

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2020

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, May 18, 2020 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road. Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman David Padgett led a prayer. Council members present: Mayor O'Chat, Herbert Page, Charlie Wilton, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, and Rick Dougherty. Also present was Town Clerk Elizabeth Sweeney and town attorney Donna Boggs.

Agenda

Councilman Page made a **Motion** to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dougherty. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Dougherty made a **Motion** to approve the March 16, 2020 minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Padgett. Motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Budget FY 20-21

Draft budget for Fiscal Year 20-21 was presented to Town Council. Income is expected to be decreased. Not certain by how much, draft budget income reflects 3% decrease overall; 11% reduction in expenses from previous draft. Travel/training as been cut 50%, administration cut 4%, street maintenance cut 38%. Left Bogue Day expense intact. The emergency fund stayed at \$30,000. Total budget is now \$157,798. There is no proposed tax increase. Discussion on fees and comparison to other towns. Councilman Padgett made a **Motion** to accept the Budget and set a Public Hearing date for June 15, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilman Taylor, passed unanimously.

PSHMP Resolution

Resolution of Pamlico Sound Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed at the last meeting. No further discussion. Councilman Padgett made a **Motion** to adopt the Resolution, second by Councilman Dougherty, motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Total Cash funds \$479,698

Budget: The current year income and expense report was reviewed. There were no questions, no budget amendments expected for this year. We have not used any of the budgeted appropriations yet and it is not likely we will need it. Presented monthly reports, Councilman Dougherty asked what is included in miscellaneous income. Clerk explained it is sales tax refund, any citizen donations, and other items too small or infrequent for a separate category.

Planner: Last Planning Board meeting was March 5 do not anticipate having one in June unless there are items to discuss.

The zoning ordinance update is continuing. Carteret County planning is working on it along with myself, a few of the planning board and others. On May 4 Senate Bill 704 was signed. Any development approval current and valid between March 10 and April 28 the expiration date is extended for five additional months. There are three zoning permits that fall into these dates.

Effective date of 160D is now August 1, 2021. The administrative edits to the code of ordinances are almost complete.

NEW permits since our last meeting in March: One unattached garage – Bayview Court; One new home construction - Pine needle circle; One pool and deck - Bogue Loop Rd

ILA: No meeting

Streets: No issues except resident concern about ditch at 147 Lake Arthur Drive and 150 Lake Arthur Drive. This will be assessed this week.

Emergency Manager: Tropical storm event closed with no issues. Current Covid-19 event still ongoing. Several towns will begin opening town halls to public with preventative barriers and policies.

Town Hall: Councilman Wilton will check the generator to make sure it is ready for any storm events.

Bogue Day: Councilman Dougherty will discuss at next meeting.

Mayor O’Chat thanked the Council for their input on a citizen concern of a neglected property. This is being handled by the mayor and attorney. The grass has been cut and further concerns will be addressed.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Reminder to complete the online census and encourage others to complete it.

Adjournment

At 6:22 p.m. **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilman Page and seconded by Councilman Wilton. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O’CHAT, MAYOR

_____ ELIZABETH SWEENEY, TOWN CLERK