

Town of Robbinsville
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2019

A regular Town of Robbinsville Meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Hooper at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall on July 3, 2019.

Council present: Shaun Adams, Debbie Beasley

Council absent: Brian Johnson

Others present: Steve Hooper, Mayor; Ellen Davis, Town Attorney; Sonya Webster, Finance Director; Shari Birchfield, Town Clerk; Roma Gail Collins; citizen; Robbie Pounds, Graham Star; Carrie Stewart, Town ORC; Marilyn Colvin; citizen, Kathy Gregory; citizen, Shawn Carringer; citizen, Dirk Cody; citizen, Dusty Phillips; G&C, Dan Devane; Zenner, Becky Garland; Graham County, Nichole Hairston; State of North Carolina Environmental Specialist.

Debbie Beasley made a motion to approve the June 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes, with the suggested change by Shaun Adams (Shaun Adams and Attorney Davis stated that it is illegal to poll the Board members for a vote by phone, a Special meeting is required for all Board voting). Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie Beasley made a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 Special Budget Public Hearing Board meeting minutes. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed. Debbie Beasley made a motion to approve the June 26, 2019 Special Budget Approval Board meeting minutes. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mayor Hooper updated the Board on the status of both the Snider Town project and the Roma Gail Collins drainage project, the pipes have been ordered and the work will be completed when pipes are delivered. Mayor Hooper stated that he had discussed Dana Adams suggestion to have the inmates assist in the Town clean-up projects with the Sheriff. He explained that only certain inmates are allowed for work release and we would be able to use the inmates that are allowed. The Mayor said that the Town appreciates suggestions from the citizen's of the Town.

The Board decided to table the Board Procedure revisions until the next Board meeting.

Mayor Hooper discussed the four credit card purchases from June, 2018 that Shaun Adams had question during the previous Board meeting. The Mayor stated that the receipts agreed with what the Mayor had been able to state from memory at the last meeting. Receipts as follows: \$23.19-street dance drinks and ice, \$18.81 - two meals after the Hayesville DOT meeting, \$8.65 - one meal after Sylva Finance prior to Tri-County graduation, \$37.45 - two meals for lunch at Sylva Finance Conference.

New Business:

Shaun Adams made a motion to open public comment. Debbie Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passed. No public comment. Shaun Adams made a motion to close public comment. Debbie Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dan Devane with Zenner presented a pilot meter plan for a new meter system. Shaun Adams made a motion to accept the pilot meter plan pending the review of the pilot system agreement. Debbie Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Hooper read Brian Johnson's questions regarding the County trash fees: Are all County residents charged to dump at the dumpsters or only the Town Governments? Why is the Town having to pay for trash that they pick up but there is no fee to the County residents - other than the County taxes? Becky Garland stated that anyone that goes over the scales will now be charged and all the Graham County Town's will be charged the same separate business rate. She explained that the Georgia surcharge fees have increased from \$1.00 a ton to \$2.50 a ton. Debbie Beasley asked to table this until the next Board meeting. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Beasley made a motion for Shaun Adams to sit on the new Graham County Sanitation Committee. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Beasley made a motion to shut off the meter for the old account for Spencer Colvin. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nichole Hairston, NCDEQ Division of Water Resources - Public Water Supply Environmental Specialist, presented Carrie Stewart with the Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) award for the Town of Robbinsville Water Plant. She stated that Carrie Stewart has done an outstanding job and this award is not easy to receive especially with all the rain water that we have had during the past year. The State really appreciates the hard work that has been put into making sure that the Town of Robbinsville has clean drinking water.

Debbie Beasley made a motion to accept the request from Charles and Lisa Jaco to allow one bill for the shared meter at 670 and 680 Tallulah Road. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Debbie Beasley made a motion to purchase a computer and printer for the maintenance shop with the budgeted amount of \$500. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.


Debbie Beasley made a motion to continue the annual support to Robbinsville High School for a \$200 banner. Shaun Adams asked Attorney Davis if it is legal to support the local schools. Attorney Davis explained to Shaun Adams that this is for public purpose, that the schools provide services for many in the Town. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dirk Cody asked the Board about the progress on the May 2019 investigation report. Mayor Hooper updated on the progress.

Shaun Adams made a motion to go into closed session at 2:55 PM. Debbie Beasley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board came out of closed session at 3:10 PM. Debbie Beasley made a motion to terminate Brandon Edwards for insubordination on three counts. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed. Attorney Davis drafted a letter to send to Mr. Edwards by certified mail explaining his termination. The Clerk to the Board was asked to type the letter and mail by both certified and regular mail.

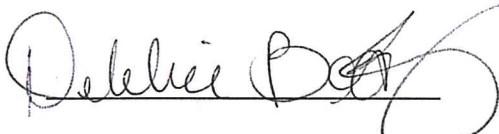
Debbie Beasley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 PM. Shaun Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Steve Hooper, Mayor

ABSENT

Brian Johnson, Council Member

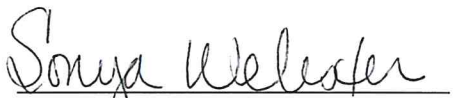


Debbie Beasley, Council Member



Shaun Adams, Council Member

ATTEST:



Sonya Webster, Clerk to the Board