



SEDALIA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Zoom
September 14, 2020
7PM

Minutes

- **OPENING:** The regular scheduled meeting for the Town of Sedalia was called to order at 7:15 pm via Zoom by Mayor Morgan.
- **PRAYER:** Time was allotted for silent prayer and meditation.
- **PLEDGE:** Time was allotted for pledge to the U.S. Flag.
- **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Morgan, Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones, Councilwoman Wrenwick, Councilwoman O. Jones, and Councilman Meachem

A. MOTION to approve the agenda with a notation that Mr. Emory will not be providing the Code Enforcement Report was made by Councilwoman Wrenwick and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones. Motion carried.

B. MOTION to approve the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem V. Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Wrenwick. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS/GUESTS

I. Code Enforcement Report

Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones provided an update. The owners at **6270 Burlington Road** were provided information on a demolition contractor and notified the lot is overgrown. Two junk/nuisance vehicles remain at **6212 Burlington Road**. At **6141 Blue Lantern Drive** waiting for proof of registration and insurance regarding passenger bus on the property. Moving forward with Finding of Fact Notification for two junk vehicles at **401 Sedalia Road**. The vehicles at **6134 Blue Lantern Road** were to be removed by July 31, but the vehicles remain. Owner given to 9/14/20 to remove vehicles. At **6309 Jennie Drive**, truck, trailer and tires have been removed, and yard cleaned up. Progress is being made with open storage. The abandoned vehicle on **Rockhurst Drive** has been removed; case abated and closed. Junk/nuisance vehicles and open storage have been removed at **811 Rockhurst Drive**; case abated and closed.

Overgrown lots have been mowed and/or brush piles have been removed and the cases abated and closed at **400 Sedalia Road, 6202 Creek Lane, 6113 Blue Lantern Road, 300 Martingale Drive, 6019 Blue Lantern Road, 6210 Burlington Road, 6000 Bethel Church Road, 6115 Blue Lantern Road, 224 Simmons Lake Drive, and 6101 Burlington Road**. At **6307 Jennie Drive** mowing has begun.

At **6119 Blue Lantern Road** a wood cabinet discarded at the edge of road has been removed; case abated and closed. At **5904-5910 Blue Lantern Road** progress has been made, but housing structure remains in violation for minimum housing. Owner plans to demolish or restore it. A request for update and proof of farm status was made. At **6259 Burlington Road** the owner is waiting on appraisal to determine if the house can be restored or needs to be demolished.

II. Key Risk (A Berkley Company; Workers Compensation)

Clerk Dungee reported Key Risk Insurance can provide the Town with a quote for workers compensation; however, Key Risk does not provide property and liability insurance. Key Risk works with insurance agents that would be able to provide a quote for property and liability insurance. Clerk Dungee reached out to two other contacts – Tammy Jenkins with Public Entities America and Sam Richberg with Richberg Insurance. Ms. Jenkins indicated they are a wholesaler, and an agent would be assigned to the Town to approach multiple markets on the Town’s behalf. Mr. Richberg can review the Town’s existing policy and provide a quote. The Town’s insurance was renewed recently. If the Town changes insurance carriers, the League must be notified 30 days in advance. Mayor Morgan advised if the Town proposes to change insurance carriers, then the Town should get three quotes.

III. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Program

Clerk Dungee reported the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus grant program is designed to help non-entitlement local governments and communities prevent, respond to, and prepare for the health and economic impacts of COVID-19. To be eligible, residents would need to be directly impacted by COVID-19 (i.e., unemployed due to COVID-19 or medical expenses for being treated for COVID-19). A postcard was sent to all residents to determine if any residents would qualify. Five residents responded, but only two qualified (two families with job loss due to COVID-19). The Town would need to hire a grant writer experienced in submitting applications for CDBG projects. It was questioned whether the County’s CARES Act funding could be used to assist these families. Clerk Dungee will check with the County.

IV. COVID-19 Order, Phase 2.5

Mayor Morgan reported Phase 2.5 began September 4 at 5 pm. He reviewed the changes and additional businesses that can be opened under Phase 2.5. Phase 2.5 will remain in place until October 2. However, adjustments will be made before then if trends continue to show a positive trajectory.

V. Surveying Proposals (Dansby Drive & Simmons Lake)

Councilwoman Wrenwick reported the Town received three quotes for surveying the properties on Dansby Drive and Simmons Lake.

- Boswell Surveyor’s Inc.: survey with a map \$3,600
- Joseph G. Stutts, PLLC: survey without a map \$2,400
- J.M. Holland Surveying: survey with map \$2,100

The Town decided on J.M Holland Surveying. Since the survey was included as part of the Town’s budget, it does not require a vote. Clerk Dungee will schedule the survey. J.M. Holland Surveying indicated it may be 4 to 6 weeks before surveying can begin.

VI. Sedalia COVID-19 Relief Drive

Councilwoman O. Jones reported on August 15th the Town held a drive-through event at the Sedalia Elementary School to provide residents with a bag containing a mask, gloves, and hand sanitizer. Councilwoman O. Jones acknowledged those that prepared and handed out the bags, and Sedalia Elementary School for allowing the Town to use the school car rider line. During the drive through event, 101 bags were handed out. There are a few supplies left. It was decided to keep those at the Town Hall for future needs.

VII. Town Remaining 2020 Meeting/Events

Councilman Meachem reported the Town Council decided to postpone the retreat, CERT training, Senior Luncheon, and Christmas Party. The only event not postponed is the 2020 Fall Litter Sweep on October 17th (weather permitting). This event is scheduled to be outside and all participants will be encouraged to practice safe distances. Town Council and Planning Board meetings will continue to meet remotely on the Zoom platform.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

*Valerie Jones reported the Black Alliance has sent out voting information. She was going to inquire about setting up a tent in the Food Lion parking lot to hand out the information to voters. BEMO is having a meeting about the census on September 16. The census is coming to end and with COVID-19 we do not know how to approach people about completing census.

*Ophelia Jones asked about the proposed petition on the firearms ordinance. Clerk Dungee reported the resident is not moving forward with petition. He has spoken with several Town Council members. Mayor Pro Tem V. Jones commented to the resident the Town Council must address the concerns of the majority of the residents. Over the years, the Town has received several complaints regarding shooting within the Town and this is the reason the ordinance was adopted.

Clerk Dungee reported she will be on vacation the week of September 21. There are modified hours of operation at the Town Hall for the week.

Clerk Dungee reported she is working to complete the Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. application. She plans to submit it this week. There was a question whether the water and/or sewer lines that run along Sedalia Road were installed before the Town was incorporated. It was noted the lines were installed for Eastern Guilford School and were installed prior to the Town's incorporation. Also, it was noted the water and sewer lines along Burlington Road were installed before the Town's incorporation.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regularly scheduled meetings will be held virtually on Zoom until further notice. Each meeting will begin at 7 pm. Please contact the Town Hall to receive meeting invitations.

- The next Planning Board meeting will be September 17th
- The next Town Council Agenda meeting will be September 28th

- The next regular Town Council meeting will be October 5th

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Cam Dungee, Town Clerk

Howard Morgan, Mayor

Date

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