

Town of Spring Lake  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
Municipal Building  
300 Ruth Street  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

September 8, 2014

**MINUTES**

7 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra  
Alderman James Christian  
Alderman Richard Higgins  
Alderwoman Densie Lucas  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:**

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	John Kleinhert, Maintenance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Tina West, Interim Finance Director	Gail Elder-White, Recreation Director
Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

**2. Invocation**

Alderwoman Lucas asked for a moment of silence in honor of former Spring Lake Mayor, Newell Taylor.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

**6. Approval of Consent Items**

The Board approved the consent items:

- a. Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Proclamation, 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance 2014
- c. Proclamation, Fall Litter Sweep 2014

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items, the minutes of August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting, Proclamation for 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance 2014 and Proclamation Fall Litter Sweep 2014.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Mr. Nathaniel Fitch, 735 Goodyear Drive spoke regarding the roadway in front of Sonic and the need for a turn lane for traffic turning left into Sonic. Mr. Metcalf advised NCDOT has placed this issue under study and Mr. Metcalf has not heard from DOT since he called several weeks ago about this issue. He stated he will keep calling to make sure NCDOT continues to study the area. Mr. Metcalf stated he will let keep Mr. Fitch updated on a monthly basis. Mr. Fitch asked the Town Attorney about the requirements to start a benevolence fund with the proceeds he receives from a raffle that he will held in May 2015. Mayor Rey advised we are in the beginning stages of creating a Spring Lake Foundation which will be the proper place for citizens to make contributions for the community and he hopes the Foundation will be in place before Mr. Fitch is ready to make his contribution.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. Yards of the Month, September**

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients who were in attendance. Mr. Starnes presented them with a small gift token as well. The following people won the award for September:

Dorothy and Reyna Thompson, 1004 Diane Circle  
Richard and Armetta Weaver, 709 Freda Court

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

### **b. Bragg Estates Sewer Service**

Mr. Jeffery Brown, Engineer and Infrastructure Director for Cumberland County Public Utilities Division, gave the Board an overview of the Bragg Estates Sewer Service. He stated this situation is very similar to the Overhills situation that the Board previously approved. He stated the Health Department contacted the County regarding failing septic systems in the Bragg Estates Subdivision. They applied for funding but did not receive any in the last funding cycle. They are now approaching USDA for assistance and in doing so they need the Town's support. He clarified that the area that could be served by gravity was the only area considered.

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Resolution (2014) 18, Supporting Bragg Estates Sewer Service**

Mr. Blumenfeld requested the Board approve Resolution (2014) 18 to support the County's attempt to gain funding for the Bragg Estates Sewer Service. Mr. Blumenfeld clarified that we will not be involved in the billing or maintenance of the system. Mr. Brown clarified that the County will not control the water but will put shut-off valves on for the sewer. The County cannot mandate that residents connect to the sewer but if they call for service on their septic tank they will be required, at that time, to connect if they



when the Town consolidated dispatch services with Cumberland County Emergency Communications Center. He tried to get the amount reduced without success and recommended Board approval. Alderman Christian asked about the issue with calls being pushed to Fort Bragg before getting to the right place. Alderwoman Sutherland expressed concern with the same issue and requested we get better service for our citizens. Mr. Metcalf stated he emphasized the serious issues we have with this service and stated he will stay on top of this issue.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 19.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Interlocal Agreement for Consolidation of 911 Dispatch and Resolution (2014) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

**e. Ordinance (2014) 15, Amending Traffic Schedule, Stop Sign**

Ms. Webb advised the Board tasked staff to erect a stop sign at the curve on Weaver Street. This is a housekeeping measure because the stop signs are listed in the Spring Lake Traffic Schedule which is part of the Town's Code of Ordinances and therefore, must be amended by Ordinance. Ordinance (2014) 15 will reflect the Board's wishes as directed at the last meeting.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 15.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Spring Lake Traffic Schedule with changes noted and Ordinance (2014) 15 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

**f. Ordinance (2014) 16, Amending Ordinance (2014) 14, Effective Date**

Ms. Webb advised the Board previously adopted Ordinance (2014) 14 to annex Mr. Boyd's property. While initiating the initial zoning process for Mr. Boyd's property, Ms. Webb learned that the annexation laws had changed regarding effective date of annexation and requested the Board amend the effective date for Mr. Boyd's annexation to the date they adopted the annexation ordinance.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 16.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2014) 16 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

**f. Resolution (2014) 20, Approving Financing for E-One Rescue Truck, Fire Department**

Ms. West advised the Finance Department received three proposals for the financing of the E-One Rescue Truck. She recommended approval of BB&T's proposal for a five-year loan with a 1.97% interest rate. The annual debt payment will be \$20,781.69. She stated by reducing the number of years to repay the loan by two years, the Town will benefit from an interest savings of \$3,724.32. Alderwoman Sutherland asked how much we received from the sale of the two surplus fire vehicles and Ms. West advised

approximately \$60,000.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 20.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Table of Proposals and Resolution (2014) 20 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment ten.)

**10. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

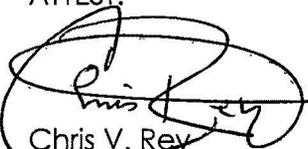
**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor