

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

13 November 2023

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley

Commissioners: Steve Cunnup, Charlie Fields, Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody

Absent: Banks Burke

Guests: Chatham County Planning Staff:

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Charlie Fields moved to approve the agenda. Lynn Gaines seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk previously emailed Minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular meeting to board members for review. There being no corrections or changes to the aforementioned minutes, Charlie Fields moved to approve the minutes. Wayne Woody seconded and, motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk reported balances as follows: General Fund \$174,167.28; General Fund CD's \$450,000.00; Powell Bill Fund \$38,427.39; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$304,029.34; Short Lived Asset Fund \$57,653.70; CDBG-Ph2 \$,00. All members were given copies and a copy is attached hereto. Steve Cunnup moved to accept. Charlie Fields seconded the motion and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments: No Comments

Old Business

CDBG Phase II. Steve Cunnup gave a report that the State Funding is available. The Request for Funding application has been completed and submitted. The funding includes enough to pay for the excess rock excavation and to provide hook up to those homes that were not CDBG eligible based on income. The status of the State Funding process is pending.

The attempted start-up of the pump station two weeks ago failed because the Vendor had substituted a part without notifying anyone and that part was not compatible with the system to run the pumps. The correct part will not be available until November 27th.

The plumbing contractor was not willing to stay on site without payment. CDBG will not allow funding unless the homes are actually hooked up, which can't be done until the needed part for the pump station is installed so the pump station can be turned up. The General Fund transferred funds to the CDBG for Jymco's Pay Applications #10 and #11= \$37,695.45 so the plumbing subcontractor could be paid. Once CDBG funds the pay applications, the funds will be transferred back to General Fund. This was the only solution to keep the project going.

Old Rescue Vehicles. The vehicles have been sold for \$14,287.50 and the matter is finally closed.

Park-Recreation. There continue to be concerns among the members of the Goldston Recreation Association. Jonathn and Lynn are planning to meet with member, Blake Oldham next week.

Playground Structure has a hole in one of the slides and the bridge keeps breaking. Jonathan talked with the representatives of the company that erected the playground structure at Goldston Methodist Church. They indicated the current condition of the structure is unsafe and beyond repair. The cost to replace with a new structure could be as much as \$63,000. Jonathan had contacted Central Pines Regional about a possible grant. They recommended a Service Contract of \$2,000 per year to have a team dedicated to searching for grants that would fit with the town's purposes. Charlie Fields volunteered to contact the company that installed the existing playground structure and inquire about replacements parts.

Scout Building. Charlie Fields reported the roof replacement has been completed. Jonathan will check on a Mini Split for the building.

Cypress Lane Flooding. Charlie Fields had talked with Mark Mitchell and hopefully he will come next week to start on the remedy.

Walking Trail Update. Nature Trail has completed the rehabilitation of the walking trail. There have been lots of positive comments. Lynn Gaines did suggest installing 2 pipe bollards for each entrance to keep golf carts and other vehicles off the trail. Charlie suggested having R. G. Beal auger the holes and fill PVC pipe with concrete and cap. Lynn will research language for an instructional sign to be erected.

New Business:

Coral Avenue. Charlie Fields stated the "No Trucks" signs have been erected again on Coral Avenue. He had placed a call to Attorney Messick inquiring about restricting the street as a low tonnage street. Paul has not returned his call. There is always the question of how such a restriction would be enforced.

Technical Review Committee Steve Cunnup announced there is a meeting on Thursday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. on the First Plat review for the Goldston Fields Phase 2 subdivision to add 54 more homes. He has been attending the meetings but stated that someone that is remaining on the board will need to start attending. A discussion followed concerning the need for an Engineer to be placed on a retainer. Central Pines Regional Council could help with this as they are searching for a person to take on the duties the Chatham County Planning Board has been doing for the Town as well.

Central Pines Regional Council request for Transportation's Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program letter of support. The clerk had previously emailed a draft of the letter to all board members. Charlie Fields moved to issue the letter of support as presented. Steve Cunnup seconded and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

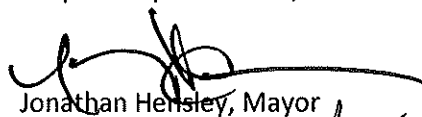
Calendar of Meetings for 2024. The clerk had previously emailed the proposed calendar of meetings for 2024 to the board members. Steve Cunnup moved to accept the 2024 calendar of the scheduled meetings. Lynn Gaines seconded and motion carried with all voting in favor. The clerk explained that some of the dates had to be moved from the first Monday of the month due to the Early Voting and 2024 Election Days when the Board of Elections will have the building occupied.

Elections Results: Jonathan Hensley re-elected as mayor; Charlie Fields re-elected as Commissioner for Ward 4. Lisa Burke was newly elected for Ward 2 as Steve Cunnup chose not to run again. The swearing in will take place at the December 4, 2023 meeting. All will be required to complete the Ethics Training Course.

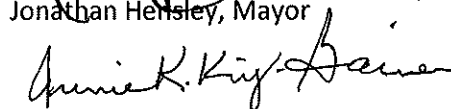
Christmas Parade. Jonathan Hensley announced that December 2nd is the date for the Tree Lighting at 5:30 pm and the Parade at 6:00 pm. Christmas Dinner is December 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Beef Eaters, Southern Pines NC.

There being no further business, Charlie Fields moved to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Gaines seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Hensley, Mayor



Annie K. King-Gaines
Clerk