

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2008
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR 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.

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: PUBLIC HEARING FY 2008-09 BUDGET:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

Bob Gibbs made a motion to open the public hearing with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

STAFF COMMENTS: Town Administrator Robert Frye presented the Council with the revised 2008-2009 FY Budget.

Total budget of:	\$2,324,950.00
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General Fund Budget of:	\$1,743,850.00
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Utility Fund Budget of:	\$581,100.00
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The budget is balanced as required by State Law.

There are no rate or tax increases in the budget.

To balance the budget a \$376,900.00 fund balance appropriation has been included.

A three percent cost of living raise for employees has also been included in the budget.

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.

Staff would recommend Council approve this budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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 Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the public hearing was closed. All were in favor.

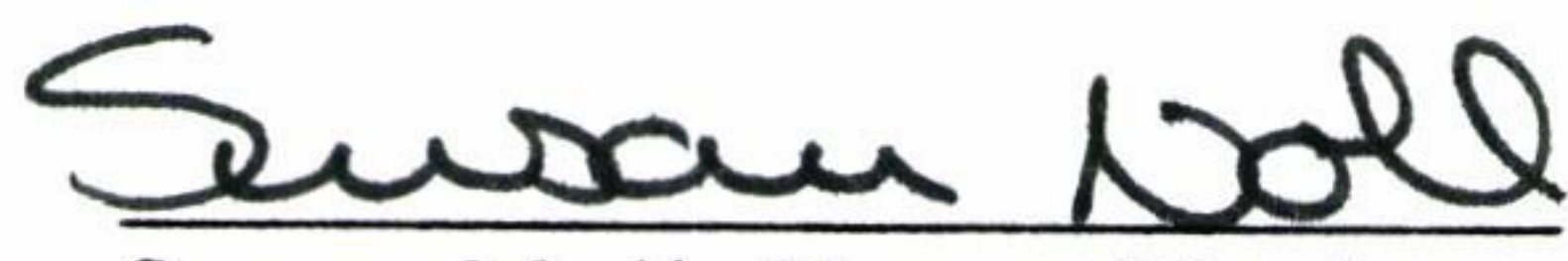
COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilman Eddie Bowman expressed concerns over the amount of fund balance used to balance the budget and he cautioned the Council concerning the possibility that the Town might be facing another severe budget process next fiscal year.

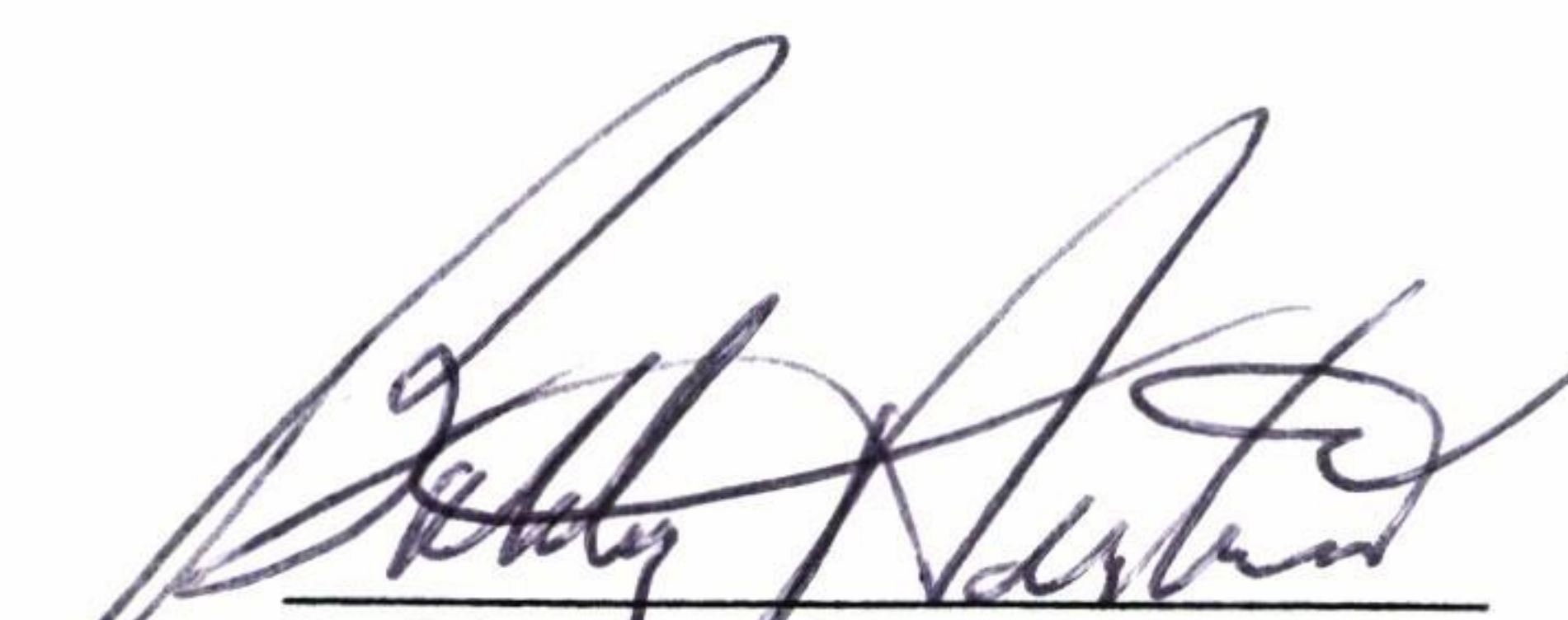
COUNCIL ACTION: On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Joe Norman the FY 2008-2009 budget was adopted. Those in favor were Councilman Joe Norman, Councilman Bob Gibbs, Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins, and Councilwoman Beverly Fry. Councilman Eddie Bowman was opposed. Motion passed 4-1.

TOWN HALL MEETING: There was no one wishing to speak at the Town Hall meeting.

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

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the meeting was adjourned.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor