

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

May 14, 2020

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 6:04 pm, at the A & O Bridges Community Center via teleconference call due to the COVID-19 Virus State of Emergency. Mayor Blue Cole was at the Community Center along with Attorney Brad Sears.

Present on the teleconference call were the following members: Mayor Blue Cole; Council Member Stan Parten; Council Member Tom Teagle; Council Member Elizabeth Good; Town Attorney Brad Sears; Town Clerk Deannia Roberson; Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud; Librarian Brandy Phelps.

Absent: Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike.

At 6:15 pm Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike joined the teleconference call and approved the minutes as written. Council Member Pike had to leave the teleconference call at approximately 7:00 pm.

The following residents and/or public also called in and announced themselves: Polly Garlington, Resident. Sheri Woods, owner of The Frigid Frog and The Toasty Toad.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the April 6, 2020 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business - N/A

Old Business -

Mayor Cole stated that during the State of Emergency he and Council approved Mrs. Sherri Woods to operate The Frigid Frog and the Toasty Toad with a drive thru only. Mrs. Woods thanked everyone for allowing her to operate a contactless drive thru. She stated that this pandemic has proved to them they need a drive thru. At first, they wanted a manufactured building and changed their mind for a permanent structure. Once they found out that a permanent structure doubled their budget, they decided to go back with the manufactured building. Mrs. Woods will work on updating their plans to correct some issues and will submit the revised documentation to Town Hall at their earliest convenience. No Action Taken.

Public Comments -

Polly Garlington commented on the grass cutting of the right of ways and the town. She said it looks great!

Polling of the Council -

Elizabeth Good - So far, she feels like the speed tables have made an improvement, they are working.

Stan Parten - N/A

Cynthia Puckett-Pike - N/A

Tom Teagle - Concurred with Elizabeth on the speed tables, they are slowing traffic down. He also thanked Deannia for the weekly phone meeting notes with Coweta County EMA, the notes she forwards has been very valuable. Tom also suggested that the Town make a statement to urge people to support local businesses in Sharpsburg like the tire shops, restaurant, gas stations, barber shop, beauty salon, the florist and all other businesses in the town.

Staff -

Julie Crudo-Stroud, Deputy Town Clerk - N/A

Brandy Phelps, Librarian - When she is working at the library, she sees the traffic and feels the speed tables are making a difference.

Clerk's Minutes -

Deannia Roberson stated that they have opened the offices back up in May 2020. One employee per day, Monday thru Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. We will have staggered daily schedules with one person per room. We will open to the public by appointment only in . Temperatures will be taken on employees and customers every day. There will be a log at the table in the foyer along with a hand sanitizer station. We will provide masks to customers that come without one as far as inventory will allow. We will be working thru the customer service window.

Mayor's Updates -

Mayor Cole thanked everyone for calling and joining the Council meeting via teleconference.

Reopening Community Center - The Community Center has been closed since March 23, 2020 and we can reopen it with guidelines to keep everyone safe. I am not sure what the Instructor lead classes as Art, CPR, Quilters and Dancers want to do. I will reach out to them and see.

After much discussion about a waiver and guidelines to follow for renters such as social distancing, wearing mask, rated capacity limitations, cleaning procedures, taking temperatures, one way entry and one way exiting signs, etc., all agreed to work on a waiver with guidelines.

Budget - The budget looks great. Everyone discussed the revenue and expense accounts and looked at specific accounts to see if we could cut spending if necessary due to the COVID-19 virus. We expect several income accounts to be hit like SPLOST, LOST, instructor fees which are small and community center rentals. Mayor Cole stated he does not see a need to reduce staff at this time, which would be one of the last things to cut.

Speed Tables cost and installation - The total cost of the speed tables to include the traffic study and engineering studies as well as the tables/hardware/signs and installation were \$47,490.25. Council Member Tom Teagle gave a round of applause and stated he was very happy and was seeing a reduction of speeding thru the Town.

Annexation - Sandra Bolton Property, Parcel # 136 1088 001B - Mayor Cole stated that resident Sandra Bolton lives at 557 Short Road and she called about her property not being in the Town limits. She had initially called about a trash issue and found out that property was not in the town limits. After Town Clerk Deannia Roberson researched and spoke with County officials; this property could have been part of the original charter, but no one has the proper documentation to verify why or how this property was missed in the annexation. Mrs. Bolton has asked if she annexed this parcel into the Town limits, could her annexation fees be waived. Town Clerk suggested to annex both parcels around 557 Short Road and waive the fees. Council Members Elizabeth Good, Tom Teagle, Stan Parten and Mayor Cole were all in agreement. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike had already left the teleconference call.

Rental Property Inspections - Council Member Tom Teagle stated that we have a nuisance ordinance but we need to come up with an ordinance on rental properties in the Town limits and schedule inspections for minor issues as having smoke detectors installed, make sure the hot water heater runs properly, all the electrical and plumbing works etc. Attorney Brad Sears stated that the Town would have to send notices to all homes not receiving homestead exemption. The Town would then have to enforce inspections and send Safe Built out to inspect. There will be inspection cost involved. Council Member Teagle asked Mr. Sears to come up with a working document so it could be discussed.

Graduation Signs - Mayor Cole stated that the Town purchased some 2020 Graduation signs for the ECHS students. Senoia and Turin also purchased some large signs and the City of Senoia will help us install them. They should be installed next week.

Sharpsburg Piecemakers - Mayor Cole stated that Sharpsburg Piecemakers and Common Threads out of Newnan donated over 1900 face masks, very amazing job. These masks were donated to local, state, and federal agencies. He thanked Deputy Court Clerk Julie Crudo-Stroud as she is a member of the Sharpsburg Piecemakers for a job well done. Mayor Cole wants to send a thank you letter to both quilting groups have all Council Members sign the card.

June Meeting - Everyone discussed setting a date for the next Town Council meeting. Deannia Roberson stated that Elections will have the Community Center on Monday, June 8 to Wednesday morning of June 10th for the election being held on Tuesday, June 9th. Everyone agreed upon June 15th as the next Town Council meeting. Discussions of future Council meeting dates are July 13, August 3, and September 14, 2020.

Council Member Tom Teagle announced that Mr. Bobby Beckham that resided on Main Street that adjoined the Park's property passed away a couple of weeks ago. Council Members discussed the plaque that Coweta Monument is working on. Mayor Cole wants to make a change and add Mr. and Mrs. Beckham to the plaque. Mayor Cole will contact Coweta Monument with these changes.

Town Clerk Deannia Roberson discussed receiving the first water bill for the park. The meter readings billed us for 161,000 gallons of usage which resulted in a \$1220.00 water bill. Mayor Cole has met with Arbor Valley and they have cut the usage down to nine zones and they will be watering twice a week. We will keep monitoring this. Mayor Cole also talked about putting in a

well for irrigation. Julie Crudo-Stroud stated that they just installed one and it was over \$5000.00. They will discuss this again later.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Deannia Roberson

Deannia L. Roberson
Town Clerk

