

TOWN OF BRIDGETON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL OF ATTENDEES: Mayor John Chittick; Commissioners Randy Alexander, Paul Tremblay, and Keith Tyndall; Police Chief Katie Johnson; Town Attorney, Trey Furguson; Cecelia Chittick; Grant and Peggy Ellwood; Susan Luper, Pam Fortier; Sean McGowan; Stephanie Semprini; Johnnelle Walker; and another citizen.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Tyndall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Led by Mayor Chittick

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Keith Tyndall Seconded by: Paul Tremblay

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING MEETING:

December 10, 2024

Motion: Keith Seconded: Randy

POLICE REPORT: Chief Katie Johnson (Attached to last month's agenda)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Stephanie Semprini (Attached to last month's agenda)

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: William Howard (Attached to last month's agenda)

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FROM FIREFLIES:

During the Town Council Meeting held on January 14th, the council addressed several key issues and updates. The meeting began with an invocation and the swearing-in of Stephanie as the new Finance Officer, while noting the absence of Bill and Commissioner Wilson. The Police Department reported on completed training, new grants for equipment, and a collaboration with Craven Hospital for a low-cost rabies clinic. Financial reports highlighted ongoing budget management, grant distributions, and payroll completion. The council discussed a wastewater project, planned street naming updates, and various approvals, including an increase in bond amounts and signing authority. Concerns were raised regarding the financial implications of a county property sale and its impact on the town's development capabilities. Other discussions included organizing community events and addressing local ordinance enforcement issues. Action items were assigned, including updates to vendor accounts and preparations for upcoming training sessions. The meeting concluded with a motion to enter a closed session.

APPROVE THE BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN:

Motion: Keith Seconded: Randy

OLD BUSINESS:

Updated on renaming of A, B, and C Streets.

Addressed marking property lines at Tim's Tire.

Tree removal approved, work date TBD.

Discussed purchasing sheds for chlorine storage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swore in Stephanie as Town Clerk/Finance Officer.

Approved purchasing Shed for Hydro Services to store materials.

Approved adding Bill Howard to First Citizen's Bank account – Motion: Randy Seconded: Keith

Approved raising Bill Howard's bond (50,000►100, 000) – Motion: Keith Seconded: Randy

Confirmed the 2025 Holiday Schedule – Motion: Randy Seconded: Keith

Approved payment of WEX Fleet Credit Card invoice online.

Discussed using a vendor other than CopyPro for copier service.

Agreed to joining the NC Chamber of Commerce for \$500.

Allowed purchase of checks for First Citizens Account 1000@\$253.60.

Requested purchasing NC Fed and State Labor Law Posters.

Requested for Stephanie to attend Local Government Fundamentals class 18Feb25 - \$210

Motion; Keith Seconded: Randy

Discussed purchasing a cell phone for Town Hall for online accounts' 2FA.

Approved motion for an additional Police Visa Card.

Approved getting Katie FMS access to General Ledger reports.

Advised by Trey the town can use general letter for updating all town records to reflect current administrators.

Approved purchase of two additional trash cans, a 100' 12-gauge electric cord.

Discussed how to handle dog-related citations.

Approved reimbursement to Keith Tyndall for replacing Town Hall toilet.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Discussed BOE property for sale at \$570, 000. Town not financially prepared to purchase.

Addressed issues about GFL backing into town driveways.

DISMISSAL TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Keith

Seconded: Paul

Time: 8:12PM

Accepted: Mayor John Chittick

Clerk Stephanie Semprini

Date