

TOWN OF BOGUE
WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2015

The Town of Bogue Council met Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:00pm at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road, Bogue. Mayor Ricky Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Eddie Morton led the invocation. Council members present: Mayor Taylor, Herbert Page, David Padgett, Bobby O'Chat, and Eddie Morton. Note: Councilman Charlie Wilton arrived at 5:53pm. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney.

Appoint officers

Mayor Taylor appointed the following:

Finance Officer: Mayor Taylor

Budget Officer: Clerk Sweeney

JLUS and Military: Councilman Herbert Page

ILA Representatives: Councilman Eddie Morton and Councilman David Padgett

ILA Budget Committee: Mayor Taylor (next Budget meeting Dec 16 at 6pm)

ILA Personnel Committee: Councilman Page

Streets/Roads Manager: Councilman Padgett and Councilman Bobby O'Chat

Town Hall Manager: Councilman Charlie Wilton

Emergency Manager: Councilman Charlie Wilton

It was noted the Mayor Pro Tem is voted in by the Town Council. The item will be added to the January 18, 2016 agenda.

Street Inspections & Maintenance

Mayor Taylor identified some streets with areas in need of repairs. He asked the streets managers to review all streets/roads in the town limits. Identify areas that need repairs and prioritize them. Prepare cost estimates and report back to the council. Item will be added to the January 18 agenda.

Wild oak Drive (street in Bogue Bluff) is not a town owned street. The residents are preparing to petition the town to take it over. Clerk Sweeney is coordinating with Planning Board member Julie McSwain to prepare petition. Item will be added to the January 18 agenda.

The maintenance of Chimney Branch Road was discussed. Extreme rainstorms this fall have caused concerns. The road will need careful monitoring and maintenance. Mayor Taylor allowed resident Donald Blais to put rock on the road at his driveway entrance. Mr. Blais paid for it himself (\$700) and said he would talk to others on the road. Mayor Taylor asked the street managers to be proactive on Chimney Branch Rd and handle the grading without asking the Council permission for every time. They are experienced enough to make sound decisions on their own. Mayor Taylor asked all the council

members to volunteer to grade the road for December and January until a contract can be obtained. All the council present agreed (Morton, Padgett, Page and O'Chat).

Fire Inspections

Clerk Sweeney has been in contact with Bill Matthias of Emerald Isle Fire Department to ask him to do fire inspections in Bogue. He agreed and the form to request this has been sent to NC Code Officials Qualification Board. There has not been a response from them at this time. Clerk Sweeney will follow up. The request for an inspection came from a daycare in town that needs the inspection before the end of December 2015. There was a discussion on the administration of the program and the costs. Mayor Taylor will ask the ILA to work on a permanent solution. This item will be added to the January 18 agenda.

Courses for elected officials

Mayor Taylor and Councilman O'Chat will attend "Essentials of Municipal Government" which includes the required two hour ethics training, in Greenville on March 4-5. Clerk Sweeney will register them and verify the dates. Councilmen Morton and Page will need to take the two hour ethics course again. Clerk Sweeney will check on the webinar dates.

Powell Bill changes

The expenditure reports for the Powell Bill Grant are getting more stringent each year. The majority of the funds spent must be for new streets/repairs not mowing or beautification.

Code of Ordinances

The costs of putting code on the web and the yearly fees, is more than expected. Not recommended.

Planning Board

Mayor Taylor has a letter from Shirley Page requesting reappointment. An application is on file from Richard Franklin to be considered as an alternate. Item will be added to January 18 agenda.

The planning board has formed a committee to put welcome signs at either end of Hwy 24. Bud Shipp offered an area of his property for it. Councilman Page said he would offer a space at the east end for a sign.

CD's

Mayor Taylor noted CD's are not earning very much interest at this time. There may be other investment options and we may be looking into it.

RICHARD TAYLOR, MAYOR

ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK