

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

June 24, 2013

MINUTES

5:06 p.m.

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

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Napoleon Hogans
Alderman James Christian (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present: Ken Metcalf, Interim Town Manager
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resources Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Paul Hoover, Director of Public Works
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss Fire Department capital purchase and Cumberland County Overhills Sewer District.

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

Mayor Rey called the meeting to order.

Cumberland County Overhills Sewer District

Mr. Jeffrey Brown, Engineer and Infrastructure Director for Cumberland County advised there are homes in the Overhills Subdivision that have failing septic tanks and there are approximately six homes have been condemned due to non-functioning septic tanks. The County felt this situation was a priority and have been seeking funding opportunities. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners created the Overhills Water and Sewer District in June 2009. After creating this water and sewer district, they submitted for financial assistance from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) but the applications were denied for various reasons. The County applied again to CWSRF in March 2013 and was awarded a \$3.1M 2% loan. The next milestone they must meet to satisfy the loan conditions is to obtain support from the Town of Spring Lake to accept and treat wastewater and for the Town to operate and maintain the sewer system once it is installed, after the one year warranty period. The Town will need to submit a letter of understand to the CWSRF to satisfy this condition. Rates will have to be determined at a later date. To date, residents have not been notified. However, residents are aware of what the County is attempting to do. Property owners will be responsible to connect to the system. The County is not going to mandate residents connect to the system unless they have failing septic tanks. Mr. Brown advised if no other financial assistance is available to help, residents using the system would have to pay approximately \$52 per month for debt service. The Board questioned how the Town will know how much to bill for. Mr. Brown stated the water for this Subdivision is provided by Wellons. The County will handle billing the customer directly. To ensure sewer payment, the County is proposing to put elder valves on the residences that are connected to the sewer system so sewer collection can be cut off if residents do not pay their sewer bill. They also plan to

put in a flow meter in the lift station to use as a billing tool for the Town. Concern was expressed regarding the Town maintaining the sewer system after the one year period and how Spring Lake will be reimbursed for major repairs. Mr. Brown advised that issue will be part of the negotiations between the Town and the County at a future date. The Board wants staff to do their due diligence in making sure the Town does not have to pay more than they should to keep the system operating. Mr. Brown assured the Town that the letter of understanding is not binding the Town to anything at this time except the willingness to support the project. The County expects to begin construction in January 2014 if all funding is awarded. Mr. Blumenfeld advised the concept is a flat rate on every residence in Overhills for base maintenance and payment on those who hook up via the flow. The project is expected to cost less than \$3.1M.

Fire Department Capital Purchase

Chief McLamb advised he has found a fire rescue vehicle for \$125,000 plus the cost (\$22,706.80) to paint the vehicle to match Spring Lake's color scheme. The company requires a \$12,500 deposit and the vehicle will not be ready for pickup until December 2013 or January 2014. This time frame will give the Town time to sell the 2000 Ford F-650 and use the proceeds of this sale to help offset the cost of this vehicle. The company will continue to use this vehicle until they receive their new vehicle. The Board expressed concern about the vehicle not having a warranty. Chief McLamb advised the vehicle has 21,000 miles and 1,200 hours of use. He also stated Pennsylvania's DOT requirements are more stringent than North Carolina's and the vehicle has been taken care of. He advised the vehicle should last approximately 10 years before it would have to be replaced.

(A copy of the Fire Chief's memo, fact sheet on the 1999 E-One Heavy Rescue vehicle and estimate sheet to paint the vehicle is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb
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Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
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Mayor