

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Beverly Fry
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Clontz
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bob Gibbs called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bob Gibbs gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21st REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Beverly Fry, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21st CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2010 closed session meeting minutes.

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

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

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to open the Town Hall meeting. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Donnie Potter, the Town Hall meeting was open for public comments.

Todd Winkler spoke regarding a piece of property on Diamond Street not being kept up causing snakes and rodents.

Eddie Bowman asked to speak as a citizen. Mr. Bowman spoke regarding the railroad wanting to build a side spur along the railroad track on U.S. Highway 321-A from property owned by Mattie Starnes to the property across from Deerfield Acres.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the Town Hall meeting was closed. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE: The Council asked staff at the September 21, 2010 Council meeting to get the warranty information on the lawnmowers quoted. Council will need to decide how they wish to proceed.

After discussion, Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to getting some more quotes for a lawnmower. Those in favor were Gerelene Blevins, Beverly Fry, Donnie Potter, and Joe Wesson. Those opposed were Eddie Bowman.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

BENCHMARK CONTRACT: The contract for Benchmark CMR, INC. would be from November 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$14,250.00 with monthly payments of \$1,781.25. Services will be on a monthly basis unless cancelled with a 30-day notice.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, Council approved a contract with Benchmark CMR, Inc. in the amount of \$14,250.00. Those in favor were Gerelene Blevins, Beverly Fry, Donnie Potter, and Joe Wesson. Those opposed were Eddie Bowman.

FENCING AT THE VETERANS PARK: Mayor Gibbs stated that for the safety of the children, and insurance requirements the Town cannot open the Veteran's Memorial Park without a fence along the back slope and the ball fields. As part of the grant funding once the park is open it has to stay open all the times.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, the Council will advertise for bids with the contingency that the bids will be good until January. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

PARKS AND RECREATION: Benny Townsend Director of Parks & Recreation stated that on the upper field at the Baird Drive Park 56 games were played with 13 teams, 2 age groups, and 163 kids playing ball since July 1, 2010. Fall adult softball league was played on the lower field, and will be done around Nov. 12, 2010. There have been 15 teams, 3 competition levels, and 184 players on the lower field having had 325 games played. Granite Falls Middle School would like to play soccer at the Veteran's Park as soon as the fields are complete and the fencing is installed. Mr. Townsend also thanked Blue Ridge Energies for all the time and help given at no cost to the Town with the lights being that the Town does not have a bucket truck big enough to get to the lights. Mr. Townsend also stated that the woodpeckers have been pecking at the light poles and some are hollow and will need replaced at some time.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Supervisor Ronnie Coffey stated that there are 11 signs on the baseball fence. The Town has gotten great participation on this. The Town has put up a sign for Blue Ridge Energies at no cost for all the time and help put into replacing light bulbs at the Baird Drive Park. Mr. Coffey also stated that some of the Public Works employees have gone around and painted all the hydrants in the Town. The flagpoles are up with two flags on them, and the lights working at the Veteran's Park. Those flags will come down and new flags put up when the Town has the official opening and official flag raising ceremony. The saw blade shape is in the concrete. Mr. Coffey stated that the Inmate program was back and the Town would be using the inmates when available.

SIDEWALK EXTENSION OFFER FROM NCDOT TO SHARE COST: Mayor Gibbs stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) wants to put a sidewalk and gutter on 321-A from Howard Benfield's property all the way down to Story's One Stop. NCDOT will give the Town \$150,000.00 to pay for the curb and gutter and the Town will just have to pay for the sidewalk from Powell Bill Funds.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Donnie Potter, Council will proceed with a resolution to NCDOT for the shared cost for the sidewalk, curb, and gutter. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Finance Officer Karen Clontz will need to transfer \$600.00 per month from Administration to Governing Body starting October 1, 2010 due to the increase in the Mayor's stipend effective until a new Town Administrator is hired.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, Finance Officer Karen Clontz will transfer \$600.00 from Administration to Governing Body on a monthly basis. Those in favor were Gerelene Blevins, Beverly Fry, Donnie Potter, and Joe Wesson. Those opposed were Eddie Bowman.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR BENCHMARK CONTRACT: Council will need to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,250.00 to contract with Benchmark CMR, INC.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the enclosed budget amendment was approved. Those in favor were Gerelene Blevins, Beverly Fry, Donnie Potter, and Joe Wesson. Those opposed were Eddie Bowman.

A motion was made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson to have Town Attorney Terry Taylor Investigate to make sure that the railroad is in compliance with all Town Zoning Ordinances to build on 321-A.

CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL MATTERS: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to go into closed session.

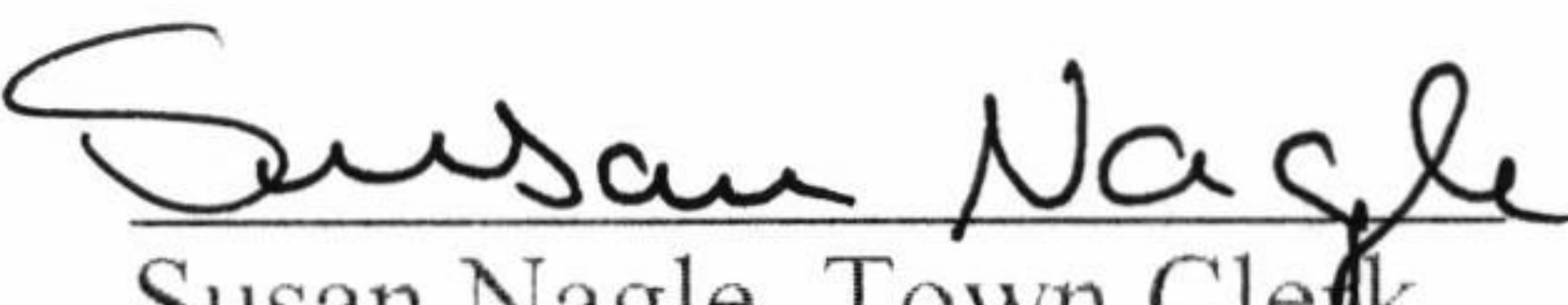
Donnie Potter made a motion to go into closed session at 7:43 p.m. and Joe Wesson seconded. All were in favor.

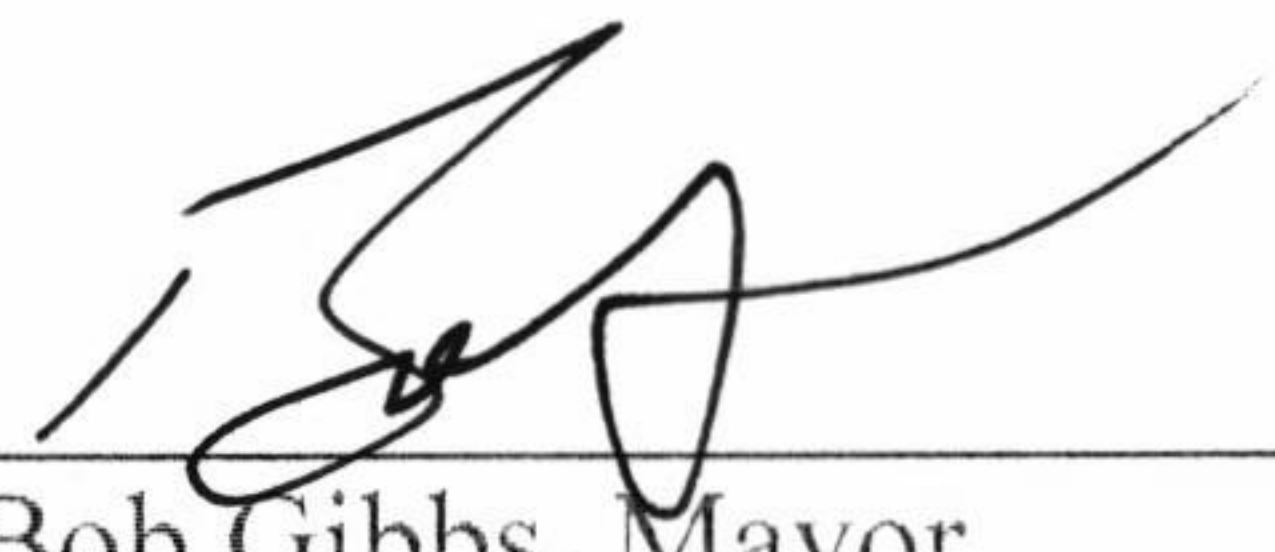
Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to come out of closed session.

Eddie Bowman made a motion to come out of closed session at 7:47 p.m. and Joe Wesson seconded. All were in favor.

ACTION TAKEN: No action was taken.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Donnie Potter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. All were in favor.


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk


Bob Gibbs, Mayor

BUDGET REVISION
TOWN OF SAWMILLS
GENERAL FUND

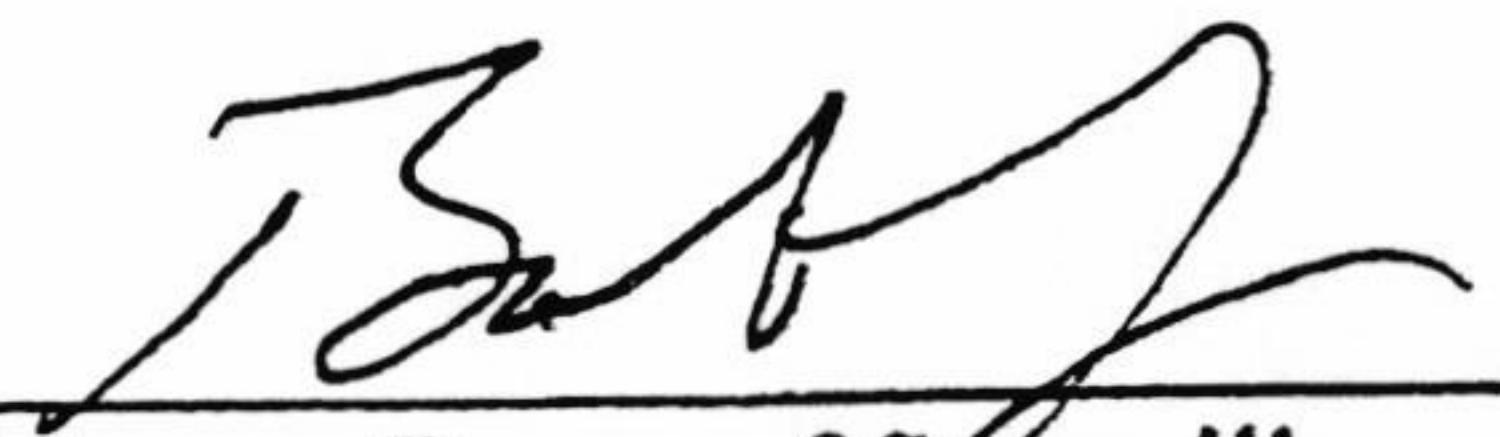
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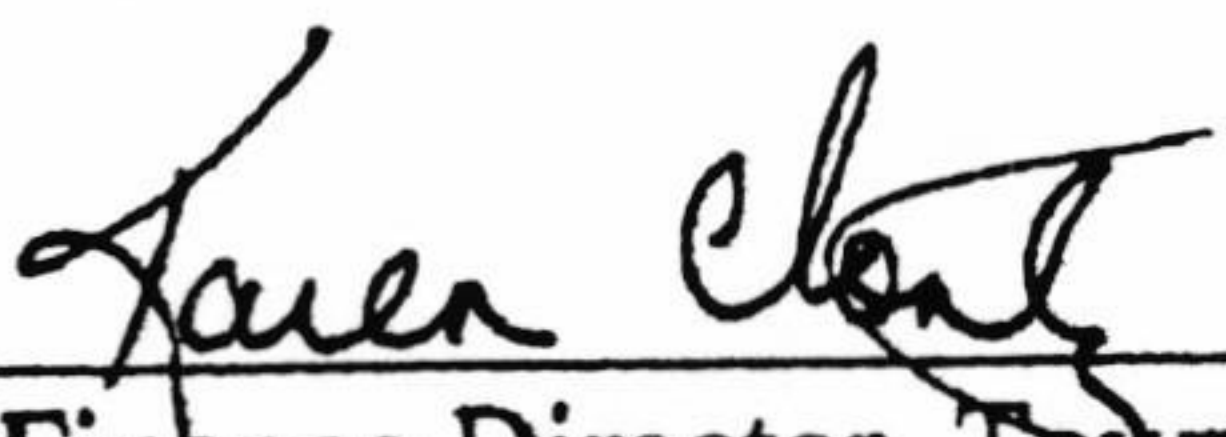
<u>Revenue:</u>	Increase
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$14,250.00
<u>Expense:</u>	
Solid Waste/Code Enforcement	\$14,250.00

Explanation: An expense line item will need to be added to the budget due to the contract between the Town of Sawmills and Benchmark CMR Inc. This contract will be effective 11/1/2010 through 6/30/2011 to be reviewed monthly.

Passed by majority vote of the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills on the 19th day of OCTOBER, 2010. This amendment shall be attached to the minutes of such meeting and become official upon signature of the Mayor and Finance Director.



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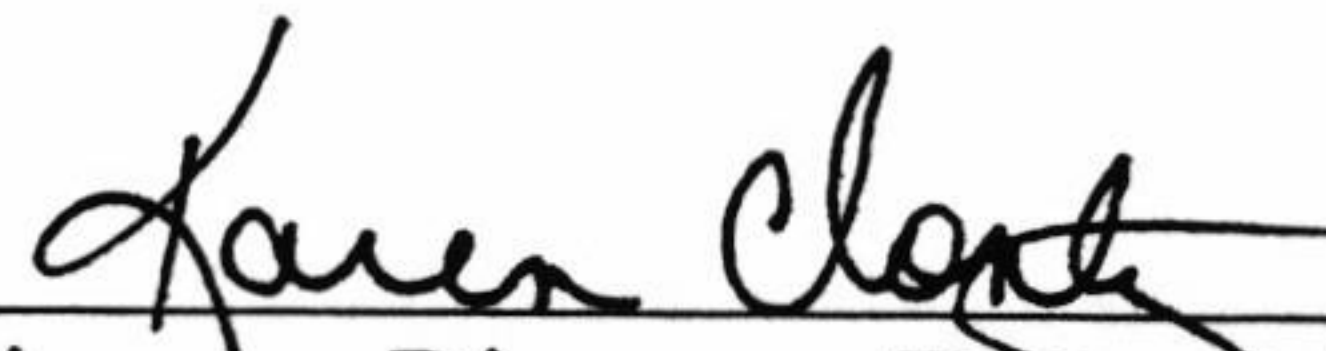
Department	Account	Decrease Amount		Increase Amount
1-20-4100	Wages	\$600.00		
1-10-4100	Wages			\$600.00

Explanation: Due to the resignation of the Town Administrator, Council has approved an additional stipend of \$600 be paid to Mayor Bob Gibbs on a month to month basis beginning October 1, 2010. These funds will be transferred from Administration Wages to Governing Body Wages.

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