

Town of Vandemere

North Carolina



Town Board Meeting August 2022 Minutes



TOWN OF VANDEMERE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2022

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

Absent: TM Woodruff and Comm. Jones

Meeting was called to order at 7PM

Mayor Thaanum offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

Visitors: Brenda Heiberg, Max Ware, David & Sandra Snipes. At this time, Mayor Thaanum presented a message that TM Woodruff prepared thanking David & Sandra for the help they are providing in getting the Town website updated. Max didn't know that the Snipes' were now full-time residents and David introduced their information to Max.

Minutes of the June 20th, 2022, meeting were read by Clerk Britt. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner McCotter. Motion passed with all yeas.

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

Public Comments or Questions: Max Ware stated that the noise coming from the Camp and in town itself, has been loud and after 11 pm at night. He felt that there should be a noise ordinance with a cutoff time of 10 pm. Mayor Thaanum advised Max there is an ordinance for the Town with a time of 11 pm. After much debate between Mr. Ware and Comm. Lacy, Mayor Thaanum used the gavel to stop the back and forth and asked that the meeting proceed.

Brenda stated that she appreciated the work that had been done to the Shell Castle Lane road, but there were still some issues. Stated there were still some potholes that needed to be fixed.

Communications: Mayor Thaanum stated that she and TM Woodruff had a meeting with realty company members and they presented drone footage of the area. Max wanted to know what Mayor Thaanum was talking about. Comm. Lacy advised Max that she was talking about the Vandemere Cove Subdivision and its marina permit.

Mayor Thaanum also stated that she and TM Woodruff met with Senator Norman Sanderson and the County Planner, Beth Bucksot, about Vandemere being on the list for a passenger fast ferry. Senator Sanderson stated that this would be very political. It's just talk right now. We need to raise tax revenues and this could bring much needed economic growth to our town. We are trying to be proactive. It would also be a major marketing tool.

Mayor Thaanum said that the 39 acres that Red Mast owned has now been sold to a company who wants to start up a sod farm and eventually an upscale affordable apartment building. The same company is also pursuing other properties adjacent to this large plot. Also, the long lot just behind Squidder's Store that runs from First Street to Second Street has sold. The owners have been in the office for a zoning building compliance permit and to get the setbacks for a house they are going to build.

Mayor Thaanum said she had heard through the grapevine that our Town Board was getting a bad reputation because developers could not come and do just what they want to do. She stated there are zoning rules and ordinances that dictate what we allow.

Department reports:

- Drainage and waterways, Streets & Roads: TM Woodruff absent so Mayor Thaanum advised that the Town is still working with the RCCP and we've been accepted into Phase 3. In Phase 3, the Town will get \$45,000.00 in engineering grant money. Once we're through the engineering phase, we'll go into the next phase, which is shovel ready. We received the 2nd allocation of \$38,000.00 from the ARPA grant. These funds will be used to enlarge the sewer line on Griggs Road.
- Health and Sanitation: Comm. Jones absent, so nothing to report.
- Regulations and Compliance: Comm. Lacy stated that we need to schedule another work study for the ordinance updates.
- Public Safety, Flags and Banners, Maintenance and Installation: Comm. McCotter stated he will replace the flags that are worn with new flags and have them up for Labor Day. Mayor Thaanum advised that new rope was bought for the Town Hall flag, but it frayed out and so new rope will have to be bought before flag can be put up.
- Decorations and Social Functions: Not Assigned at this time. Nothing reported.
- Public Relations: Mayor Thaanum gave this information in the earlier communications.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Mayor Thaanum presented the Resolution for Minimum Deposit Requirements to the Board. The minimum amount of \$500.00. Comm. McCotter made a motion to adopt the resolution. Comm. Fema seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mayor Thaanum stated that the Town had a certificate to present to Comm. Rose who resigned in June, but she was not available to accept it. Mayor Thaanum accepted it on her behalf.
- Mayor Thaanum advised that a vote needed to be made for the poll that was previously taken to make resident Danny Wooten a new commissioner. Comm. Fema made a motion to accept Danny Wooten as a new Commissioner. Comm. Lacy seconded the motion and motion passed with all yeas.

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