

TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF SAWMILLS
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bobby Austin
Joe Norman
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman
Gerelene Blevins
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Bob Gibbs made a motion and Joe Norman seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes for February. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins a motion was made to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE UPDATE:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to open the public hearing. On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs the public hearing was opened at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Austin asked if anyone wished to speak at the public hearing. There was no one wishing to speak at the public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to close the public hearing. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Wesson, the motion was made to close the public hearing.

COUNCIL ACTION: On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Joe Wesson a motion was made to adopt the update to the Town's subdivision ordinance. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

CHANGE ORDER: VETERAN'S PARK RESTROOM PROJECT: There was a design change required by the Health Department resulting in a change order for the completion of the septic system for the restroom facility at the Veteran's Park.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Joe Norman the change order in the amount of \$3,400.00 was approved. All were in favor.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: TIRES: The Town received three recent Bids for tires for the Freightliner trash truck.

Blue Ridge Tire:	\$4,721.74
Bolick Tire:	\$2,910.00
Clark Tire:	\$3,208.00

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Norman the bid was awarded to Bolick Tire in the amount of \$2,910.00. All were in favor.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: WATER METERS: The Town has received a quote from Ferguson, Inc. for 102 three quarter inch water meters to replace depleted Water Department stocks.

Ferguson, Inc. is the only vendor who carries the type of meters that the Town uses and the quote received from them is for \$10,846.03 for 102 three quarter inch meters.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the purchase was approved. All were in favor.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: MOWER PARTS:

The Town has obtained a quote from Dixie Lawn Service, which is the only vendor in the area who carries the same brand of mowers that the Town uses. The quote for the needed replacement parts needed was \$1,067.84.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the purchase was approved. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION: PURCHASE ORDER PROCEDURES: Many items that the Town purchases, have already been put into the budget, and approved by the Council. Since these items have been already put into the budget there is no need for them to be approved a second time.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Joe Wesson a motion was made to allow staff to approve routine purchase orders up to the amount of \$1,000.00; the Mayor can approve purchase orders up to the amount of \$5,000.00 and Council would approve any purchase over \$5,000.00. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

DANNY HAMBY: LOT RECOMBINATION REQUEST: The Planning Board has reviewed the request from Danny Hamby for the subdivision and recombination of property he owns located on Cahah's Mountain Road.

The Planning Board would recommend approval of lot recombination for Danny Hamby.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the lot recombination was approved. All were in favor.

PLANNING BOARD: After much discussion, Council has decided that the Planning Board be changed to a Planning Commission. There will be five members on the commission.

Council appointed the following five members to serve a one-year term: Benny Townsend, Dare Duncan, Philip Bollinger, Beverly Fry, and Chris Holman.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Joe Wesson the motion was made to make the change. All were in favor except for Gerelene Blevins who supported the planning changes and all appointments with the exception of Phillip Bollinger who she felt would have a conflict of interest in serving.

Joe Wesson commended the Planning Board for all they have done and would like to say thanks for all there work.

Bob Gibbs asked for a motion to give the members of the Planning Board a token of appreciation at the April 17, 2007 Council meeting. The Mayor stated they would receive a plaque and a \$30.00 gift certificate. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Joe Norman the Planning Board will receive a plaque and gift certificate at the April council meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN GERELENE BLEVINS: Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins asked to be added to the Agenda to speak about citizen's speaking at the council meetings. Councilwoman Blevins would like the citizens to show respect towards the Council when speaking and the same type of respect from the Council to the citizens. She would also like to say that when citizens speak their time should not begin until they are at the podium.

No Council action is required.

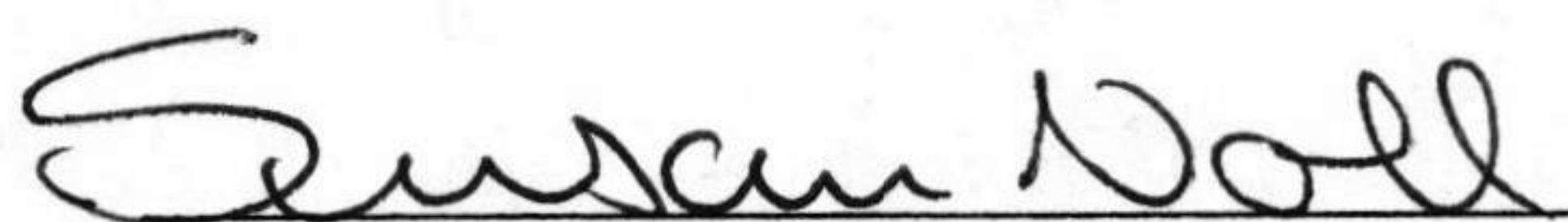
TOWN HALL MEETING: Mayor Austin asked if anyone had signed up to speak. Don Fare was the only one who had signed up to speak.

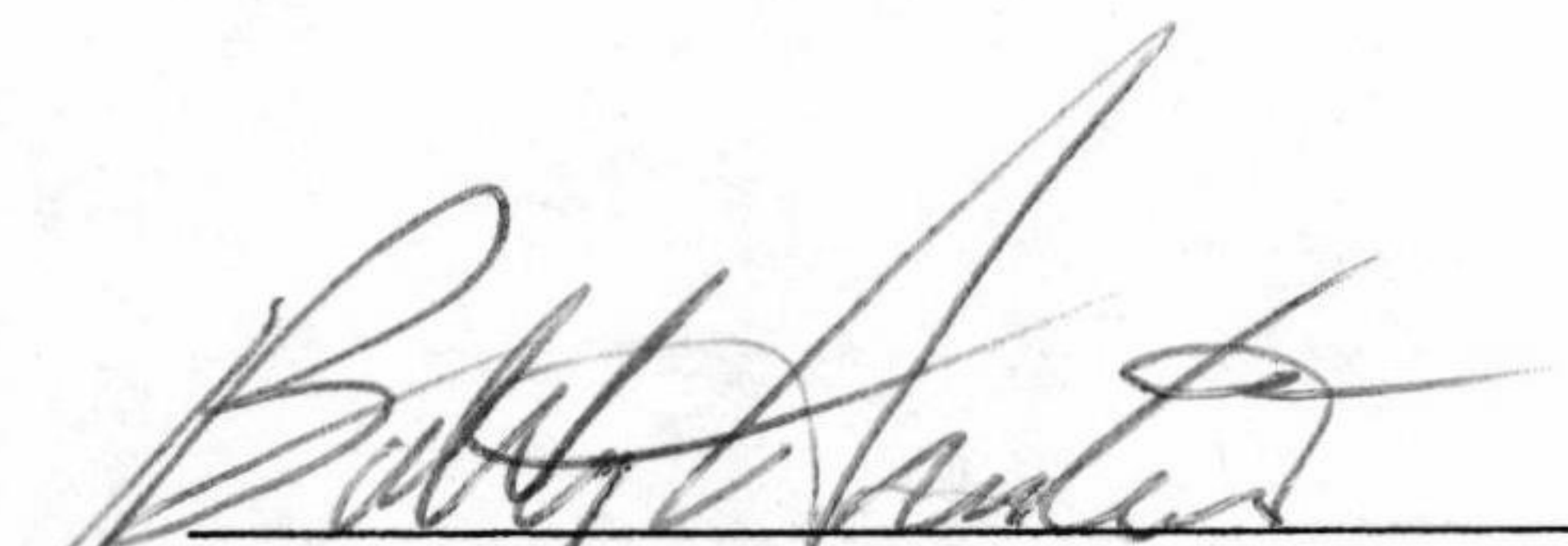
Mr. Fare spoke on the following three topics:

1. Why the Town no longer sells stamps.
2. Uniforms for the Public Works employees.
3. The need for a New Town Hall.

Eddie Bowman arrived at 6:18 p.m. and did not ask to be seated.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Joe Wesson the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor