

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray; Commissioners Jerry Legge, Bryan Marley, Grilley Mitchell and Joanne Scarola.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Scott Meszaros, Town Clerk Jane Starling, Finance Director Drew Holland, Police Chief Stephen Dollinger, Parks & Recreation Director Lamarco Morrison and Fire Marshal Bobby Carter. Also present was Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Pastor Ellen McCubbin, Hope Mills United Methodist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

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

2. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Scarola remarked she attended a fundraiser for the Underground Railroad, an organization that provides for the homeless population.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray reminded of FTCC SummerScapes classes.

Commissioner Legge thanked everyone for attending the meeting, requested prayers for his brother and reminded that Saturday is Spring Sports Opening Day.

Mayor Warner updated on the YMCA Partnership. All of the partners are in place as the Cumberland County Commissioners and Cumberland County Board of Education have approved partnering. To date, the YMCA has raised close to \$2 million. They are projected to break ground in approximately 18 months, once the fundraising goal of \$2.5 to \$3 million has been reached.

3. PRESENTATIONS: NONE

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration of Approval of Draft Closed Session Minutes from the January 18, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- b. Consideration of Approval of Draft Closed Session Minutes from the February 21, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- c. Consideration of Approval of Draft Closed Session Minutes from the March 7, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- d. Consideration of Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 21, 2022 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- e. Consideration of Approval of Ordinance S2022-02 Revisions to the Hope Mills Fire Protection Ordinance. These are minor changes and have been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as read.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- a. Manager’s Report.

Town Manager Meszaros provided a report included in the agenda packet. Town Manager Meszaros remarked the Town received the DOT right-of-way offers for the two parcels out front that will be affected by the widening of Rockfish Road. Town Manager Meszaros requested the authority to accept the bids, execute the contracts and bring the information back to the Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Marley, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to authorize the Town Manager to accept the bids and execute the documents with the Department of Transportation on the right-of-way offers for the Town’s parcels.

- b. Reminders.

- Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** Luther Board Room Town Hall.
- Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Sunshine Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Historic Preservation Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Friday, April 15, 2022 **Good Friday Holiday** – Town Offices Closed.
- Monday, April 18, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**, Luther Board Room in Town Hall.
- Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Appearance Commission** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. **Veterans Affairs Committee** in the Recreation Center at 5766 Rockfish Rd.
- Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting**, Luther Board Room in Town Hall.
- Thursday, May 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. **Prime Movers** Luther Board Room Town Hall.
- **MAY 7, 2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SHRED EVENT**

c. Committee Liaisons update on Committee Activities.

- Commissioner Bryan Marley - Historic Preservation Committee
- Commissioner Grilley Mitchell - Appearance Commission, RLUAC (Regional Land Use Advisory Commission)
- Commissioner Joanne Scarola – Veterans Affairs Committee
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray - Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Prime Movers
- Mayor Jackie Warner- Mayor’s Youth Leadership Committee, Mid-Carolina Council of Governments, FAMPO TPB (Transportation Policy Board), FCEDC Municipal Advisory Meeting Liaison

10. STAFF COMMENTS.

Town Clerk Starling remarked she is still accepting applications for vacant committee positions.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Called Pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (7): To hear reports on investigations of alleged criminal conduct.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(7) to hear reports on investigations of alleged criminal conduct.

Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the front conference room at 7:12 p.m.

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Warner called the regular meeting back to order.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to seal the minutes of the closed session unit such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session and further no action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Mitchell and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.