

**TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
Thursday, January 11, 2024
Official Minutes**

The Town of Coats Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Coats
Mayor Pro Tem Marc Powell
Commissioner Jerry Beasley
Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert
Commissioner Shirley Allen
Commissioner Allen Mosby

Others Present:

Nick Holcomb, Town Manager
Connie Lassiter, Finance Director/Town Clerk
Rodney Pleasant, Public Works Director
Al Bain, Town Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor Chris Coats called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Coats delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESOLVED, to approve agenda.

MOTION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Marc Powell, SECOND BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

II. PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Chris Coats opened the Public Forum; and after hearing no one, Mayor Coats closed the Public Forum.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Attorney Bill – Services Rendered December 1-31, 2023
- C. Review of Financial Statement

RESOLVED, to approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen Mosby

APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

IV. OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Deputy Clerk

The Oath of Deputy Clerk was administered to Mikayla Johnson by Town Clerk Connie Lassiter.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Payment – Street Resurfacing

Town Manager Nick Holcomb mentioned that more area was required to connect Remington Drive patch to Winchester Avenue and was completed at no extra cost. He explained that the invoice was reduced from the original proposal because the patch on Marlin Lane did not meet the area quoted and that Park Lane Ext was not fully rebuilt but only in the broken areas and then paved over.

RESOLVED, to approve payment for street resurfacing in the amount of \$72,452.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen Mosby

APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

B. Resolution Approving Water Shortage Response Plan

Town Manager Nick Holcomb explained that the state required a water shortage response plan and informed the Board that the NC DEQ had issued a letter of approval for the plan submitted and now the plan needed to be formally adopted by resolution. Mr. Holcomb noted that Harnett County would implement the drought restriction level.

RESOLVED, to approve resolution for Water Shortage Response Plan.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen Mosby SECOND BY: Commissioner Shirley Allen

APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

C. SRO Program Reimbursement Agreement

Town Manager Nick Holcomb highlighted the following updates to the 2018 SRO Program Reimbursement Agreement that was presented to the Board for approval:

- Raised salary amounts eligible for reimbursement and added a 3% escalator each year
- Maximum amount to Town of Coats would be \$66,334 per fiscal year and would be paid in 12 equal monthly installments; benefits were included in the amount
- Payment for eleven-twelfths of the yearly allocation; school not in session for month of July

Mr. Holcomb recommended to table the item for the moment since the SRO position was currently vacant; and there was no urgency in the matter because reimbursement was not being claimed. The Town has struggled to find a replacement. There were larger discussions impending about the SRO position as it exists now on whether it would make sense for the position to be handled by the Town or County, weighing the pros and cons of each scenario, and the effect of adjusting salary now.

RESOLVED, to table to future as needed.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen Mosby SECOND BY: Commissioner Kelvin Gilbert

APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

VI. MANAGER & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Department Head Updates

Rodney Pleasant, Public Works Director, reported that the new receptacles were beneficial in operating Christmas lights and hoped to get more in the future. He mentioned that 80 percent of the new water meters had been received and were expected to be installed in the first part of March.

Nick Holcomb, Town Manager, displayed images of improvements that had been made at the park as suggested at the last work session. Images included painted restrooms with epoxy floors and receptacles, front entrance shrubbery, concrete steps leading from parking lot to play area, and 4' protective fence on side of basketball court and open space field.

Mr. Holcomb informed the Board that the CAMPOS meetings would be starting soon and asked for volunteers to serve as an alternate on committee in Cary.

B. Work Session 1/18/24

Town Manager Nick Holcomb reminded Board of the work session on January 18th at 6:00pm to discuss the Water Capital Project, Grant for Downtown Improvements and Police Salaries.

VII. ADJOURN

Mayor Chris Coats called for a motion to adjourn.

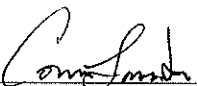
RESOLVED, to adjourn.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen Mosby, SECOND BY: Mayor Pro Tem Marc Powell

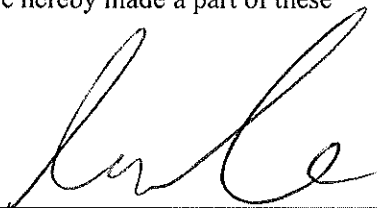
APPROVED: 5-0, unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The attached documents of reference are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.



Connie Lassiter, Town Clerk



Chris Coats, Mayor