

Town of Faison

February 7, 2024

Mayor
William “Billy” Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen
Kenneth Avent, Jr.
Lee Kennedy
Sandy McCarty
Carlos Quintanilla

Others Attending:
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC
Sharon Lee, Town Clerk
Jimmy Tyndall, Executive Administrator
Matthew Scott, Recreation Director

Board Meeting

Mayor Ward opened the board meeting at 7:00pm. Mayor Ward opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ward presented the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Brian Bullard to address the board. Brian Bullard wanted to come to thank the town board and employees of the town for all the help and support they have given to our troop.

Mayor Ward presented the January 3, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward asked Cindy Sallis to address the board. Cindy Sallis introduced herself as a candidate for Duplin County Commissioner District 1. Cindy Sallis stated that if she was elected, she would be coming to some of our meetings and will be here to help us with community involvement, grants and whatever else that you may need.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to give an update on the recreation department. Matthew Scott stated that he has scheduled another blood drive for April 8, 2024 from 9:00 – 1:00pm. Mike Stempke is actively pursuing grants for us right now to try to get lights at the soccer complex. Tri County is going to help us with the lights by donating the poles and doing a lot of the work for us. Matthew Scott stated that we have 31 teams playing basketball and the last games are this weekend

with the tournament next week. We are signing up for volleyball and soccer, we have 180 soccer signups and 80 volleyball signups. Matthew Scott reported that we have had another heating and air unit that has gone out and we have an estimate of \$15,515.00 for a new unit or \$4,215.77 for a new compressor from Anderson Heating and Cooling. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to purchase a new unit from Anderson's Heating and Cooling for \$15,515.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the delinquent taxes. Sharon Lee presented the delinquent tax list and asked for a motion to place an ad in the newspaper which is required. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to place the delinquent taxes in the newspaper and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the tax release. Sharon Lee presented two parcels that the county has released and we now need a motion to release these taxes. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the tax releases and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the Retention Schedule. Sharon Lee stated that we have to follow a retention schedule to dispose of items, our last schedule was adopted in 2019 and we need to update to the 2021 schedule. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the 2021 retention schedule and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to present the demolition bids. Jimmy Tyndall presented the bids as follows: 4 Seasons Demolition - \$ 89,000.00, Blizzard Construction - \$ 273,900.00 and Jones & Smith Contractors - \$65,240.00. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to award Jones & Smith Contractors for demolition of the old gym and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to update the board on Archiving. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we were made aware that we are required to archive our social media. Jimmy Tyndall stated that he received several bids and we chose to go with PageFreezer Software with a cost of \$1188.00 per year and an upfront \$250.00 training fee. It was very difficult to find a company to fit our needs and they were the most economical.

Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to close at 7:35pm and seconded by Commissioner McCarty.

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk