

MILTON NORTH CAROLINA TOWN HALL

Town Offices: 173 Broad Street
Town Hall Meetings: 11928 Academy Street
TUESDAY: February 10, 2025---7:00 PM. Minutes
Town Hall Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 am-5:00 pm.
Thursdays- 4:00 pm.-7:00 pm. Payments Only

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Angela Upchurch called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Mayor Angela Upchurch stated that this meeting is being recorded, and I (**Mayor Angela Upchurch**) would like to remind you of **Public Comments. Please** call Town Hall at 336-234-0030 by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday the day of the Town Meeting and leave your name, address, and your reason for Public Comments.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Angela Upchurch asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Angela Upchurch welcomed everyone to the February 10, 2025, Town Meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Angela Upchurch, Mayor Pro Tem. Robert Palmer, Shirley Wilson, Town Clerk, Commissioner Jackie Jeffries, Commissioner Sherri Garrard, Elizabeth Lattime, Finance Officer

Absent:

APPROVALS: Mayor Angela Upchurch called for approval of February 10, 2025, **Agenda: Mayor Angela Upchurch has an addition to the agenda: camera and Street light at town hall spot and Resolution to support NCDOT. Commissioner Bob Palmer** motioned to approve the **Agenda for February 10, 2025. Commissioner Sherri Garrard seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Angela Upchurch** asked for the approval of January 14, 2025, **Minutes. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries** motioned to approve the January 14, 2025, **Minutes, as they stand. Commissioner Bob Palmer** second the motion. **All were in favor.**

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Angela Upchurch

- ✚ The Milton AIA Water Assessment Funding for **\$150,000.00** Viable Utilities Reserve Fund. Milton AIA Water Assessment funding for **\$150,000.00** and Viable Utilities Reserve funding of **\$500,000.00** has been recommended for funding.
- ✚ Wastewater rescheduled for **February 17th 2025**. Did not remind to tell Jessie Mullins the day before that we had scheduled the hydrant flushing with him, and he had forgotten.
- ✚ **Blower motor ordered at Wastewater Treatment Plant.** The particular manufacturer was discontinued but located a direct replacement. Ordered but not shipped.
- ✚ **We must take another training session with Ann Moore, financial analyst with the Local Government Commission. Date TBD.** Anne offered to come here, and we will need to post this as a public meeting, so we will need to schedule at least a month in advance, and this has a deadline for April 2025. This is due to our being designated distressed, as our water and sewer utilities cannot support themselves with customer revenue. Sherri and Danny have the most pressing work obligations.
- ✚ **Tiny Houses** A property owner on Doll Branch asked if Tiny Houses are allowed in **Residential 2** zoning. This question was brought before the Planning Board last night. Currently our zoning does not mention the term Tiny Houses but includes the required dimensions of at least **22 x 44**, and these dimensions will stand.
- ✚ **Request for the Planning Board Agenda to be sent to Commissioners as well as Planning Board members in case they would like to attend.** I will forward the agenda to you when I receive it, which is usually the day before. The Planning Board meets on the second Monday of the month at **6:00 PM**.
- ✚ **James Fritz's hydrant fundraising offer:** James Fritz attended our December Town Hall Meeting. He has a home on Racetrack Road, in Virginia, but he lives in Norfolk. He heard the cost of hydrant replacement to be over \$6,000. He was inspired to promote a fundraiser at VIR, to raise funds for replacing the next hydrant, which is on **HWY 57**. Mr. Fritz is **kicking off the fundraiser** with a **\$500 donation**. He would like to get the old fire hydrant to use as a visual for his fundraiser. Jessie Mullins agreed not to dispose of it.
- ✚ The water test report with **PACE Analytical** who tests the water at the well pump and keeps check on the WWTP performed a random water testing at **All in the Family** location for bacteria, which resulted in a **negative test**. (Retains a copy of the test.) The site must have an outdoor faucet that can be cleaned in order to perform the test.
- ✚ **We have our SAMs Federal ID number registered!** This was so difficult to achieve with red tape- even Yanceyville Town Manager Kamara Barnette said it took her 6 months, and that is about how long it took me.
- ✚ **Work Session:** On January 29 we had an extended work/discussion session. This was good as we were not rushed.
- ✚ Danny mentioned letting residents know where the revenue goes, and I have included that in this month's newsletter. I think this has been mentioned before in regard to budget, but it bears repeating and to continually show how expensive these systems are, such as the monthly costs of PACE Analytical and Utility Services. (Read newsletter figures) We pay Pace Analytical **\$3,063.70** per month, Water Tower Maintenance **\$1027.31**. **In January**, the Electric Bill was **\$959.17**. Repairing cost from customers issues and replacing hydrants was **\$9,045.90** to break even would require 131 customers paying \$69.00 per month. We do not have 131 paid customers.

✚ Any thoughts on our trip to the well pump house and WWTP? Elizabeth Lattime Finance Officer stated it was as expected. Commissioner Jeffries stated the trip was very informative and educational. Mayor Angela Upchurch stated it is running!!! Town Clerk Shirley Wilson stated Commissioner Danny Cash did an excellent job cleaning out the building, have been living in Milton 71 years and had never stopped to check out the Pumphouse. Commissioner Sherri Garrard stated this was her first time, no clue where it was, and it was interesting finding out how it works. Commissioner Bob Palmer stated glad someone else will know where the Automatic switch is located.

✚ Announcements for free events: Valentine's Teddy Bear Tea (Placed in Town Newsletter) February 15, 2025

✚ Londyn Event Center (New Business) Saturday March 29, 2025, featuring a Cruize In

✚ Senator Meyers talked to the mayor about the sidewalk issue near the burned theater. Discussion with DOT and others. Mayor Angela explained. Property owners pay property taxes. The DOT estimate is \$279,000.00 has to go through the Legislature. (Senior Craig Meyers) Make a Resolution.

Financial Report: Elizabeth Lattime: Letter to review for audit.

STAFF REPORT:

Attached to Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

Old Business: Mayor Angela Upchurch N/A

Country Line Creek/Racetrack Road Water Line Discussion. Read from newsletter. Property owners leery of replacing line as-is in case a proper line is delayed; with the possibility another Board of Commissioners may not maintain and neglect. Explained Commissioner Bob Palmer made a motion that the residents do not pay for water due to no use. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries seconded the motion. Three housing on Racetrack Road for a Test Kit.

New Business: Earnestine Hamlett's request to construct a parking lot- Planning Board passed her COA. If the town is unable to relocate the existing pile of dirt, she will utilize some of it to fill the holes. Explained. Commissioner Palmer motioned to keep the town's dirt. Second, by Commissioner Garrard.

- Choose caterer for Joint Commissioners Meeting. We will host again in November.

- **Samantha:**

- 15 servings of Baked Greek Chicken
- 15 servings of Hamburger Steak with Onions
- Mashed Potatoes
- Sauteed Green Beans
- Corn
- Apple Pie - Cupcakes -Brownies
- (We missed drinks) Usually the others offer tea, lemonade, and water.

- **All in the Family:**

- 35 servings Baked Chicken
- Meatloaf (3 loafs)
- Oven Baked Garlic Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Salad
- Varied Desserts
- Drinks

Commissioner Jackie Jeffries motioned that All In the Family will cater for the Joint Commissioner Meeting. Second by Commissioner Bob Palmer.

CAMERA or STREETLIGHT at Town Parking Lot discussion Tabled until March 11, 2025

- RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NCDOT SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: Resolution read aloud. Commissioner Palmer motioned to accept the Resolution and Commissioner Jackie Jeffries second the motion. (Local Government Commission) designated people signed Resolution.

EDC Report: Shirley Wilson—Report all information concerning Milton Events to the EDC Board.

✚ PCC: Dr. Senegal stated I am leaving you in excellent hands. Started out with a budget of \$14 million and now they have 41million.

✚ Dual enrollment is increasing. Students will graduate with a diploma and an Associate degree.

✚ Emily stated the CEAD project is continuing to move forward.

✚ High percentage of adult enrollment

✚ Dr. Senegal described her new position.

CLOSE OF MEETING: Mayor Angela Upchurch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bob Palmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackie Jeffries seconded the motion. All members were in favor. Time:

Next Meeting February 10, 2025

Minutes humbly submitted by: Shirley Wilson