

SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2017

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss (1) a sewer extension request from the Town of Saratoga and (2) utility bill extension requests.

Mayor Bill Edmundson called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the following Council members present: Councilmen Ken D. Horne, Donnie Bass and Powell Dew, Jr. Also present was Councilwoman Jackie Grice, Town Manager, Gary Davis and Town Clerk, Tabitha Bailey. Police Chief Rosario was in attendance as well as a reporter from The Wilson Daily Times.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Town Council that he and the Mayor, as well as the Town Engineer and Attorney, had met with the Town of Saratoga several times. Mr. Davis stated that the Town of Saratoga has a grant that is pending and if they do not get this sewer extension approved, they will lose their grant. This could possibly prohibit the Town of Saratoga from getting grants in the future. This could also be a concern for the Town of Stantonsburg because the Town will have to do some repairs to the sewer line that is corroded. Mr. Davis stated that these repairs could be very costly and the Town of Stantonsburg would probably need to apply for a grant or loan and the Town of Saratoga would likely be a party to it. If the Town of Saratoga were to lose this grant, that could possibly eliminate the Town of Stantonsburg from getting a joint grant or loan from the state for repairs on the corroded sewer line. Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Town Council that the Town of Saratoga has agreed to assume ownership of the manhole that has been in question, to participate in the annual cleaning of the sections that are identified to be damaged, and continue good faith negotiations with the Town of Stantonsburg regarding sharing of the cost of repairing that line once the extent of the damage has been determined. The Town of Saratoga has asked that no sewer rate increase tied to those line repairs or replacement costs be assessed while negotiations are ongoing and until the work is performed. Town Manager Gary Davis recommended that the Town of Stantonsburg accept the Town of Saratoga's terms and sign off on the sewer extension. At this time Councilman Horne made the motion to accept the extension request from the Town of Saratoga on the terms afore mentioned by Town Manager Gary Davis. With a second by Councilman Dew, all members voted favorably. Mr. Davis also made the Town Council aware of the fact that the Town of Stantonsburg was just awarded a 100% \$915,000 Sewer Rehab Grant.

Town Manager Gary Davis presented 12 utility extension requests for the Town Council's approval. Councilman Horne made the motion to grant extension requests #1,2,3,4,6,7,9,11 that were to be paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of January before closing. With a second from Councilman Dew, all members voted favorably. Councilwoman Grice made the motion to grant extension requests #5,10,12 to be paid on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other members present voting favorably. Councilman Horne made the motion to deny extension request #8. With a second by Councilwoman Grice, all members voted favorably.

At this time Police Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that he was recently audited and that the Police Department was 100% in compliance. Chief Rosario also stated that the Town of Stantonburg has the opportunity to purchase a K-9 from Edgecombe County Sherriff's office for \$1. Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that Officer Revis was previously employed with Edgecombe Sherriff's office and is a certified K-9 handler. Officer Revis worked with the dog in question and Edgecombe Sherriff's office cannot find a compatible match for the dog. The dog is certified in area and narcotic searches. This dog is not a bite dog and would be used strictly for searches. Chief Rosario stated that Purina will supply food for a police K-9 for free. Chief Rosario has talked with the veterinarian at The Cottage and she has agreed to provide shots and care for the dog for free.

Town Manager Gary Davis informed the Town Council that the roof leaked in his office during the snow and ice. Mr. Davis was able to save most of his records, but his word processor was completely lost. Mr. Davis is in the process of searching for another one. Mr. Wade Farmer is coming by to look at the roof for the repairs.

Councilman Dew informed the Town Council that he would not be able to attend the scheduled Board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Horne also stated that he would be unable to attend on this date. With 2 Council members absent, the Town would not have a quorum. Councilwoman Grice suggested having the meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> and all members agreed. Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey will note the Council meeting date change on the Town's website.

At this time, Councilman Horne made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grice seconded the motion with all other members present voting favorably.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha Bailey, Town Clerk

William H. Edmundson, Mayor