

Town of Macclesfield  
Special Called Board Meeting  
Friday, May 31, 2024  
10:00 am

Mayor Michael Speight called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Members in attendance were Mayor Speight, Commissioner Jean Wooten-Jiles, Commissioner Joyce Braxton, Commissioner Paula Lewis, Public Works Director Benjy Lassiter, Town Administrator Jennifer Stanley. Mr. Trey Lewis was also in attendance. Commissioner Jason Taylor was absent.

Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered the invocation and all in attendance recited the Pledge to the American Flag.

While waiting for Representative Shelly Willingham to arrive, discussion began on some of the old business. Senator Kandie Smith reached out to Mrs. Stanley to get specifics on the exact types of vehicles needed for the town. Mr. Lassiter called and gave her the specifics to pass on to Greenville Utilities.

Mr. Trey Lewis stated that the “short session” has concluded and having our needs in help will be helpful for the Senator and Representative going into “long session” at the end of the year.

Discussion began regarding the park. The fireants are still bad there and the book box is empty more often than not and the books are being found on the ground throughout the park area. Mark Hamill sprayed the park for weeds and fireants. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to add the park to the areas that he sprays for the town. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles seconded the motion and with none opposed, the motion carried.

It was mentioned that the Wooten business will be moving to Greenville but has no interest in selling the property. The Evans brothers, however, may consider selling the Cale Town trailer park.

Mr. Trey Lewis informed the town that Edgecombe County has Parks and Rec funds that the town may be able to apply for.

The board recessed the meeting at 10:22 am.

Mayor Speight called the meeting back to order at 11:00 am with Representative Shelly Willingham in attendance.

The board presented Representative Willingham with the list of needs for the town. After discussion Representative Willingham asked for the town to provide cost estimates for each of the needs and to prioritize the needs. When asked about the ABC Store, he stated that the cost to reopen would outweigh the profits that would be generated.

Representative Willingham recommended that the town speak with Conetoe to find out which grants they applied for and received for all their improvements. He also suggested speaking with Edgecombe County manager Eric Evans. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles offered to follow up with the staff of Conetoe.

The board thanked Representative Willingham for taking the time to meet and he excused himself. Commissioner Wooten-Jiles made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and the meeting returned to regular session at 11:38 am.

When discussing the speed limit signs, Commissioner Wooten-Jiles reminded the board that there was a flier on hand and Mrs. Stanley agreed to ask Lieutenant Tinder about them as well.

Mrs. Stanley will reach out to other ATM providers to try to get an ATM in town.

Mr. Lassiter was asked to obtain pricing on the generators needed for the town hall and wells as well as pricing to take over the garbage collection.

Mayor Speight agreed to speak with Amy Dixon regarding the possibility of getting some park equipment donated to the town.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Braxton seconded the motion and with none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.