

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009**  
**TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Bobby Austin  
Bob Gibbs  
Beverly Fry  
Eddie Bowman  
Joe Norman

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robert Frye  
Susan Nagle  
Terry Taylor

**COUNCIL ABSENT**

Gerelene Blevins

**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 SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

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

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2009 closed session meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Beverly Fry, the closed session minutes were approved. All were in favor.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Remove items 7a. Road Issue and 7b. Park Issue and change it to item 7 Resolution In Support Of Hickory Post Office.

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

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**REQUEST FOR DONATION: SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL:** The Town has received a request from South Caldwell High School asking for a donation to the Freshman Academy.

There are funds in this year's budget to cover this request and staff would recommend a donation in the amount of \$250.00.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, a donation of \$250.00 was approved. All were in favor.

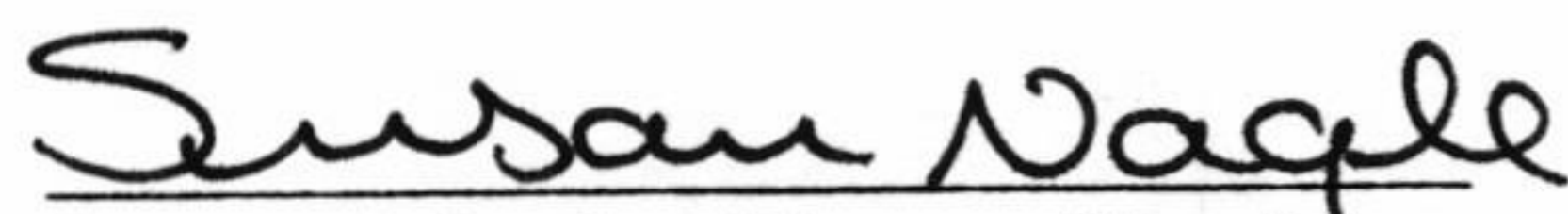
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HICKORY POSTAL CENTER:** Mayor Austin asked for a motion to pass a Resolution in opposition to loss of jobs at Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution Center.

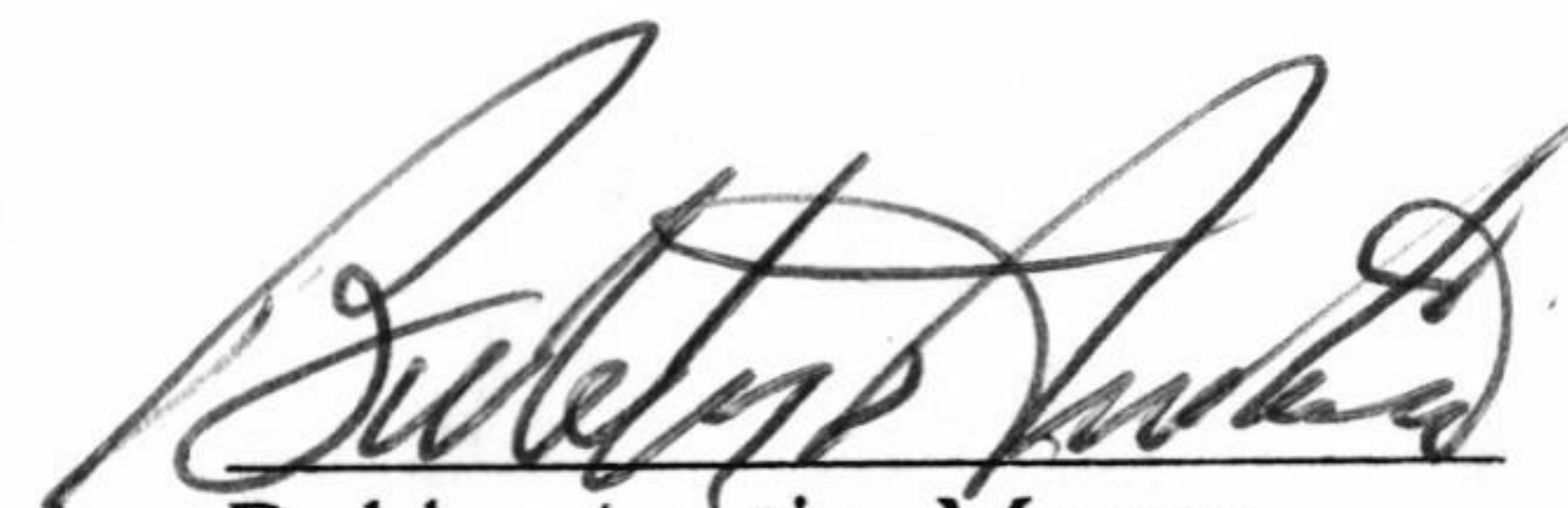
On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the Resolution opposing the closing of the Hickory Mail Processing and Distribution Center was passed. All were in favor. (See attached).

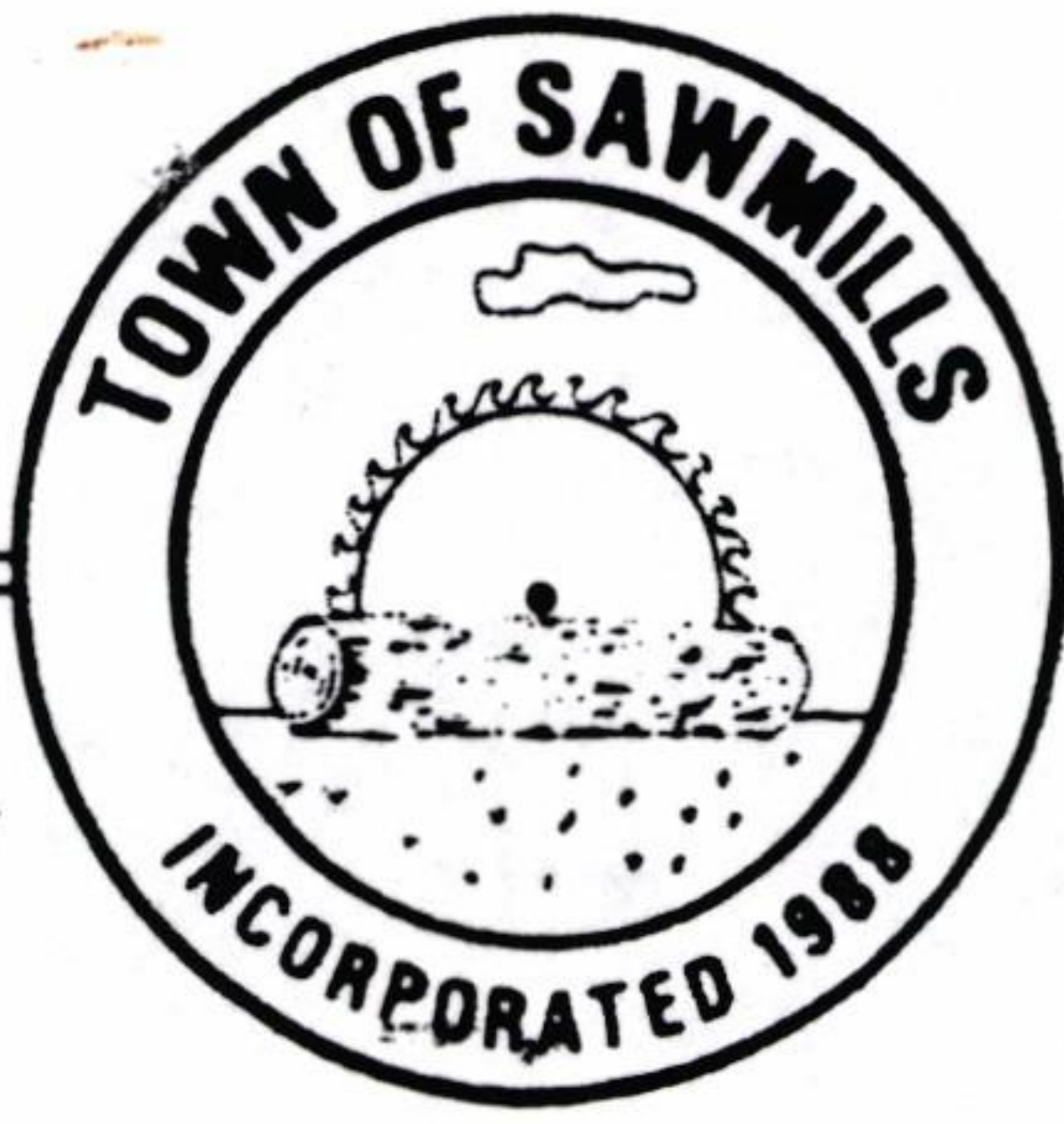
**TOWN HALL MEETING:** Mayor Austin asked if anyone signed up to speak at the Town Hall meeting.

Mr. J.D. Phillips spoke about junk on property adjacent to his property. Town Administrator Frye stated the Town could not enforce cleanup.

**ADJOURN:** On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.

  
Susan Nagle, Town Clerk

  
Bobby Austin, Mayor



**MAYOR**  
*Bobby Austin*

**TOWN  
COUNCIL**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
*Robert Frye*

*Bob Gibbs, Mayor Pro-Tem*  
*Gerelene Blevins*  
*Joe Norman*  
*Eddie Bowman*  
*Beverly Fry*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAWMILLS TOWN COUNCIL  
IN OPPOSITION TO LOSS OF JOBS AT HICKORY MAIL PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION  
CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) unemployment rate stands at 15.1 percent as of July 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA currently holds the highest unemployment rate of any MSA in the Southeast United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA has lost 43,262 jobs since the year 2000 (nearly one out of every four jobs) as of March 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA has lost 12,298 jobs in the past 12 months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Catawba Valley area and surrounding counties and municipalities have borne a disproportionate burden from the various free trade agreements and initiatives instituted over the past several years and the promised prosperity and goodwill from such actions have failed to contribute favorably to this area; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Postal Service is conducting an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study of mail processing at the Hickory Processing and Distribution Center for possible consolidation of some operations into the Greensboro Processing and Distribution Center that would result in the further loss of jobs in the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SAWMILLS** urges the U.S. Postal Service to consider and incorporate the high unemployment rate and loss of jobs in the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA into the U.S. Postal Service AMP Study, and the Town of Sawmills opposes any further loss of jobs in the region.

**ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup>** day of October, 2009

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JULY 1, 1988  
ATTEST:  
*Susan Nagel*  
Susan Nagel, Town Clerk

*Bobby Austin*  
Bobby Austin, Mayor

***Town of Sawmills***

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