

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017**

Mayor Warner called the Closed Session to order at 9:42 p.m.

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Jerry Legge, Pat Edwards and Bryan Marley were present.

Others present were Town Manager Melissa Adams, Interim Town Clerk Deborah Holland, and Town Attorney Dan Hartzog.

PURPOSE: Closed Session was called pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss matters within the attorney/client privilege.

Item 1.

Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr. reported to the Board of the issues with ASI and the potential contract delays. Discussion pursued on the strategy to follow in dealing with ASI and the delays from the change in ownership of ASI. The consensus of the Board was to have Town Manager Adams (through Kevin Lugo, Owner Representative) to pursue negotiations with ASI for concessions, possibly the eel ladder or additional lake bed clearing.

Item 2.

Town Attorney Hartzog reported on the lawsuit from Little Vegas Sweepstakes (Internet Café) and that the League has authorized him to represent the Town and the League will be paying for the attorney fees due to the heavy load the state has experienced. Attorney Hartzog commented he felt confident he will get the case dismissed and he will file a motion to get dismissed immediately. Attorney Hartzog remarked he has handled several of the cases in the past and they have all been dismissed. Discussion pursued among the Board on the sweepstakes laws and the current status of them.

Item 3.

Town Attorney Hartzog reported the next lawsuit is the Estate of Kevin Grissett; they have moved for a summary judgment (Saturday). Discussion pursued in reference to the event leading up to the lawsuit. Attorney Hartzog commented the investigation found the shoot was lawful and a reasonable use of force was used. Discussion pursued in reference to the body camera and vehicle camera of the officer involved in the shooting. The Estate has thirty (30) days to respond to the courts. The Town will have fourteen (14) days to respond to them.

Mayor Warner closed the session at 10:00 p.m.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deborah Holland, Interim Town Clerk