

MINUTES
SNOW HILL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011 (RECESSED FROM June 13, 2011)
SNOW HILL TOWN HALL
201 NORTH GREENE STREET, SNOW HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Liles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. A quorum was declared.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, and carried unanimously to reconvene from the recessed meeting of June 13, 2011.
3. Mayor Liles stated that Cheryl Jeffries had asked the Town to sign/approve a form so that she could obtain an ABC permit for a café that she was opening up at 900 Hull Road. He asked for any public comments.
 - 1) **Cheryl Jeffries** – Ms. Jeffries stated that she wanted to open a restaurant and that she would like to serve beer and wine. She said that this would not be a bar.
 - 2) **Joan Atkinson** – Mrs. Atkinson stated that she lives at 910 Hull Road. She said that she did not want beer and wine sold in her neighborhood. She said that this may bring about loud noise and that there were many elderly people in that neighborhood, along with a Church and a Funeral Home. She said that she had no opposition in having a restaurant there and that she would probably go there to eat herself if they did not serve beer and wine.
 - 3) **Joyce Paige** – Mrs. Paige said that she did not mind having a café in her neighborhood but that she did not want beer and wine sold. She said that alcohol usually led to loud music and bad language and could be very annoying.
 - 4) **Tammy Jeanette** – Ms. Jeanette is helping with the café/restaurant and she thinks that the sale of alcohol would not present any problems. She said that other restaurants in town sold alcohol and they didn't have any problems.
 - 5) **Aaron Hines** - Mr. Hines, VP of S. Connor Memorial Funeral Home, said that he would rather a business selling alcohol not open so close to the Funeral Home.

Commissioner Whitson – Commissioner Whitson told the group that if a business selling alcoholic beverages was open that they didn't have to go there-if they don't have business they will eventually close.

Commissioner Taylor – Commissioner Taylor said that the permit was not a Town Decision –it was out of the Town's hands. He told the group that they could contact

The ABC Board and the Sheriff and let them know how they felt about the situation. He said that the final say would come from the ABC Board.

- 5) **Consider Action on ABC Local Opinion** - Mr. Hill was asked to send a letter stating that the Town did not have an opinion on the matter.

- 6) **Consider Adoption of FY 11-12 Budget** –Mr. Hill explained that the Budget that he sent out was reflective of changes discussed in the June 13th meeting. He said that information was discovered about a regulation that prohibits a contingency amount of more than 5% of the total budget per fund. A “Capital Reserve” fund has been established to set aside funds for large improvements such as those outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan. The following are explanations as to the specific changes:
 - 1) Ad Valorem taxes for the current year have been reduced by \$3900 to reflect a maximum estimated property tax loss due to storm damage.
 - 2) Local Option Sales tax has been reduced by \$2,000 in an attempt to reflect Sales tax loss from destroyed businesses and the possible state reduction of one cent.
 - 3) Administration Capital outlay has been designated in the amount of \$30,545.
 - 4) Street Department Professional services have been increased by \$3,000 to remove dangerous trees.
 - 5) Greene County Arts & Historical Society donation have been increased by \$2500 to restore to previous level.
 - 6) Neuse Regional Library donation has been increased by \$2000 to restore to previous level.
 - 7) General Fund contingency has been reduced to \$20,000 to fall below the 5% requirement.
 - 8) Capital reserve in water expenditures is \$41,310 and the contingency has been reduced to \$25,000.
 - 9) Capital reserve in sewer expenditures is \$41,080 and the contingency has Been reduced to \$25,000.

There was much discussion concerning the Sheriff Contract. Mr. Hill mentioned having a resource officer, sort of like the schools have, and let them do the enforcing of the ordinances. It was the opinion of the Board to reduce the amount of the sheriff contract to \$125,000. Commissioner Whitson said that the \$45,000 left over could be put in capital reserve for sidewalks and various other projects.

- 10) **Consider Adoption of FY 11-12 Budget Message** - A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Shackelford, and carried unanimously to adopt the FY 11-12 Budget Message, with the amendments stated above concerning the Sheriff Contract.

- 11) **Consider Adoption of FY 11-12 Budget Ordinance** - A motion was made by

Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried unanimously to adopt the FY 11-12 Budget Ordinance with the amendments as stated above.

- 12) Consider Adoption of FY 11-12 Budget** - A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Whitson, and carried unanimously to approve the FY 11-12 Budget with the amendments as stated earlier.
- 13) Consider Approving Budget Amendment V-** A motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to approve the Budget Amendment as presented.
- 14) Consider Cancellation of June 29th meeting** - A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried unanimously to cancel the June 29th, 2011 regular meeting.
- 15) Commissioner Comments** - Thanks was given to Mr. Hill for his efforts in getting the budget done and for all the work he had put into it.
- 16) Adjourn** – There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Commissioner Whitson, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk