

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

March 28, 2011

MINUTES

7:00 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 Ethel T. Clark presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderwoman Debora Hudson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Leonard Barefoot, Interim Town Manager	John Jackson, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Tina West, HR Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation.

Mayor Clark gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark 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.

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: Minutes of the March 14, 2011 regular Board meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Ms. Sheila Horton, 1500 Mack Street, spoke concerning the height of the wall that is supposed to separate her property from the IHOP and Candlewood Suites Hotel. Mayor Clark advised that the developer will put up a high fence and her understanding is that there will be no windows on that side of the hotel.

8. Presentation

a. Appearance Commission Annual Update

Ms. Jackie Jackson, the Community Appearance Commission chairperson gave the Board an update on what the Appearance Commission achieved during the past year. They hosted a Spring Clean Up. She advised that the Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 30, 2011. She stated that they would like to do quarterly clean ups in the coming year. She showed the Board the new Yard of the Month signs. Alderwoman Sutherland asked if they had sent advertisements into the community to solicit help. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra advised that the Optimist Club is supplying hot dogs, chips and drinks for lunch after the clean up. Alderman Christian offered some safety vests that he has. Alderwoman Hudson advised that Mr. Metcalf offered to clear the baseball schedule for the day of the clean up and have the teams show up to help.

9. New Business

a. Case 11-031, Consideration of O'Reilly Auto Parts, C(P) Site Plan Review

Mr. Scott presented Case 11-031. He advised that the developer is requesting approval for the outparcel of the Southwinds Plaza Shopping Center. He advised that the conditions of approval are listed on page 7 and 8 of the packet. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra clarified that access to the site is from the shopping center. There was a short discussion about the access entrance and the pot holes that remain near Pizza Hut. The Fire Department was requested to send a letter to the owner of the shopping center to try to get them to fix the holes due to fire apparatus accessibility.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 11-031 with conditions.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department memo, draft conditions of approval and maps is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

10. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderman Christian

- Good everybody came out today.
- Suggested that citizens check out the happenings at the Library.
- Expressed a concern about the Town Hall building not being open on Fridays.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Expressed concern about the flashing lights at the school zones. Requested that we not drop the ball on this issue.
- Thanked the Police Department for what they are doing and looking forward to getting partial felony powers back on April 4, 2011. Also thanked all other departments for what they do.

Alderman Higgins

- Good to see Mr. Hostetter here tonight
- Welcomed students from Campbell College.
- Good to see everyone here tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Thanked everyone for coming out this evening.
- Jersey Mikes had a great deal going on today, one sub for \$1. I took advantage of the radio station being there and gave the Spring Fling a plug.
- Reminded everyone that when things happen and the press says the people are from Spring Lake, that doesn't necessarily mean Spring Lake proper. Many people have a Spring Lake address but do not live inside the Town limits of Spring Lake.

Alderwoman Hudson

- Thanked everyone for coming out. It is great to see everyone.

Mr. Barefoot

- Thanked Mr. O'Garra for letting us know about Jersey Mikes special at 7:00 p.m. (stated in jest).

Mr. Jackson

- I'm just proud to be here.

Mayor Clark

- Mayor Clark agreed with Mr. Barefoot about not letting people know about the Jersey Mike's promotion (also stated in jest).
- Spring Fling is scheduled for April 16, 2011. It is also the Town's 60th Anniversary.

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor