



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2023**

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

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Steve Lineberry, Patty Wilson and Shawn Riggan

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, 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 February 6, 2023; Haw River Town Council meeting.
2. Approval of a Resolution of Support for the Construction of a Regional Indoor Firing Range for the Alamance Community College Public Safety Training Center in Green Level, NC.
3. Town Council shall approve BA-2023-16 in the amount of \$19,737. This is reimbursement for damage to the Town's 16" sewer force main on Highway 70 bypass. The damage occurred when GAC, LLC bored into the sewer line to install fiber-optic.

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

Motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4. None

NEW ITEMS:

- 5. Haw River Town Council considered receiving the federal grant funds for the Haw River Fire Department. The HRFD was awarded a SAFER grant by the Federal Government (FEMA) in the amount of \$496,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding directly to municipal and volunteer fire departments to help increase and maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters. The goal of SAFER is to enhance local fire departments abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the NFPA.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to approve receiving the federal grant funds for the Haw River Fire Department. The HRFD was awarded a SAFER grant by the Federal Government (FEMA) in the amount of \$496,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding directly to municipal and volunteer fire departments to help increase and maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters. The goal of SAFER is to enhance local fire departments abilities to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards established by the NFPA. Fire Chief Franklin will send more information once the approval has been processed and the regulations will be included in the information. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

- 6. Town Council reviewed the possible purchase and funding for a new backhoe for the Public Works Department. See attached quotes. Public Works Director Brewer suggested we purchase the John Deer backhoe. They currently use more of the John Deer equipment and the repair is in Asheboro with a warranty of 1 year with towing included.

Councilmember Riggan made a motion to accept the John Deer quote for purchase of the backhoe. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 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. Engineering and professional services contracts will need to be approved by town council. **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. **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 will be bidding this project out within the next few weeks** The next project will be the radio-read water meters. **On-going**
4. The Town will be purchasing new fire bay doors due to one of the old doors rubbing on the brick wall. The repair company said that the door can't be fixed. The bay doors are the original doors from 1973. We decided to replace both bay doors so they will match, and to take advantage of today's pricing. I spoke with everyone on the phone for consensus to go ahead with the project. **Bay doors are set to be installed in March 2023. On-going**
5. The Town has received \$50,000 from Impact Alamance to replace the playground at Red Slide Park. **Carolina Parks and Play has placed the order and will be ready to install soon after that. On-going**

6. 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. **On-going**

7. 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**

8. 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Kelly Allen announced that March is “Women’s History Month.” Our local Food Lion in Haw River is holding a ceremony to celebrate the Women’s History Month. They have invited NC Senator Amy Galey, along with Haw River Firefighter Amber Murry, Finance Director/Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, and possibly the Assistant Principal of Haw River Elementary along with Mayor Kelly Allen to speak at the event.

ADJOURN


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

Motion carried 4-0

Council Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk