



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

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

Members Absent: Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Assistant Police Chief Brian Phillips, Public Works Director Robert Brewer, Fire Chief Tyler Franklin & Town Attorney Jacob Wright

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

The items on the **consent agenda** were as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes from July 10, 2023, Haw River Town Council meeting.
2. Approval of the Haw River Water Shortage Plan Resolution as required by NC DEQ (Renewal)
3. Approval of two engineering contracts for AWCK to provide engineering and administrative services for the Asset and Inventory Assessment Grant involving both the water and sewer systems that was awarded to the Town of Haw River by NC DEQ.

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Lovette seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Public Hearings:

4. Mayor Allen mentioned that there was NO public hearing.
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New Items:

5. Town Council considered a request by PTRCG (Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments) to join the Piedmont Housing Consortium by resolution. Applications would be submitted from town residents who are under a certain poverty level. They may qualify to have their home remodeled or build a new affordable house. This program involves several municipalities in the triad and the City of Greensboro will oversee fund distribution. There will be no fee to join the resolutions and the funds are being provided by the federal government.

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to approve the request by PTRCG (Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments) to join the Piedmont Housing Consortium by resolution. Councilmember Lovette seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

6. Town Council reviewed an agreement between D3 Development, Inc. and the Town of Haw River for reimbursing engineering/consulting cost regarding the implementation of a railroad "Quiet Zone" in Haw River. Our last council meeting on July 10, 2023, Developer Mike Hill, requested the "Quiet Zone" be established on his behalf to Norfolk Southern. This is the 2nd step where the application was accepted so the \$11,000.00 is due to perform the engineering study.

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to consider the agreement between D3 Development, Inc., and the Town of Haw River for reimbursing engineering/consulting cost regarding the implementation of a railroad "Quiet Zone" in Haw River. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

7. Town Council considered an agreement between Norfolk Southern Railroad and the Town of Haw River for Norfolk Southern Railroad engineers to conduct an engineering/safety study on the possibility of a railroad "Quiet Zone" in Haw River. The up-front cost to Norfolk Southern will be \$11,000.00 to be reimbursed by D3 Development, Inc. (Mike Hill). The reimbursement check of \$11,000.00 will be given to the town this week.

Councilmember Riggan made a motion for Town Council to approve an agreement between Norfolk Southern Railroad and the Town of Haw River for Norfolk Southern Railroad

engineers to conduct an engineering/safety study on the possibility of a railroad "Quiet Zone" in Haw River. On the agreement, #5 states the Town will have to submit a separate agreement before any improvements could be made. The up-front cost to Norfolk Southern will be \$11,000.00 to be reimbursed by D3 Development, Inc. (Mike Hill) which will have to be received first. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

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.

8. Lauren Agnew, who lives at 418 Roma Road, wanted to know about the correct procedures for any unsolicited/solicited citizen comments during a town council meeting. It was explained that citizens may speak at town council meetings if they signed up before the meeting and anyone wishing to speak must wait for the public comments to be opened by the mayor. Each speaker has a three-minute time limit. Ms. Agnew stated that she would like everyone to be treated the same way for any future unsolicited/solicited comments during the council meetings.

Manager Report:

1. **Hanover Road Sewer Meter Project** – \$210K - CJ Utilities has been awarded the contract for construction. The contractor is still waiting for some materials for the job that were backordered.
2. **Lang Street Pump Station** – \$5 million - AWCK has sent NC DEQ the engineering drawings for approval.
3. **AIA Water and Sewer Inventory Assessment** – \$250k - AWCK will start the administration and engineering for this as soon as possible. This inventory will also help update the Town's GIS files.
4. **Small Waterlines Improvement Project** – \$3 million - AWCK is currently surveying for the improvements, and hopefully will go to bid this fall.
5. **Lift Stations Upgrades** - \$525K – hoping to go out to bid within a month or so.
6. **AMI Radio Read Meters** (Town-wide) – working on RFQ/RFP with AWCK
7. **Tyler Tech** – The new payroll system has been implemented, and the water/sewer billing change-over will be this Fall.

8. **NC General Assembly Wishlist** - Town staff completed a "wish-list" regarding major purchases/projects for House Representative Steve Ross and Senator Amy Galey. Waiting to see what happens when the NC state budget passes.
 9. **Water and Sewer Connection Fees Update** – The Town needs to discuss hiring a third-party to update the water/sewer connection fees to adequately collect more fees based on multi-family development. The Town has been discussing this with AWCK, and they suggested hiring Stantec for \$25,000 to do the updated study as required by NCGS.
 10. **Town of Haw River 50th Year Ideas** – Town staff have been discussing a small gathering to celebrate and the possibility of doing a "challenge" coin to sell. Any ideas are welcomed.
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Announcements:

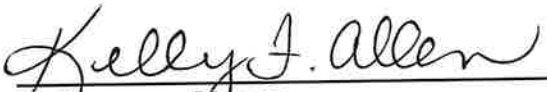
NONE

Adjourn:

Mayor Allen asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0

Council Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk