



**Town of Haw River
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2023**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

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

Members Absent: Patty Wilson

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez, Parks & Recreation Director Jesus Campos Garcia, 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.

Mayor Allen asked if anyone wanted to discuss an item on the consent agenda, hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as shown. Mr. Lineberry made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Mrs. Wilson.

Motion carried 4-0

The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

1. Approval of the minutes from June 5, 2023, Haw River Town Council meeting.
2. Approval of Budget Amendments - #2023-23 (Recruitment and Retention-Salary Plan) - \$19,756
3. Approval of appointing a new member (non-ETJ), Jen Trieskey, to the Haw River Planning Board.
4. Approval of changes made to the Haw River Volunteer Fire Department By-laws.

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

Motion carried 4-0

Public Hearing

Mayor Allen mentioned that there were NO public hearing.

5. Mike Hill with D3 Development, Inc. made a presentation to Town Council regarding the establishment of a “Quiet Zone” along the railroad corridor in Haw River. Town Council reviewed this request from D3 Development, Inc. to apply for the “Quiet Zone” with no financial requirement from the Town at this time.

Developer Mike Hill spoke to the Town Council stating they are in the designing phase of the Tabardrey redevelopment, and some financing issues have begun due to safety issues with the noise from the train’s whistle that passes next to the property. Mr. Hill stated the decibel amount was 70 or 75 outside the buildings and 45-50 inside. Therefore, the noise pushes beyond the threshold of the safe zone for the project’s funding regulations since they are requesting federal financing through the market rate HUD 221-D4. A “Quiet Zone” can only be requested from a local/state government entity for Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to set into place. Mr. Hill stated he will reimburse the Town for any of the cost incurred due to the “Quite Zone” establishment. His preference is to have the document sent to Norfolk Southern within the next 10 days.

- Councilmember Lovette asked if a “Quite Zone” was commonly accepted by Norfolk Southern?
 - Answer: Not very many
- Mayor Kelly Allen stated we cannot incur the full expense.
 - Answer: Mr. Hill agreed to reimburse the Town for the expenses.
- Councilmember Riggan commented that there were only 5 “Quiet Zone” in this state of NC.
- Councilmember Lineberry asked if Mr. Hill had the same requirements for White Furniture’s construction in Mebane, NC.
 - Answer: Mr. Hill said no but he was required to make the windows thicker at White Furniture, facing the tracks, to reduce the noise.

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the request for a “Quiet Zone” and that the expenses be reimbursed by Mike Hill. Councilmember Riggan seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

NEW ITEMS:

1. Town Council considered a resolution for the acceptance of water and sewer grant money from NC DEQ using American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal funding to do an Asset Inventory Assessment (AIA) on Haw River's water/sewer system. The grant is for \$400,000 (water- \$250,000/sewer-\$150,000).

Town Manager Sean Tencer stated the grant will be used to fund the study. An RFQ for the engineering service has been posted on the website. Alley, Williams, Carmen and King have applied for the job so far. The study will gather information for the Town's water and sewer system.

Councilmember Riggan made a motion to approve the NCDEQ grant to be used to fund the study and an RFQ for the engineering service posted on the website. Councilmember Lineberry seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0

Public Comments:

1. **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. 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. Ongoing**
3. The Town has received \$50,000 from Impact Alamance to replace the playground at Red Slide Park. **The playground equipment is 95% installed, and still waiting for one**

piece to finish installation. Completed

4. 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**
5. 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**
6. 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**
7. Town staff is working on a “wish-list” regarding major purchases/projects for House Representative Steve Ross and Senator Amy Galey. **Completed**

Announcements

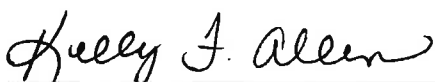
- Invitations were extended for the Jr. Firefighter Competition of Haw River Fire Department on Aug 12, 2023 at 7 am. A banquet will be held at Lamb’s Chapel church in Haw River. Tickets will need to be purchased prior to attending at the Haw River Fire Department.
- Fiber Optic cables are being installed on Hwy 49/Roxboro St.

Adjourn

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

Motion carried 4-0

Council Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Kelly Allen, Mayor



Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk