

**TOWN OF BOGUE
COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2025**

The Town Council of Bogue met on Monday, July 21, 2025, at the Bogue Town Hall, 121 Chimney Branch Road.

Mayor Robert O'Chat called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Pro Tem Padgett led a prayer.

Council Members present; Mayor O'Chat, David Padgett, Albert Taylor, John Dale, Mike Crose and Allison Cannon. Also, present; Town Clerk Barbara Owens.

Town Clerk Owens took roll call; all the Council Members were present.

Agenda

Mayor O'Chat stated that this is an updated agenda.

Council Member Dale made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Council Member Crose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Council Member Taylor made a motion to approve June 16, 2025, regular meeting minutes Council Member Padgett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat asked for any public comment, there was none. Mayor O'Chat stated there was no unfinished business to discuss.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mayor O'Chat we have several items under new business; the first one is the adoption of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. You may remember doing this back in 2020. This is something that must be done every five years throughout the municipalities in several counties. It makes us eligible to seek FEMA assistance. Council Member Padgett made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the adoption of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Council Member Cannon seconded the motion, unanimously voted to go into Public Hearing at 6:04 pm. There were no questions during the Public Hearing. Motion to come out of Public Hearing made by Council Member Padgett, Council Member Crose seconded, unanimously voted to come out of Public Hearing.

Council Member Dale made a motion to adopt the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, Council Member Taylor seconded the motion, adoption of the Pamlico Sound Regional Mitigation Plan was unanimous.

Mayor O'Chat said the second item is the adoption of the Certification of Municipal Declaration to enact speed limit and request for concurrence. This is something that should have been done thirty

years ago when the town was incorporated; it is for the NCDOT just found it was not done. This is an update for the NCDOT. There is no change to the speed limit. The motion to adopt the Certification of Municipal Declaration to enact speed limit and request for concurrence was made by Council Member Crose, it was seconded by Council Member Padgett, the adoption passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated the third item is the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025, he asked Clerk Owens to comment on the amendments. Clerk Owens stated that there was no additional money used, just budgeted money moved from one line item to another with the totals indicated on the budget amendment; also explained that the increases and decreases can be seen on the amendment with the totals. Council Member Crose asked if the assumption is that mowing increased by \$1,230.00; Clerk Owens explained that the mowing line item encompasses many parameters as the line items are not that detailed. Council Member Dale made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented, Council Member Crose seconded, and the Budget Amendment passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor O'Chat stated item number four is a Memorandum of Understanding Between Carteret County and the Town of Bogue for the Debris Removal, Processing, Disposal, and Monitoring which primarily has to deal with natural disasters such as hurricanes. The town will clear the roads and put it off to the side for the county to send their contracted debris removal company to pick up and take to collection site, the town would be piggybacked onto the County's contract.

Arlita Taylor of 446 Chimney Branch Road came into the boardroom door and asked if the Council would be discussing Chimney Branch Road? Mayor O'Chat advised that it was on the agenda.

Council Member Crose stated that we need a motion to approve Mayor O'Chat concurred. Council Member Crose made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Carteret County and Town of Bogue Debris Removal, Processing, Disposal and Monitoring; Council Member Cannon seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated that takes us to number five on the agenda; adoption of FY 2025-2026 paving project for Chimney Branch Road to use all remaining American Rescue Funds with the updated quote. (quote attached) The ARPA money is \$53,000 and some change, along with Powell Bill money that has been saved. We first need to get the base down and use the ARPA money for that project there and will close out the ARPA funds, which is what we need to do.

Arlita Taylor approached the council requesting to be allowed to ask a question. She asked what does putting the base down consist of? Mayor O'Chat said it is the base of rock. Arlita then asked after that, then you will continue on with the paving. Mayor O'Chat stated that the rock will need to be put down first and then they will look at it again. Arlita Taylor asked then what is the time frame months, years, and the contractor that you are working with has to have some kind of schedule. Mayor O'Chat stated we have not gotten that far yet; we are trying to get the base down first. Arlita Taylor asked so you will start at 212 (Chimney Branch) all the way down to my house, the Cul de Sac is that correct. Mayor O'Chat stated that it will start where the asphalt currently ends. Arlita Taylor said to the Cul de Sac where fire and rescue can go around the Cul de Sac. Mayor O'Chat

stated we will have to meet with them (fire and rescue) to look at the stakes and pins that are there. Arlita Taylor said there is enough money with the Powell and the gas to get the funding for that, because last year when I talked to what's her name here (Shawne Southard former Town Clerk) she said there was enough money in the pot to cover this from here all the way down. Mayor O'Chat stated that we are going to get the rock down and the base down first. Council Member Cannon stated that the base is estimated at \$59,000.00 dollars with the ARPA at \$53,000.00 and Powell Bill for the rest. Council Member Crose asked are we assigning the ARPA funds? Mayor O'Chat said we have the \$53,000.00 that we need to spend. Council Member Cannon stated we have already allocated to spend the funds previously. Arlita Taylor asked are there ditches that need to be dug out and who is doing the project Simpson. Mayor O'Chat stated that this quote is from Simpson. Council Member Crose said we have already approved of the work. Clerk Owens stated that there is an updated contract and the prices have had an increase. Council Member Crose asked to be clear that the motion is to move forward with \$59,630.00; Mayor O'Chat stated yes. Arlita Taylor said I don't know much about it but; if you spend this fifty something thousand dollars to put this base down and you wait a year or nine months, then you have just wasted thirty thousand making this road pretty and if you wait a year your going to have to spend another twenty thousand to dress it up again and get it back up to be able to be paved. Mayor O'Chat said we are trying to do our best and this is a start. We have to have a good base. Council Member Canon asked what the timeline would be? Mayor O'Chat said they (Simpson) could get to it by the end of the year. Arlita Taylor asked how do we get Christmas decorations for our town? Cape Carteret and Cedar Point have them. How come our town is not that pretty, we only have six or seven poles, why can't we be festive at Christmastime. Council Member Cannon said we have quite a few. Town Clerk Owens pointed out that the poles in Cedar Point and somewhat in Cape Carteret are uniform going down the highway and Bogue does not have uniform poles. Council Member Crose stated that we hear your concerns but tonight we are taking all of the available ARPA money and putting it into Chimney Branch Road without looking at anywhere else in the town, and since I have been on this Council, that has been a focus for us and we want to get something done for you guys, so the motion is for the \$59,630? Council Member Cannon asked if the site prep as indicated on the quote would need to be done. Mayor O'Chat stated that the rock needed to be done first. Council Member Dale made a motion for the adoption of the \$59,630.00 dollars for the rock base and use the remaining ARPA funds, seconded by Council Member Taylor, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor O'Chat stated he would contact Simpson.

Mayor O'Chat stated the last item of new business is to have someone make a motion for a closed session for Attorney Client privilege.

Council Member Crose motioned to go into a closed session for the purpose of Attorney Client privilege SS143-318.11.3; Council Member Padgett seconded the motion; council voted unanimously to go into closed session at 6:40 p.m.

(Mayor O'Chat asked the audience to leave the boardroom.)

Council Member Taylor made a motion to come out of closed session; Council member Dale seconded the motion; council voted unanimously to come out of closed session at 6:50 p.m.

(Mayor O'Chat opened the door to the meeting room to allow audience members into the open session meeting)

Department Reports

Finance: Mayor O'Chat stated total cash funds are \$697,716.82.

Budget: Clerk Owens stated that Property Taxes are paid through June, Motor Vehicle Taxes and Local Sales Tax are paid through May, and Utilities Franchise Tax is paid through the first Quarter.

Planner: Clerk Owens stated there is no report.

ILA: Councilman Dale stated no report

Streets: None

Emergency Manager: None

Town Hall: None

Events: Council member Cannon stated that the Bogue Day committee is meeting on August 11. Mayor O'Chat stated that we will need trash cans, he can get a few and a trailer.

Miscellaneous Reports/Announcements

none

Mayor O'Chat stated the next Town Council meeting is August 18, 2025.

Adjournment

At 6:55 p.m. Council member Padgett made a motion to adjourn. Council member Cannon seconded. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

_____ ROBERT O'CHAT, MAYOR

_____ BARBARA OWENS, TOWN CLERK