

# Town of Vandemere

*North Carolina*



## Town Board Meeting December 2022 Minutes



**TOWN OF VANDEMERE**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 12, 2022**

In Attendance: Mayor Thaanum, Commissioners Jones, Lacy, McCotter, Wooten and Clerk Britt

Absent: TM Woodruff and Commissioner Fema

Meeting was called to order at 7PM

Mayor Thaanum offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

Visitors: Brenda Heiberg and David & Sandra Snipes

Minutes of the October 18th, 2022, meeting were read by Clerk Britt. Comm. Lacy made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Comm. McCotter. Motion passed with all yeas.

The financial report for the month of October 2022 was presented by Clerk Britt. There were no questions from the Board upon their review of the reports.

Public Comments or Questions: David Snipes wanted to know about Snag-A-Slip. David advised that we shouldn't be renting slips if the Insurance company says we can't. Mayor Thaanum explained that we are waiting for clarification from Jackie Ireland who set up the original policy. Comm. Lacy asked David if there is a statement for general liability release that can be used in the contract that would take care of the issue. He also stated that the rental of slips through a marina is different than the slip rentals through the park. David commented that SAS doesn't insure anything because they are just a conduit. Sandra wanted to know what the definition of a marina is while David asked what the difference in SAS rental and park rental is. Sandra wanted to know if the Town needed to post a "Dock at your own risk" sign. Mayor Thaanum advised that we're waiting on a meeting with Jackie Ireland before the issue can be resolved. David said he had recently docked at the slips and it is extremely dark and more lighting is needed. Mayor Thaanum responded that Comm. Fema is checking on lights, but he is currently out of town. Comm. Lacy asked about the street lights and the pricing of them. Mayor Thaanum explained that if we put up a pole with a light, we're not charged a pole charge by Duke Energy. We would have to pay for power only.

Communications: None

Department reports:

- Drainage and waterways, Streets & Roads: TM Woodruff absent so Mayor Thaanum advised the Board that we are working with 2 engineering firms at this time; Colliers and The East Group.
- Health and Sanitation: Comm. Jones had nothing to report.
- Regulations and Compliance: Comm. Lacy stated there has been no change. He would like to do a draft of the ordinances himself and send to our attorney. He said the cost would be less than a private consulting firm. Mayor Thaanum stated that we are waiting for a call from Aleeda who is with the company Municode on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Safety, Flags and Banners, Maintenance and Installation: Comm. McCotter stated that the Christmas flags were up.
- Decorations and Social Functions: Comm. Wooten stated that other people had already put up the Christmas decorations, but he would take them down.
- Public Relations: Mayor Thaanum thanked Sue for the Christmas cups she presented to the Board and for cleaning the floor. She also thanked everyone who helped decorate the park including Jan, Aaron,

Sue and herself. Margaret Rose paid Teal for putting up the Christmas Tree at Town Hall and decorating at the Vandemere sign coming into Town. She thanked Jimmy Britt for fixing the town edger, Danny for stepping in and doing things, Sharon for working on Facebook account, Sandra for the Town website and the Vandemere Voice newsletter, David for working on the mosquito machine and Robby for putting up the flags.

Old Business: Snag-A-Slip Contract. Commissioner Lacy asked David for a copy of the contract. David will get it to him.

New Business:

- Mayor Thaanum presented a letter from the Hope Clinic asking for a donation. Comm. Lacy made a motion to give a donation of \$100.00. Comm. McCotter seconded the motion. Motion passed with all yeas.
- Mayor Thaanum stated that the Board received a copy of The East Group proposal for engineering services for the Port Vandemere Subdivision Wastewater Collection in an earlier email and that we now need to vote on approving it to continue with the project. Comm. Lacy made a motion to vote on The East Group proposal for engineering and Comm. McCotter seconded the motion. A vote was taken. We had 4 yes votes. Motion passed. Comm. Lacy wanted to know about the bidding assistance. Comm. Wooten wanted to know what the cost of the project would be. Mayor Thaanum stated that the Town received \$77,000.00 in ARPA funds which would cover the engineering cost. Comm. Lacy asked about selling the Town lots. He said now is the time to do it. Mayor Thaanum told Comm. Lacy to bring it up in the next Board Meeting.

Being no other business, Comm. Wooten made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Comm. McCotter. Motion passed with all yeas.

Refreshments served for Christmas gathering after the Board Meeting adjourned.