

TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022

The Town Council of Bogue met Monday, April 18, 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, Mike Crose led a prayer. Council members present; Mayor O'Chat, Charlie Wilton, Albert Taylor, Richard Dougherty and Mike Crose. David Padgett was excused. Also present; Attorney Donna Boggs and Town Clerk Shawne Southard.

Agenda

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

Minutes

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

Citizen Comments

Rob Cairns introduced himself stating he was at our town council meeting in place of his wife Celeste who is running for NC House. He is not a resident of Bogue; however he wanted to attend to learn about Bogue so that he can share the information with Celeste as she was not able to attend.

Old Business

Mayor O'Chat stated that John Odum from Prestige Surveying, who is working with Bogue RV, asked to be on the agenda to present a parking suggestion to the board for Bogue RV. Mr. Odum was not in attendance. Mayor O'Chat recapped that the Town sent a letter on February 22, 2022 to Bogue RV that there was not sufficient parking in the commercial park according to our town ordinance. The issue with parking started when the Fire Inspector for Western Carteret Fire and Rescue stated that cars were parking on Bogue Commercial Drive to look at RV's which can impede emergency vehicles from getting down the road. According to our ordinance each lot needs to have a certain amount of parking spots; as they are individual lots. Discussion ensued. Councilman Taylor made a motion to send a letter stating the Town will start imposing fines as of April 25th if Bogue RV does not comply with our ordinance regarding parking. Councilman Dougherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk Southard updated the Town Council on the Western Carteret Fireworks event. The Emerald Isle Realty Group gave \$15,000 towards the event and therefor have naming rights; The Emerald Isle Realty Western Carteret Fireworks Celebration presented by Mac Daddy's. The event is on July 3rd and will start at 10:00am so that people can enjoy Mac Daddy's all day. There will be a VIP Tent for all elected officials and their guests from 7:30pm to 9:30pm with food and drinks. Fireworks will start when it's dark.

New Business

Clerk Southard stated that Lena Briel who owns the 25+ acres at the end of Barrington Ridge is asking the Town Council to approve naming the right of way leading to the property Honey's Way so that 911 and postal services know where it is. This would remain a private road. Councilman Dougherty made a motion to approve the naming of the road Honey's Way. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$567,635.67.

Budget: Clerk Southard stated on the income side property taxes and vehicle taxes are through February, sales tax is through March and utilities franchise is through the 4th quarter of last year. Just as predicted we are above what we expected for sales tax this year. According to the day long ARP training I did, we will be able to use the ARP Funds any way the town sees appropriate; within the state laws.

Clerk Southard gave a draft budget to the Town Council; income is pretty similar to last fiscal year. Expenses; Capital Outlay is more for 2 new Christmas lights, Repairs and Maintenance is more for a town hall cleaner, Travel and Training is less as there is more zoom training so no hotels and food needed and Seasonal Décor/Lights is more to cover the electricity and Cape Carteret putting the Christmas Lights up for us. Mayor O’Chat wanted to reiterate that the \$30,000 line item for Hurricane Damage is so that the Town Clerk can use money immediately in case of a hurricane to help with cleanup etc. without having to have a Town Council meeting. Councilman Crose asked what the town is responsible for. Mayor O’Chat explained we are responsible for getting debris off the streets after a storm.

Mayor O’Chat said he would like to see paving of Franklin Place, with the price of asphalt we should be looking at about \$74,000. We can use ARP Funds for paving. This would bring all Bogue streets up to good condition and we wouldn’t have to do any paving for awhile. Clerk Southard asked if a Public Hearing for May would be ok, the council is ok with that.

Clerk Southard asked if she could purchase a ring doorbell and an outdoor poster frame to hold town hall hours and meetings for the public. The Town Council is ok with that.

Planner: Clerk Southard stated she approved 1 permit; 108 Bogue Commercial Dr. for 4 gas firepits where the gas is from the main line on Highway 24. The owner of 145 Forest Line Dr. informed us that he is working on evicting the tenants as they have not attempted to clean up the property.

ILA: None

Streets: None

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: Mayor O’Chat stated that the storm door was taken off and is in the outdoor shed.

Events: None

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

Clerk Southard there is a household hazardous recycling event on April 30th at the County Health Department.

Clerk Southard also told the council that the School Resource Officer from White Oak Elementary School that the town gave money towards is paid for by the Town of Cape Carteret along with a grant and county money. Cape Carteret said they were grateful for the money and that we can always give more to help offset the cost.

Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m. Councilman Wilton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

_____ BOBBY O’CHAT, MAYOR

_____ SHAWNE SOUTHARD, TOWN CLERK