber Networking Breakfast in Milton for Chamber members. Tuesday April 05, 2022, from 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. There will be a follow-up cocktail hour on Thursday May**

05, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. for Chamber members. This is a wonderful way for Caswell County Natives to visit Milton.

- In your folder you will find a thank you for the CARES ACT funding from the Green Space Trail Committee along with a brochure they created and also created a poster that will be hung up throughout the county (talking about the greenway and soliciting donations for the greenway.)

STAFF REPORTS: Finance Officer Sharon Williams:

- **Finance Officer Sharon Williams at the end of January 2022 the first report is General Fund: Target Income 58%** Revenue is at **78%**. We received the bulk of our **Property Tax** in **January 2022**. **Expenses** we are at **59%** of our Target. At the bottom of the sheet, you will see what has been spent with the **CARES ACT Monies**. **Water Fund Revenue should be 58% but we are at 60%**. Expenditures are at **51%**. **ARPA Funds: \$23,424.26** and receiving a little interest about \$.15 or \$.20. In the yellow are things that was brought **not budgeted for**. **Repair and Maintenance** we spent **36%** of the Budget of **70%**. (Pumps, Replacement of Touch Screen, Internet Switch, Links, and the Manhole.
- **Commissioner John Wallace asked about the Fund Balance in the Water Fund is about \$21,000.00**. Sharon Williams stated yes. We are going to have to pay the USDA loan in May 2022. Sharon Williams stated we do, and it is about **\$16,000.00**. (Discussion of fire hydrants and replacement screen which is new now) Average Revenue for the first seven months **\$10,000.00 pr month**. **Discussion** (Commissioner John Wallace) We are still cleared to transfer money from the General Funds. (Yes) Bank Account General Fund end of January 2022 \$8,358.00 and as of February 08, 2022, was \$35,104.00. Water Sewer Fund at the end of January 2022 \$30,611.00 and on February 08, 2022, it was \$20,657.00. North Carolina Capital Management for the **American Recovery Plan Act Fund** the balance is **\$23,424.90** and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust Fund we have **\$105,017.00**. You have copies of the Bank Statements for the General Fund and the Water Sewer Fund. **Any Questions? N/A**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner John Wallace and Commissioner Cathia Stewart the update on replacing **Commissioner Lisa Brandon**. **Commissioner Cathia Stewart presented Sherry Garrard as a replacement for Commissioner Lisa Brandon**.

Mayor Patricia Williams: Asked for a vote and a motion for Sherry Garrard to become a town Commissioner. Commissioner Cathia Stewart made a motion for Sherry Garrard to become a Milton Town Commissioner and Commissioner John Wallace second the motion. All were in favor.

Oath of Office: Mayor Patricia Williams conducted the Oath of Office by reading the Oath found in the NC Constitution article IV, Section 7. A signed copy will be attached to the minutes.

Mayor Patricia Williams: Explained the duties of a Mayor Pro-Tem. Looking for a motion to have someone to take this position. Commissioner Cathia Stewart made a motion that Commissioner John Wallace become the Mayor Pro-Tem and he accepted. Commissioner Sherry Garrard second the motion. All in favor.

Town Clerk Shirley Wilson: (EDC Replacement) I have one person that graciously volunteered to take **Gwen McGuire's** place on the **EDC Board**. Her name is **Shirley Cadmus**.

Mayor Patricia Williams: Asked Commissioner Cathia Stewart to explain the goals of the EDC.

Mayor Patricia Williams: Explained about the Milton representatives. **Mayor Patricia Williams** asked for a motion to accept **Shirley Cadmus** as the **EDC replacement**. **Commissioner Cathia Stewart** made a motion that **Shirley Cadmus** become the **EDC replacement** for **Gwen McGuire**. **Commissioner Sherry Garrard** second the motion. **All were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mayor Patricia Williams: Tuesday April 05, 2022, Chamber of Commerce Breakfast. (Explained) Meet every other month. Meeting next week Tuesday February 22, 2022, at the Piedmont Visitors Center in Pelham NC. 8:00am-9:30am. The Chamber asked if Milton would host the April meeting. The Commissioners voted yes. The meeting will be held at the TDH at 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Mayor Patricia explained that this is good networking for the Businesses here in town and all over the county. There will be a follow-up cocktail hour on Thursday May 05, 2022, starting at 5:30 p.m. for Chamber members. This will start down in the shops. Hoping people that come will have dinner in the restaurants. The Museums will be open for tours. (Thomas Day House and the Renaissance.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT: Town Clerk Shirley Wilson reported on the EDC meeting Pamela Senegal: BLAST (Breakthrough Learning in Science and Technology) program at Stoney Creek Elementary program will restart this week.

- ✚ Unable to resume instruction at Caswell prisons, which impacts enrollment. Hope to resume March 1.
 - ✚ Met with representatives from Senator Burr, Senator Tillis, and Representative Hall's office about need for federal support of **CEAD** project.
 - ✚ Delegation of Bryan Miller, Cori Lindsey, Rick McVey, and Dr. Pamela Senegal met with NC Agriculture Secretary Steve Troxler and staff about **CEAD** project. We were given contacts for a private foundation and for a USDA connection that will be followed up upon.
 - ✚ Did not receive \$4.6 million grant request from EDA. Were informed that all funds for our region had already been committed. We will reach out to our regional rep to identify other **EDA** potential funds.
 - ✚ Provided **CEAD** update to Caswell Commissioners. Let them know that using current dollars for the project, will begin site prep for incubator farm plots **THIS** year, leveraging NC Tobacco Trust funds! We will continue to seek funding for the balance of the project
- **Commissioner John Wallace: Privatizing of the Water**
 - **2 Prospects Enviro-Link provided- 1. Middle Town's name: They did not sale the acquired system. They worked as a Management Team: We should not consider them. 2. Robinsonville 2.5 hours away they are still negotiating with Environ Link to sale the system. Mayor Patricia Williams, we need to have a few more names. Want to talk to two municipalities that have sold their water systems and have a little time under their belts so we can weigh the pro-cons. Mayor Patricia Williams has contacted an engineering company about the PER but has not heard back from them. ARP Funds will be on the March.**

CLOSE OF MEETING: Mayor Patricia Williams asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Cathia Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting and second by **Commissioner Sherri Garrard**. All members were in favor. **Time: 8:10 p.m.**

Next Town Meeting **March 09, 2022**

Submitted by: Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk