

EWAB Meeting Minutes, River Bend Municipal Building

Monday, November 1, 2021

Meeting was Called to order at 7:02pm by Jim Stevens

In Attendance:

Jon Hall
Jim Stevens
Paige Ackiss
Ray Jaklitsch
Patty Leonard
Councilman Brian Leonard

Not in attendance:

Mary Holihan
Karl Lichty

Minutes from the August 2, 2021, meeting were read. On a motion from Patty Leonard and seconded by Jon Hall, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Councilman Leonard reported on the radio transmitters project. A grant was received to replace them for easier water meter reading. Project is ongoing

Also discussed the Town is moving forward on other grant projects such as for the new alternate exit from the Town. The grant has made it through the 1st hurdle of several in order to be funded.

The Council held a special meeting on the selection for sites for the Public Works Building. Engineers are looking at the site next to the Water Tower on Shoreline to determine what the environmental impacts are, if any, as that is the site the Council selected.

Councilman Leonard also reported that roads in the Town are being paved, and the paving of the walking path has been met with enthusiasm by citizens who have utilized it. There may even be lighting put on the path in the future.

Jon Hall asked if the drainage and swales project in Channel Run had been completed. Councilman Leonard said that Phase I has been completed, we are waiting for funding for Phase II of the project. Jon Hall also asked who we should be thanking for successfully securing grants for these many projects? Councilman Leonard said that the thanks go to Delane Jackson and town staff who assist him with the process.

Councilman Leonard also reported that the Town will soon be preparing for the budget process that will kick off soon in 2022.

Old Business: Discussion of Bulkhead evaluations has been tabled until the Council finishes with updating the Ordinance Chapter 3.05: Boards and Commissions

New Business: Opened the floor for discussion on the proposed changes to the Ordinance governing the Waterways/Environmental Advisory Board. Among other changes will be a name change to Environment and Waterways Advisory Board. The Board had discussions concerning the proposed changes and a motion was made by Patty Leonard to recommend the Town Council adopt the proposed changes to the Waterways/Environmental Advisory Board, seconded by Paige Ackiss, motion passed unanimously.

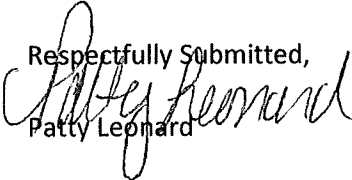
Ray Jacklitsch asked what the water quality of the Trent River was or is it monitored?. Councilman Leonard reported the Town does not keep track of the Trent River water quality but that he volunteered in the summer with the Lower Neuse Riverkeepers to take samples of the Trent River for water quality for their swim guide which is on the internet. The test only measures for fecal matter and does not measure PFAS or other hazardous chemicals that could be in the Trent River and it is only measured from May through September. If town citizens want to know the water quality of the Neuse they can call Sound Rivers, Lower Neuse Riverkeepers at 252-637-7972.

Jim Stevens asked if there were any volunteer hours. Jon Hall reported that the red marker marking the entry to Planation Canal was missing and the pylon was leaning. He also asked if a stump about three houses in on the canal could be marked for when there is high water. It is obvious when water is at normal pool but when the wind blows the water in to the canal it covers it up and could be a hazard to navigation. Jon Hall reported 1 volunteer hour and Ray Jacklitsch reported two volunteer hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2021, at 7:00pm in River Bend Municipal Building's Large Conference Room.

Motion by Patty Leonard to adjourn, seconded by Karl Lichty, and without objection the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patty Leonard


Jim Stevens