

MILTON NORTH CAROLINA TOWN HALL/TDH

TUESDAY: July 13, 2021----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, Commissioner Valerie Sottile, **Zoom:**

ABSENT: Commissioner Lisa Brandon, Commissioner John Wallace Jr.,

- **APPROVALS: Mayor Patricia Williams** called for approval of the: **July 13, 2021, Agenda. Commissioner Cathia Stewart** made a change under Council Members Report to the agenda inserting EDC report for **June 14, 2021**, will be presented by **Commissioner Cathia Stewart** and **July 12, 2021**, Milton's Town Clerk Shirley Wilson will present EDC report. It was motioned to approve the agenda with the changes for **July 13, 2021**, by **Commissioner Valerie Sottile**. Second by **Commissioner Cathia Stewart**. All members were in favor. **Mayor Patricia Williams** asked for the approval of the **June 08, 2021, Minutes. Commissioner Valerie Sottile** motioned to approve the **June 08, 2021**, second by **Commissioner Cathia Stewart**. All members were in favor of the approval of the agenda with changes and Minutes as they stand by stating (I). **Mayor Patricia Williams stated that next on the Agenda is Milton's Fire Chief Steve Harris elaborating on the Water Source for Fires that are in the County.**
- **MILTON FIRE CHIEF STEVE HARRIS: Stated they are**
 - Volunteer Fire Fighters
 - Provide Fire Protection
 - We are to Provide mental and physical rescue to the extinct of our training
 - When we have a structure fire in the town or rural area we rely heavily on our neighboring departments, (Gave an Example) we refer to it as mutual aide.
 - With one telephone call it automatically dispatches (4) stations, (8) to (10) trucks and apparatuses headed to that one address with no questions or hesitation. (Explained)
 - One hundred plus gallons of water coming down the road and a good thing about it is it does not all get there at one time. First Response trucks, Milton, Semora, Yanceyville, Providence, Leasburg which is a bit staggered.
 - If you use more water than the water that is mobile, we will set-up a water point at the river and they will fill trucks up to bring water to a mobile tank in the middle of the road, fight the fire with the water. Hydrants do provide some water which is a quick and easy water source in the event we need it. We do not treat Milton any different than we do our rural areas. (Explained) Starts off with water in the trucks. If dirty water is pulled from

the river or pond and put it inside our trucks, we cannot leave that dirty water inside the trucks and we change the water in our trucks once a month. (Good Practice)

- Neighboring Fire Departments from time to time may come to Milton and use the fire hydrants to refill their trucks. Let them do their jobs, Neighboring Departments came by tonight.
- **Commissioner Valerie Sottile** asked if Milton's Fire Department go to other towns or stations to get water. **Fire Chief Steve Harris** answered "he goes to wherever the call comes from and yes Milton Fire Department get water from neighboring towns or municipalities. We function at a much higher rate now than we did 15 years ago.
- 2 years ago, we had a State Inspection-9 or 10 Insurance Rating.
- We did a Countywide Inspection on a Saturday (10), they county went from a 9 or 10 to a 6; Yanceyville down to a 3 (three) in town; Semora 4 (four) mainly because of water. Milton is a (^) Totally Volunteer. Volunteers are hard to find, and this is a problem NC/US all over.
- We were the only county in the state that had a Countywide Inspection. **Mayor Patricia Williams** stated that the Fire Hydrants are only located in certain towns. Milton, Yanceyville. Fire Chief Harris stated you have water lines running from Old 86 all the way into the Virginia Line to tap in, so we have hydrants on Old 86-Providence. Yanceyville connects with the City of Danville in case something would happen to Yanceyville's Water Supply. **Mayor Patricia Williams** stated all of our Fire Hydrants are currently working. Thanks to the Firemen for all they do.

➤ **MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Patricia Williams**

- **Update on Milton Post Office:** The Milton Post Office update: There is a good possibility the prefabricated Modular Post Office will be ordered in the next 2 to 3 weeks. USPS is waiting on the final Design change. The final completion date of September 28, 2021 has not changed yet.
- **High Street Baptist Church Crosswalk Update:** the North Carolina Department of Transportation said they will be reaching out to High Street Baptist Church to get permission for them to sign off on the project soon. The Crosswalk Project is still moving forward.
- **The 25 M.P.H. Speed Limit Signs Project:** for Holder Street and Palmers Alley is still waiting for approval. As soon as the approval comes in installation will move forward.
- **The Schedule for Flushing Water Pipes and Fire Hydrants: Everyone should have received the schedule 2021/2022 for flushing water pipes and fire hydrants in your May Billing.** The first flushing will be June 25, 2021, starting around 10:00 a.m. If you did not receive a copy of the Water Flushing schedule, please stop by Town Hall to pick one up. Please put the schedule on your calendar. Also included in your mailing was the Wastewater Compliance Requirement.
- **The American Rescue Plan Application** was submitted for the Municipal Funding and approved. There are strict guidelines and restrictions that must be followed with monies. The Town of Milton is waiting to see what the allotment will be. As of today (July 13, 2021) no ARP monies have been received.
- **The Verizon Cell Tower:** located in the ETJ of Milton is still under review.
- **The Chairman of the County Commissioner (David Owen) Vice Chairman (Jeremiah Jeffries), County Manager (Bryan Miller) came to the town of Milton and met with me (Mayor Patricia Williams, Town Clerk Shirley Wilson and Finance Officer, Sharon Williams), Commissioner Lisa Brandon could not attend.** The conversation was about the 2.1 million dollars that the County has received from the American Rescue Plan from the Federal Government. Which they informed us that 1.8 million dollars of that 2.1 million has already been allocated throughout the County. **Milton is not to receive any of the money as of this time.**

STAFF REPORTS: Finance Officer Sharon Williams:

Sharon Williams: Monthly Report starting with the **General Fund:** June 21, 2021, End of Year I made some budget adjustments for the end of the year to keep all budgets from going over 100%. **General Fund Revenue \$74,000.00 and Expenditures are at 80% our Revenue \$34,948.87 additional Expenditures \$20, 282.50 out of Miscellaneous for Fire Hydrants. Net for the year \$6,552.52 and \$.83 on the Interest Account.**

Water/Sewer Fund: Made a few budget adjustments (-36.00) our Revenue at the end of **June 2021 \$142,384.09, Expenditures** at the end of **June 2021, \$127,934.33.** First year since we started, we did not have to transfer money from the General Fund to pay bills or loans. Left with an **Income of \$14,424.00.**

Bank Reconciliations: General Fund Bank Account: Updated through June 2021 --**\$12,722.21.00.** **Outstanding Checks \$10,815.39 Water Sewer Fund** we have**\$37,172.49** as of **7/9/2021, \$20,604.98.** Concerned about check written on **May 11, 2021,** to USDA for **\$16,000.00** has not been cashed yet. Our North Carolina Capital Management Trust with transfers back into account plus the \$5,000.00 the total in this account is **\$105,011.10.**

Sharon Williams stated the Auditor will be here on **Monday, August 2, 2021, and Tuesday, August 03, 2021.**

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Patricia Williams: stated Commissioner John Wallace is not here to give the update on Privatizing the Milton Water/Sewer System.

Commissioner Lisa Brandon sent her synopsis on safety at Business Row, after communicating with the Merchants.

Mayor Patricia Williams: stated the Commissioners talked about this last month stating what we could do to make Business Row safer. (Explained) Lisa asked the business owners their thought on what could make business row safer. Fencing at the Presbyterian Church and in front of Lois Stewarts home, Wooden fencing like in the 1800 that would give a more historic feel. A ramp would not be feasible due to the grading and explained the ADA Codes. DOT had looked at this before. Ramp would not be in compliance with ADA. Mayor Patricia stated we need to look at this and contemplate on what needs to be done and what Milton needs to do to provide safety along that area, from the parking lot to Aunt Millie's Pizza.

Commissioner Valerie Sottile: asked if DOT installed the fencing in front of the Presbyterian Church injunctions and will DOT pay for the ones needed on Commercial Row. Mayor Patricia Williams stated she will find out what company did the installation and find out what materials were used.

Commissioner Valerie Sottile: discussed welding, powder coated, wood and ramp not plausible at all. **Mayor Patricia Williams** stated we are open for ideas. **Commissioner Valerie Sottile** will check on materials at Lowes and Home Depot.

We had someone to volunteer and take on a very extensive job scanning ordinances and typing of ordinances. So much time has been so dedicated in doing it. It has gotten done in an incredible amount of time. I was looking to see if the town would be interested and willing to compensate the particular person (Tracy Bland) that is here with us. She has done a fantastic job. (Explained) We are changing our Ordinances to 160-D required by the NC General Statute. Open for discussion to come up with a figure to compensate her, even though she volunteered to do the job. **Commissioner Valerie Sottile** suggested \$500.00. **Mayor Patricia Williams** stated **Sharon Williams, Finance Officer** would have to look at that within the budget. **Commissioner Valerie Sottile** asked is this a discussion we would want to wait and

have with **Commissioner John Wallace** and **Commissioner Lisa Brandon**? **Mayor Patricia Williams** stated Sharon Williams can look at our budget to see which line item we can debit money from. **We will put this on our agenda for next month. (August 2021)**

BUSINESS: Mayor Patricia Williams: Adding Statute 160-D Paragraph to the 1st (first) page of the Ordinances. There are six people on the Planning Board, and they were made aware last month the Ordinances need to be updated to the larger umbrella of 160-D. Currently everything has fallen under several different umbrellas and the Legislature put into place several years ago trying to make County Ordinances and Municipalities fall under one umbrella and that umbrella is 160-D. The Planning Board has started that process. It was October 2020, 160-D became effective. **Mayor Patricia Williams** reached out to different lawyers and got the Paragraph 160-D to insert into the Town of Milton Ordinances under authority. This makes it known that 160-D became effective July 1, 2021, and supersedes the Milton Ordinances until they have been completed. **Mayor Patricia Williams** explained that we are finding things as we are researching this. If something comes up before we can get our Ordinances updated, we are covered by this paragraph statement provided for you. **(Protective Umbrella)** Motion to keep this paragraph on the 1st (first) page of our Ordinances 160-D that became effective July 1, 2021 (Protective Paragraph) The motion was made by **Commissioner Valerie Sottile** and second by **Commissioner Cathia Stewart** that the 160-D Paragraph be insert on the first (1st) (first) page of Milton's Ordinances granting the authority of the NC 160-D over the Town of Milton Ordinances.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS: Commissioner Cathia Stewart read report from **Pamela Senegal PCC for May 11, 2021. Report attached to Minutes.**

Shirley Wilson, Milton Town Clerk reported on the EDC July 12, 2021, meeting.

- ✚ **County Website:** www.caswellcountync.gov is up and running. Training for County Employees for the Website will be on Friday July 16, 2021 at 9:00-11:00 am.
- ✚ **Co-Square:** Waiting to hear timeframe estimate for windows for reconstruction of front, Still adding members
- ✚ **CEAD/Food Systems:** Regular meetings with PCC, 4P, and others. Cori and Dr. Senegal met with EDA to explore funding sources
- ✚ **July 2nd Saturday,** Co Square was open, and we partnered with the Arts Council and Caswell History Speaks to show "Prolific Icons" movie, had ten people view the film
- ✚ **Chamber News:** Baseball game in Burlington tonight July 12 and later a game to be announced for Danville
- ✚ **July 21, 2021,** at 2:00 planning meeting for Hoedown
- ✚ **County Manager: Bryan Miller:** No info on zoning to be reported
- ✚ **PCC:** The design phase is working on what the trail site should look like. Drone will be making the scan. Two funding sources are still outstanding. Three of BYHS graduates received **AD** from PCC as well as their diploma.
- ✚ **AD Nursing Program** has 27 out of twenty-eight to pass the **NCLEX**. Four more will be taking the test shortly. The **ADN** program will start on the **Caswell Campus** in the **Fall of 2021** PCC continues to work on the **TROSA** program.
- ✚ **Ag Update:** The Ag dept continues to work on the APP design. The dept is monitoring the drought problem here in the County. Funds may be available to help the farmers.
- ✚ **Commissioners** received two applications for **CEAD** seat. Amanda has been appointed to serve as the representative for the Caswell County seat. Term will expire in 2024.
- ✚ **Town of Yanceyville:** Good turnout for July 4th celebration. Approx. 3,000 people attended. May become annual event.

- # **PCC in Caswell** will host a Bloodmobile drive on July 20
- # **ECD-** A casino is coming to Danville. Caswell has property near Va. **Pelham Industrial Park**
Reviewing how this property may be utilized.
- # **Second Saturday** will be August 2021
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- # **Tracy Blaine:** Concerns about the fire hydrant outside of town. **Mayor Patricia Williams:** stated she will double check with Mike Behler
- # **Does Town Hall use Century Link:** Expedited tickets through Century Link will be between now and July 20th
- # **Update on the Ordinances:** **Mayor Patricia** will meet at 9:00 Thursday
- # **Fencing from Lowes:** **4.7=\$47.00---6ft.=\$81.00** Tracy stated she was not looking for any compensation, but she appreciates the thought.
- # **Mat K.: Asked for brief details on the Cell Tower:** **Mayor Patricia Williams:** **Explained**
Nothing has been finalized. No one has been in contact with her about the Town's Ordinances
- # **Mat stated he may be in close proximity.** **Mayor Patricia Williams:** stated go to GIS Town of Yanceyville and a Public Hearing will have to be scheduled and you will be able to speak.
- # **Are people in favor of this Cell Tower?**
- # **Commissioner Valerie Sottile:** Rails in front of Town Hall
- # **Get a sign printed: Watch Your Step. Discussed**
- # **Mayor Patricia Williams:** stated she will meet with the TDH Board. **Shirley Wilson stated**
Mrs. Graves is trying to set up a meeting soon.

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 Valerie Sottile** All members were in favor. Time: 9:10 p.m.