



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1, 2023**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette, Steve Lineberry, Patty Wilson and Shawn Riggan

Members Absent: Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Acting Town Clerk Mark Swing, Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia, Police Chief Toby Harrison, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin & Town Attorney Charlie Davis

Mayor Allen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 3, 2023; Haw River Town Council meeting.
2. Approval of Budget Amendments –
 - 2023-17 – (Insurance Settlement for 2019 Ford Explorer) - \$4,312
 - 2023-18 – (Purchase of Fire Bay Doors) - \$60,961
 - 2023-19 – (Additional cost for Red Slide Playground) - \$11,340
 - 2023-20 – (Purchase of new backhoe for Public Works) - \$115,847
(60% Powell Bill/40% General Fund)

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Councilmember Lovette seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. None

PRESENTATIONS:

4. Becky Loy with Cobb, Ezekiel, & Loy P.A. of Graham, NC gave a presentation regarding the completed FY 2021-2022 audit. Auditor Becky Loy highlighted the following items:
 - General Fund Balance was on a strong trend with a balance of \$900,525
 - Unrestricted Water & Sewer's fund balance \$571,900.00
 - Stormwater fund balance \$136,970.00
 - ARPA money balance \$385,546
 - The Town's debt increased by \$10,138 due to a new loan for new software and a police vehicle.
 - Local sales tax increased \$58,784 over prior year
 - Charges for services increased \$36,405 due to increase in rates & usage in Water & Sewer
 - Major capital purchases were Police & Fire Truck & related equipment, Financial Software, and civic center roof repairs.
 - Town did receive a \$9.1 million in grants from NC DEQ Water infrastructure division to build a new Lang Street Pump stations and upgrade infrastructure.
 - ARP funds will be used to install sewer meters on Hanover Rd's sewer outfall and help fund for radio-read meters throughout the town.

NEW ITEMS:

5. Haw River Town Council approved the *Allen v. McCann and the Town of Haw River, 1:22-cv-187 (M.D.N.C)* settlement offer of \$250,000 (insurance pays) and \$50,000 paid by Town of Haw River. Totaling \$300,000.

Mayor Kelly Allen stated she is not related to the "Allen" mentioned in this lawsuit.

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the settlement of *Allen v. McCann and the Town of Haw River, 1:22-cv-187 (M.D.N.C)*. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

6. The Town Council considered increasing the Town's pay scale for all full-time employees. An increase of \$5,000 to every full-timer's annual salary will be effective immediately. These salary increases will help with the retention of our

valuable employees. The town may not be able to compete with the larger municipalities, but we want our staff to know how much we appreciate their work.

Councilmember Riggan made a motion to approve the one-time \$5,000 annual salary increase to every full-time employee. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

5. None

- The public is allowed to address the Town Council on any non-agenda item at this time.
- Be sure to sign in, stand and state your name and address for the minutes.
- Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less.

MANAGER REPORT

1. The Town of Haw River will be receiving money from both NC DEQ – Water Infrastructure and from Senator Amy Galey for water and sewer improvement projects. The total award package is around 9.4 million dollars, and the funds will be spent for a new Lang Street Pump Station, improvements to all sewer pump stations, water system upgrades, and system studies. **On-going**
2. Haw River Town Hall had new wiring and connections installed at town hall and the fire station. Still waiting for one more component. **Waiting for Brooks**
Networking to finish uninstalling everything. On-going
3. The Town has received \$400,000+/- of the \$800,000+/- in ARPA Federal Money. The Town sent out an RFQ for engineering services, so the Hanover Road and radio-read water meters can get underway. Funds spent on engineering and consulting can be paid out of the ARPA funds, since we sent out an RFQ for engineering services. Gavel and Dorn and AWCK are working on the engineering

for the project. Both Haw River and Graham approved the new sewer agreement for Hanover Road, so we should be moving forward. **The Town is waiting for all supplies to arrive and for a construction date to be set as soon as possible.**
The next project will be the radio-read water meters. On-going

4. The Town has received \$50,000 from Impact Alamance to replace the playground at Red Slide Park. **Carolina Parks and Play (vendor) has received the playground equipment and will be installing as soon as possible. On-going**

5. The Town has submitted grant applications to DWR for the three water and sewer projects that was mentioned at the last council meeting. Council passed a resolution applying for these projects. 1. Roma Road waterline improvement (upsized line), 2. South Spray Street water-line improvement (water-line connection from Stone Street to South Spray Street under railroad track to improve water pressure. 3. Slip-lining sewer lines throughout town. **The Town did not receive sufficient priority to receive funding. NC DEQ. In accordance with NCGS §159G-39(c), the Division will consider the application again in the next applicable funding round. On-going**

6. Town staff is still working with Tyler Technologies on switching computer software. This is an on-going process and should be completed for the new budget year. **On-going**

7. Haw River Fire Department would like to utilize the Town property located at the old sewer plant for fire training. This would include a few structures and props. The Haw River Fire Department will fund this through donated labor and materials. Chief Tyler Franklin can elaborate more on the details. **On-going**

8. Town staff is working on a "wish-list" regarding major purchases/projects for House Representative Steve Ross and Senator Amy Galey. **Completed**

ADJOURN

Mayor Allen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Wilson made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Council Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk