

GOLDSTON TOWN BOARD MINUTES

8 January 2024  
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Mayor Jonathan Hensley

Commissioners: Charlie Fields, Lynn Gaines, Wayne Woody, Banks Burke,  
Lisa Burke

Guests: Steve Cunnup (CDBG Coordinator)

Mayor Hensley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Wayne moved to approve the agenda. Banks seconded the motion and motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk previously emailed Minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular meeting and December 30, 2023 Work Session meeting to board members for review. There being no corrections or changes to the aforementioned minutes, Charles moved to approve the minutes. Wayne seconded, and the motion passed with all voting in favor.

The clerk reported balances as follows: General Fund \$206,129.49; General Fund CD's \$450,000.00; Powell Bill Fund \$34,535.57; Sewer Enterprise Fund \$298,985.57; Short Lived Asset Fund \$64,086.70; CDBG-Ph2 \$0.00. All members were given copies and a copy is attached hereto. Lynn moved to accept. Charles seconded the motion and all voted to accept as presented.

Recognition of Guests: Mayor Hensley welcomed the guests.

Public Comments: 2 risk factors were discussed by the auditor at the December meeting when the audit report was presented. Neither factor was disclosed in the auditor's summary slide deck that was distributed. There was not a copy of the full audit report available at this meeting, so Mayor Hensley agreed to make copies of the full audit report available by request for anyone that wanted a copy.

Central Pines: Mayor Hensley introduced Alana Keegan to discuss the options for Central Pines' Grant Services. Charles made the motion to join the Central Pines grant consortium for the pro-rated six month cost of \$1,250. Banks seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Keegan then began to discuss the Planning Services and other a la carte services offered by Central Pines. A proposal has been distributed to the Board for review.

Caroline Ratkus: Caroline asked to be on the agenda to discuss Event Planning for the Park. She is interested in helping with park programming, especially programs beyond the typical sports events held currently. Ideas include a Farmer's Market and Arts in the Park. Mayor Hensley indicated that there is a line item for Parks & Rec in the current budget and encouraged Caroline to bring specific event proposals (summary of the proposed event and a budget) to the Board for consideration.

CDBG Phase II. Update from Steve. Houses will begin to start hooking up this week or next. A call-in meeting may be necessary to discuss funding.

Chatham County Aging Services: The Chatham County Aging Services (formerly the Council on Aging) has asked to use Town Hall for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program on March 12 and April 2, 2024. All Board members agreed to allow Chatham County Aging Services the use of Town Hall.

Parks & Recreation: Playground Equipment - Some of the existing playground equipment is in disrepair. The goal is to have 3 quotes for removal of old equipment and installation for new equipment by the February meeting. At that time there will be discussion and possible action.

Update on Will Shue Contract.

Update from Lynn on installation of bollards for the Walking Trail. 1 quote from Xtreme Concrete has been attained. The total is \$2,200 for six bollards. Banks made a motion to accept the bid. A second was heard by Lisa. The motion was approved unanimously.

Scout Building: Update from Jonathan on a Mini Split for the building. 1 quote has been attained with 2 others requested.

Board Members Responsibilities: At the December 30, 2023 work session, the Board reviewed and edited the list of Board member responsibilities. Wayne moved to accept all the division of responsibilities discussed that day. Lynn seconded the motion and motion carried with all voting in favor.

Election Expense: Discussion concerning changing the municipal election from "even" years to "odd" years to coincide with county elections and there would be no charge to Town. As it stands now, the estimated election cost of municipal election going forward is approximately \$8,000.00. Paul Messick's comments by email: "Getting the General Assembly to pass a law is a big deal. Might be hard for 2024. Terms will need to be adjusted. Alternative is to negotiate with the county". The Town Clerk will be asked to negotiate with the County Board of Elections.

Closed Session: Lynn Gaines made motion to enter closed session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(a) #6 to discuss personnel matters and in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11(a) #4 economic development matters. Wayne Woody seconded.

After exiting closed session, there was no further business. Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Charles seconded and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Hensley, Mayor



Annie K. King-Gaines  
Clerk

Assisted by Ben Townsend