

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hamilton Town Council was convened at 7:00 PM with the following attendance:

PRESENT: Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
Michael Snyder, Council member – Late 7:10PM
Dimitri Kesari, Council member
James Thomas Rollins, Jr., Council member
David R. Simpson, Council member

ABSENT: Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor
John Unger, Council member

STAFF: Lori Jones, Treasurer
Maureen Gilmore, Town Attorney
David Beniamino, Zoning Administrator
Jennifer Helbert, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Mayor Wine called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Mayor Wine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GUESTS:

None Scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council member Kesari made a motion to approve the Town Council meeting minutes of October 17, 2011 with minor changes.

Motion: Council member Kesari

Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 4-0-3 with Wilmoth, Unger
and Snyder Absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

New Truck – Council member Simpson stated that Mayor Wilmoth is looking into the new truck and should get back with Council at the December meeting.

Aerial Photographs – Vice Mayor Wine indicated that he had met someone that had aerial photos of all of the Towns in Loudoun County except Hamilton and he would like to look into getting an aerial photo of Hamilton. David Beniamino stated that he would look into getting that from Loudoun County.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Filtering System – Vice Mayor Wine stated that the Town had a problem at Wells 6 and 8. He stated that staff had been working on the problem and has corrected the bulk of it. Staff also requested that \$12,000 to \$15,000 should be added to next year's budget to get the filter pumped out.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Don's Johns – They will be removed November 28, 2011

Zip Line – Vice Mayor Wine indicated that the zip line is still broken and needs to be repaired.

Mowing – Vice Mayor Wine stated that the Town is working on getting the park mowed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Ms. Jones issued a report to the Council and answered any questions that they had about the report.

Council member Kesari made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 5-0-2 with Wilmoth and
Unger absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Town Council and Planning Commission Workshop – Council decided that they would like to have a joint meeting on December 6th at 7:00 PM.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Council member Simpson stated that the Committee is working on evaluations for the employees.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chairman McCann stated that because of the joint meeting that will take place on December 6th they will be cancelling their regular meeting in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Grant Application – Ms. Jones indicated that the grant has been filed. Mr. Beniamino received word that the DOJ Civil Justice Division would be working with VDOT to make all of the curb cuts in Town handicap accessible after the recent milling and paving. Mr. Beniamino stated that he forwarded all of the information to Ms. Jones so that she could add that to the grant application.

Fire Department Siren – Council member Simpson stated that he has received inquiries about where the Town is on getting the siren shut down. He stated that he has spoken with the Fire Marshal and it is an emergency siren and the Town cannot have it shut down. Also, there is no Ordinance that the Town has that can have the siren shut down. He stated that by 2013 technology will be changing and the firefighters will no longer be using minitors. He stated that the County does not control what the individual departments do so it is up to the Hamilton Fire Department as to whether they want to shut the siren down. He also stated that Hamilton is one of the few departments in the County that does not have 24/7 career firefighters at the station.

Council member Snyder asked that Ms. Gilmore send a letter to the Hamilton Fire Department requesting that they turn the siren off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Application for Sewer Connection – 127 N. Ivandale Road – Council member Kesari made a motion to move this issue to the end of the agenda.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 5-0-2 with Wilmoth and
Unger absent

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 6, Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Permanently and Totally Disabled – Ms. Gilmore explained that the General Assembly amended the State Code to say that instead of the General Assembly coming up with dollar amounts for net worth they would let the localities set their own amounts. Loudoun County is considering amendments to their Ordinance, however, their meeting and public hearing schedule will not allow them time to advertise an adopt amendments prior to January 1st. The Council has two options. They can go with the amendments the way Loudoun County staff has proposed or Town of Hamilton staff can draft language that would mirror the County's Ordinance so that every time the County changed the Ordinance Hamilton's Ordinance would change. The only issue is that the County provides for an exemption or pro-ration and the Town does not so the Town would have to adopt that part of the County Ordinance.

Council member Snyder made a motion that the Town Council authorize a public hearing on Monday, December 12, 2011, to consider changes to Chapter 6, Article III, Real Estate Tax Relief for Elderly or Permanently and Totally Disabled, to adopt the changes currently under consideration by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, to be effective January 1, 2012.

Motion: Council member Snyder
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0-2 with Wilmoth and
Unger absent

2012-2013 Mowing Contract Bid Solicitation – Vice Mayor Wine explained that the Town would be going out to bid for a new mowing contract.

Town of Hamilton Water Supply Plan – Authorization for Public Hearing – Ms. Jones explained the need for a public hearing for this item.

Council member Kesari made a motion to authorize a public hearing for the Town of Hamilton Water Supply Plan for December 12, 2011.

Motion: Council member Kesari

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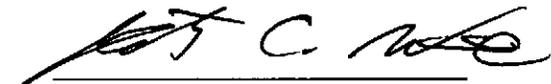
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 4-1-2 with Snyder against,
Wilmoth and Unger absent

Application for Sewer Connection – 127 N. Ivandale Road – Council member Kesari made a motion to table this item until the Council could get more information.

Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Simpson
Carried: 5-0-2 with Wilmoth and
Unger absent

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.


Kenneth Wine, Vice Mayor
Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder