

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2022

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road. Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor O'Chat led a prayer.

Council members present; Mayor O'Chat, David Padgett, Richard Dougherty, Charlie Wilton and Albert Taylor. Mike Crose was excused. Also present; Cherry Point Community Plans/Liaison Officer Rhonda Murray, Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

Councilman Padgett made a motion to accept the agenda. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the February 21, 2022 minutes as written. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments

None

Old Business

Clerk Southard reminded the council that a letter was sent to Bogue RV on February 22, 2022 stating that they need certain amount of parking spaces on each lot to be in compliance with the town ordinances. She then informed the board that John Odum from Prestige Surveying is working with Bogue RV to be in compliance with the Town's ordinance regarding parking. The Town Council agreed to give him until the end of the month to come up with a solution.

New Business

Clerk Southard informed the council that the town was granted the PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) Grant for \$263,000 that was applied for last year to purchase land on Bogue Loop Rd. The original idea was to purchase the Rahilly property of 4.06 acres and the two Humphrey properties totaling 8.1 acres; however the Rose Humphrey Trust is not offering the properties at a sale price we can manage. Rhonda Murray stated the Conservation Fund has a signed purchase agreement with the Rahilly property and will use the NC Land and Water Trust Fund money that was approved last year. Clerk Southard explained that the PARTF Grant is only for acquisition and is matching only, meaning the town needs to use it's money for the purchase of the property upfront and we then get reimbursed up to the \$263,000. If the town can not come to terms with the Rose Humphrey Trust, Clerk Southard will be exploring changing the PARTF Grant from acquisition to construction/purchasing equipment.

Clerk Southard stated that there will be a fireworks event on Sunday, July 3rd at MacDaddy's. Emerald Isle, Cape Carteret, Cedar Point, Peletier and Bogue will all be helping. There will be a meeting on April 5th at MacDaddy's to get local businesses input on having parking at their sites to watch the fireworks as there is not much parking at MacDaddy's. Clerk Southard also informed the council that she has put a request into getting an arial flyover for the event.

Clerk Southard presented a letter from Cape Carteret asking for the town to help offset the cost of the School Resource Officer at White Oak Elementary School; our portion for 4 students would be \$98. Councilman Padgett said that he'd like to offer more if that would help make the school safer. Mayor O'Chat asked what we had left in our Contributions line item. Clerk Southard said we have \$730 left. After more discussion Clerk Southard said she would contact Cape Carteret to find out more information about the School Resource Officer and how he is paid. Councilman Padgett made a motion to approve \$98 to Cape Carteret to help offset the cost of the SRO. Councilman Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$568,861.77.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated the following; QuickBooks had to be updated to 2022 for \$800 because payroll would not work with the old version, moved \$475 from Travel and Training to Seasonal Décor/Lights to cover the extra costs for electricity and hanging of 2 more Christmas lights and lastly next month she will have a draft budget for next fiscal year.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated she approved four permits; 103 Pine Needle Circle (accessory building), 5409 Highway 24 (sign for racetrack), 102 Hunting Bay (raising the house) and 147 Forest Line Dr. (accessory building). Also 145 Forest Line Dr. is still a mess. Clerk Southard received photos from neighbors of the front and back yard and spoke to the owner; he was very apologetic and asked if the council will give him until the end of the month to clean it up. Town Council agreed to give the owner the time and after it is cleaned up to send a letter saying thank you and please don't let this happen again.

ILA: None

Streets: Mayor O'Chat thanked Councilman Wilton for dragging Chimney Branch Rd.

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: Councilman Wilton stated that the gas in the generator should be replaced. Mayor O'Chat asked the council if they would be ok taking the storm door off the front of Town Hall. The board agreed.

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard stated online ethics training is available for Mayor O'Chat and Councilman Wilton.

Clerk Southard paid respects from the Town to the Goguen family by taking food to Marie Goguen and sending flowers to Anne Goguen as they are not having a service.

Lastly, Clerk Southard stated that she has finished clerks certification institute; however she can not apply for the certificate until next year as she must be a clerk for 2 full years before applying.

Adjournment

At 6:51 p.m. Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Wilton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ BOBBY O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK