

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008
TOWN OF SAWMILLS SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bobby Austin
Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry
Eddie Bowman
Joe Norman

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Noll

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 20TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the May 20, 2008 minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the regular minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MAY 28TH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the May 28, 2008 special meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the special meeting minutes were approved. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: PRESENTATION OF FY 2008-09 BUDGET: Town Administrator Robert Frye presented the Council with the 2008-2009 FY Budget.

Total budget of: \$2,324,950.00

General Fund Budget of: \$1,743,850.00

Utility Fund Budget of: \$581,100.00

As required by State Law the budget is balanced.

The budget includes a tax rate increase of .03 cents bringing the tax rate to .18 per \$100.00 valuation from .15 per \$100.00 valuation.

The water and sewer rates will stay the same but the sanitation fee will increase from \$4.00 to \$8.00 a month.

Included is a \$191,311.00 fund balance appropriation to balance the budget.

There is also included in the budget a three percent cost of living raise for employees.

A first year debt service payment on a new automated trash truck for the Sanitation Department for \$79,000.00 is also included.

The Town's PART-F Grant in the amount of \$245,000.00 for the first year match is included in the budget also.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the Council will hold a public hearing for adoption of the FY 2008-2009 budget to be held at the Council meeting on June 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. All were in favor.

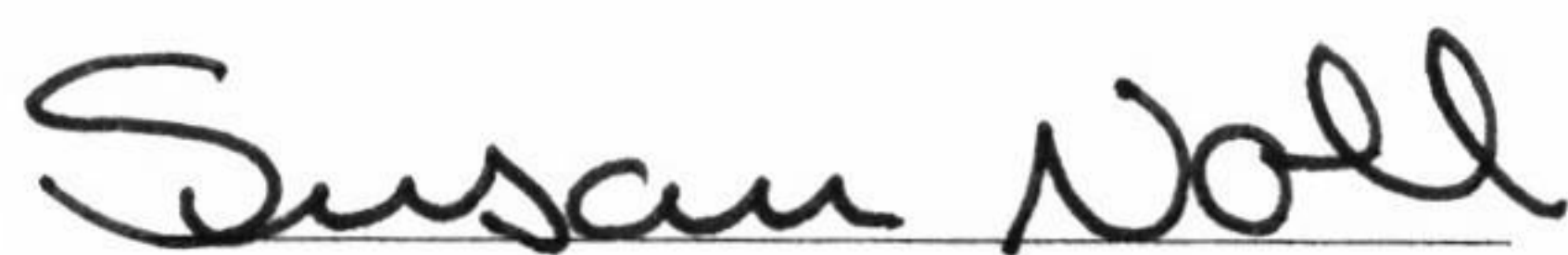
TOWN HALL MEETING: Mayor Austin asked if anyone had signed up to speak at the Town Hall meeting. The following people spoke.

Mr. David Powell and Mr. George Featherbay spoke on the tax increase.

Mr. William Eckard expressed concern over traffic flow on his street due to the Veteran's Park.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the meeting was adjourned.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor

2008-09 BUDGET WORKSHOP
MINUTES
May 29, 2008

Council Present:
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Gerelene Blevins
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman
Beverly Fry

Staff Present:
Bob Frye
Bonnie Mann

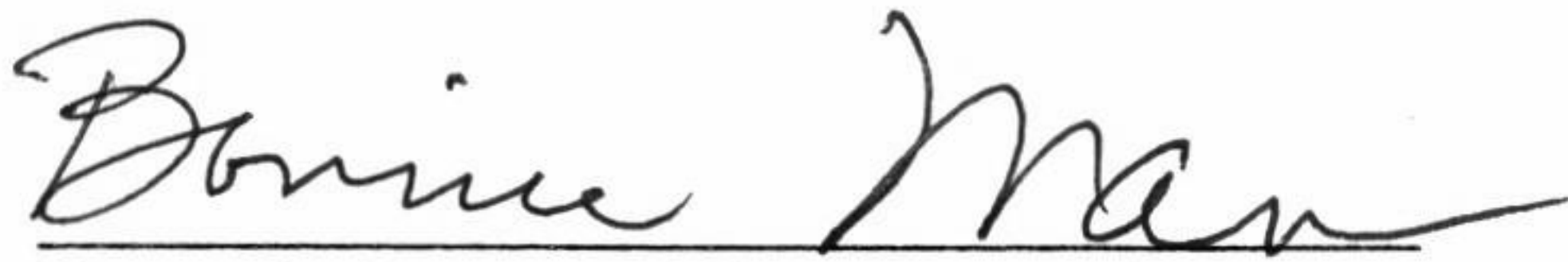
Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. After giving the invocation, he led all in the pledge of allegiance.

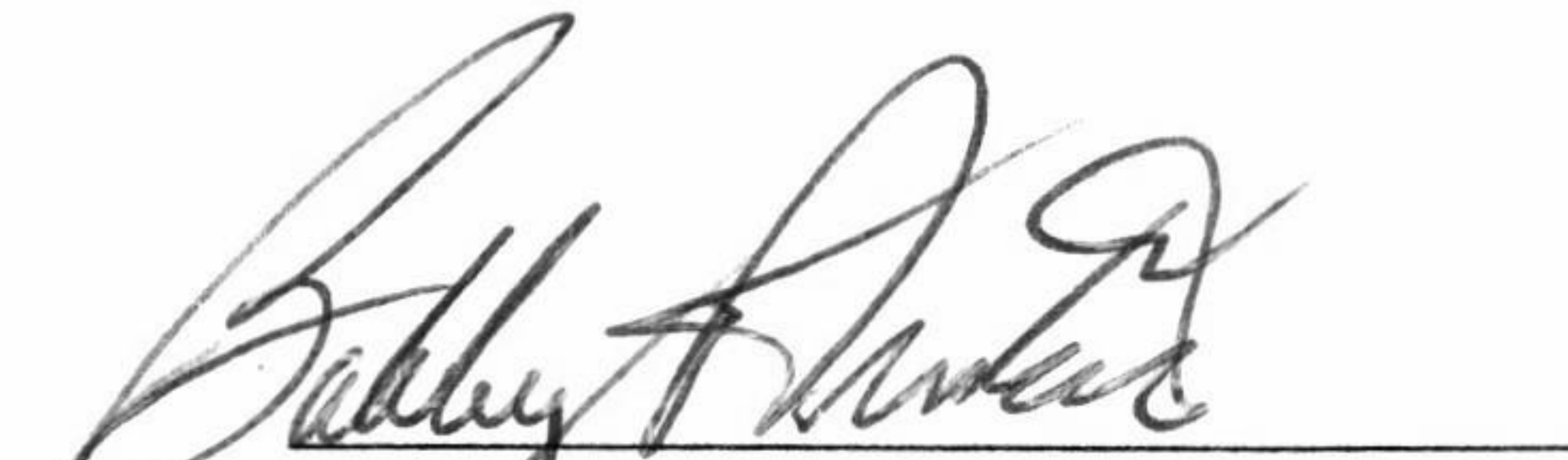
Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Eddie Bowman made the motion with Beverly Fry seconding. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Bob Frye opened the meeting with a review of proposed General Fund Expenditures and Revenue Options. Mr. Frye asked Council to review again the options available.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to present the proposed budget at the Council Meeting on June 3. Joe Norman made the motion, with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor except Council Person Gerelene Blevins who stated that she was in favor of the sanitation fee increase but against the tax increase.

At 3:20 Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Bowman made the motion, with Joe Norman seconding. All were in favor.


Bonnie Mann, Finance Director


Bobby Austin, Mayor