

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017, 6:00 P.M.  
PARK AND RECREATION CENTER**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, February 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jackie Warner, Commissioners Jerry Legge, Bryan Marley, Pat Edwards and Frances Jackson.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT.**

Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Interim Town Clerk Deborah Holland, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief Joel Acciardo, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Lopez and Fire Marshall Brett Ham.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was led by Fire Department Chaplain, Captain Brett Ham, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Warner.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented.*

Mayor Warner remarked that she chose to hold a special meeting to honor the first responders and to involve the community.

Commissioner Marley said a few words to commend Fire Chief Hodges and all the first responder's admirable efforts during Hurricane Matthew.

Chief Hodges commended all the Town's service departments for their joint efforts during Hurricane Matthew. Chief Hodges went on to mention that it was not just a Police and Fire Department operation, but every department was involved.

Police Chief Acciardo remarked that even with the great deal of preparation that had taken place prior to the storm, all resources were lost and the Town was on its own, yet it was able to pull through thanks to its outstanding service departments. Chief Acciardo also commented that no lives were lost in Hope Mills during this terrible storm.

- Presentation of awards and medals to firefighters and police officers.

The Medal of Valor was presented to the following first responders:

Fire Department:

Chief Charles Hodges, Firefighter Lee Brock, Firefighter Allen Callis, Firefighter Johnathan Eason, Firefighter Alex McGillivray, Firefighter Wesley Metcalf and Firefighter Don Steele.

Police Department:

Sergeant Lee Summers, Officer Brandon Hart, Officer Robert Henderson, Officer Tony Mendez and Officer Fred Phillips.

The Silver Life Saving Award, Disaster Response Award, and the FEMA Response Award were presented to various Firefighters from the Hope Mills Fire Department.

In closing, Mayor Warner thanked the community and families of Police and Fire Department for attending. Mayor Warner also commented that Commissioners Jackson and Edwards excused themselves early to attend other meetings and Mayor Pro Tem Gorman was not in attendance as he was under the weather.

**2. ADJOURNMENT.**

*Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.*

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. and a brief reception with appetizers followed.

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Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah Holland  
Interim Town Clerk