

Town Board Meeting August 9, 2021

Supv. Crossen called the monthly meeting of the Alabama Town Board to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken, Councilperson Fisher, LaGrou, Klotzbach, Veazey and Supv. Crossen were present. Also present were Supt. Covell, Mark Masse, Dave Bencic, Drew Reilly and Attorney Boylan. Present via zoom were Jeremy DeLyser, Wendy Kingsland, Katie Chapman and Kaylan Olwin.

Privilege of the Floor

Dave Bencic – heard that Towns have an option to make selling pot legal. Just wanted to inform the board.

Highway – Supt. Covell gave update:

Church Street resident complained about road conditions after water lines being installed a few years ago. Highway dept. fixed the road, the resident took photos of the guys while they were working on it.

Worked with Pembroke and County doing paving.

Prepping roads for oil and stone.

Fixing roads from water line installation, getting them ready for winter.

Received an estimate for damages to truck from accident, \$8,100.

Added another part-time guy for mowing/weed wacking as needed.

Two internments at Alabama Cemetery this month.

Equipment trailer bid – 2005 Hudson 10 Ton Equipment Trailer

Advertised for bids in The Daily News on July 23, 2021.

One bid was received from Raymond Smith Jr. for \$5,500.00.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept the bid from Raymond Smith Jr. in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the 2005 Hudson trailer. Approved by roll call vote:
C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Resignations

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept the resignation from Rachel Ohlson, Court Clerk, with regrets. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept the resignation from Craig Wagner, Planning Board Member, with regrets. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Appointments

The Justices have received a resume from Sarah Sauka, they would like to have her appointed at the next court clerk.

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to appoint Sarah Sauka as court clerk. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Supv. Crossen would like to have Brett Naas, who is currently the alternate to the Planning Board appointed to fill the position as Planning Board Member. Will advertise for the alternate position.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to appoint Brett Naas as Planning Board Member. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Tax Cap Override Law

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to have a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 13 for the Tax Cap Override Law of 2021. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

STAMP – Mark Masse gave an update:

Out to public notice for the DEC permit for the sewer line. Disc. held.

Fish & Wildlife permit has a 30 day public comment period. The permit requires the Town to sign. Disc. held.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to allow Supv. Crossen to sign the Fish and Wildlife Permit for the STAMP sewer line. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Plug Power Community Benefit Agreement

Board Members have a draft for their review. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Plug Power Application – Drew Reilly gave update:

Gave Board Members a memo with the updated review, notes on the Findings. He asks the Board to continue to review the paperwork. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Seneca Nation Letter to Planning Board

A letter was received on July 16, 2021. Supv. Crossen, Mark Masse Brenor Brophy met with the Nation on July 27, 2021. Supv. Crossen concurred with the Nation needing/wanting water. He has been reaching out to them (the Nation) since 2016 with the County Water Advisory Board and has received no response until now.

The Nation is also interested in broadband. Supv. Crossen has tried to reach out to the Nation since March of 2020 on this issue with no response.

2nd Meeting

MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to have a second meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 23, 2021, agenda to be determined. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Water District 2 – Jeremy DeLyser gave update:

Phase 1 water service for DEC is complete.

Phase 2 Alleghany Rd. restoration not taking. Will address it with Morsch.

Phase 3B all water main lines installed.

Phase 4 – EDC passed a resolution to dedicate the lines to the Town. Will need the Town to accept at their next meeting.

Phase 3 metering antenna – looking at other towers in the Town for the antenna.

Supv. Crossen – would like to send a letter to the County Legislature to request Alabama get water at lower rate, we are ready, willing and able to accept it. Disc. held. Supv. Crossen will send a letter.

Water Budget/Audit Update

Industrial Appraisal has completed the appraisals for the Town. Board Members received a copy for their review. The auditors will be at the Town Hall at the end of August to finish up the audit.

Court

Judge Tauscher informed the Board that he will be attending the Magistrates Conference at the end of Sept. Judge Thurber will attend for a day, he plans on commuting instead of staying at a hotel.

JCAP Grant – they put in a request to re-allocate the grant monies, as they have different needs at the Oakfield facility. They are waiting to hear back.

Town Hall – nothing new.

Executive Session

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to go into executive session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and/or Negotiations and updates subject to NDAs regarding the IZA; and/or Negotiations regarding the Teamsters Contract with Mark Masse, Drew Reilly and Attorney Boylan. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to come out of executive session at 8:33 p.m. and reconvene the regular meeting. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Union Contract – nothing new.

Approval of Minutes

7/12/2021 Board Meeting – MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Fisher to accept minutes as presented. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Supervisors Report

8/2/2021 -- MOTION by Councilperson Veazey, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Audit Bills

MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept Abstract #008-2021 and pay bills in the amount of \$41,096.00 vouchers 159 to 174 General Fund; \$25,030.70 vouchers 107 to 116 Highway Fund; \$406,608.44 vouchers 29 to 32 Water District 2; \$2,011.58 vouchers 21 to 22 Water District 1. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Town Clerk's Report

July 2021 -- MOTION by Councilperson Klotzbach, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Assessor's Report

June 2021 Transfers -- MOTION by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson LaGrou to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

CEO/ZEO Report

July 2021 -- MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Veazey to accept report as written. Approved by Roll Call Vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

2021 Budget – Nothing new.

2022 Budget – Supv. Crossen to distribute budget worksheets to departments.

Website – Councilperson Klotzbach gave update:

Beth has been working on the site in the evenings. C. Klotzbach met with Supv. Covell for information on his page, will forward it to Beth to make the changes.

Solar

EDPR send a check for \$50,000 for the reimbursement agreement. Attorney Boylan advised to hold check until we received the signed agreement. The agreement was received today so the check can be deposited.

Plug Power fees – an invoice for \$233,000 was sent to them. They did not want to pay the full fee, we received half of the funds. We will be billing them for the remainder soon, as the balance goes down.

MOTION by Councilperson LaGrou, seconded by Councilperson Klotzbach to adjourn meeting at 8:48 p.m. Approved by roll call vote:

C. Fisher – yes C. LaGrou – yes C. Klotzbach – yes C. Veazey – yes Supv. Crossen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca L. Borkholder
Town Clerk