

**MINUTES
HAMILTON TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012**

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

PRESENT: Greg K. Wilmoth, Mayor
Kenneth C. Wine, Vice Mayor
John Unger, Council member
David R. Simpson, Council member
Dimitri Kesari, Council member

ABSENT: Michael Snyder, Council member
James Thomas Rollins, Jr., Council member

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

GUESTS:

Deputy Cooper came forward to give the Town Council an update of calls in the Town of Hamilton.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Les Carlson of 46 St. Paul Street came forward to speak. Mr. Carlson stated that he would like to address the Town Council regarding the vultures that are in the Town. He stated that he is aware of the purpose of the vultures serve however they are a nuisance here in Town. He stated that he lives directly below the water tower and about ten years ago the water tower was sandblasted and repainted but now the top and sides of the water tower is just covered in waste. He believes this is a health issue now because there are 200 to 300 vultures congregating in this one area. He stated that he has seen people pull up to houses that are for sale and not get out of the car because of the vultures. He asked that the Town look into getting rid of this problem in the Town.

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Kenneth Hill of 42 South St. Paul Street came forward to speak. Mr. Hill stated that he is here regarding the vulture issues as well. He stated that he and his wife both work from home and this is a definite problem and he would ask the Town to get the permit to try using the noise gun to remove the vultures.

Joanna Hill of 42 South St. Paul Street came forward to speak. Mrs. Hill stated that she is here for the same reason as the other speakers and would ask that the Town do something about the vultures. She stated that these birds return each season and the quantities have doubled over the last year he stated that when she looks out her window all she sees are huge vultures defecating and throwing up everywhere and are actually surrounding the school. She would ask as well that the Town do something about getting rid of the vultures.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Mayor Wine made a motion to approve the Town Council meeting minutes of December 12, 2011 with minor changes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0 with Snyder, and
Rollins absent

MAYOR'S REPORT:

TANV Meeting, January 5, 2012 – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he attended this meeting last week and it was well represented by the different Towns in Northern Virginia. Purcellville hosted the meeting and he gained a lot of information from the meeting. He stated that Herndon is very involved with items before the General Assembly and he appreciates receiving updates about those items. He stated that he hopes to host this meeting in the near future as well.

COLT Meeting, January 17, 2012 – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he will be attending this meeting in Purcellville as well and he will let the Council know how that meeting goes.

Town Office Parking – Mayor Wilmoth stated that a note was left for him that there was no place here to park to pay a water bill. He stated that during Christmas time it is very crowded from the traffic coming to and from the business next door but people seem to be learning that there is parking to the rear of the building which helps.

Hamilton Ruritan Club Donation – Mayor Wilmoth stated that he wanted to let the Council know that a donation of \$675 was received and that the Town will use this money to purchase/replace flags in the coming year.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE:

Wells 6&8 Filtration – Mayor Wilmoth explained that things are moving along well, he stated that Vice Mayor Wine had talked about a problem with the filters that came up in November and it appears that that has been taken care of. The Town does need to reinstall flow restrictors.

Rate Study and Upcoming Budget – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the Water and Sewer Committee will need to meet in the future to discuss these items as well as the Grinder Pump Contract.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

2011 Luminaria – Mayor Wilmoth stated that the program went very well but we will need to line up more people to help with clean up. He also stated that a thank you letter went out to Tanner Michon for his help with this program.

Mulch – Mayor Wilmoth stated that Home Depot is still willing to help the Town with the mulch so a plan needs to be put together for that.

Purcellville Baptist Church Project – Council member Unger stated that the youth group is willing to construct the Bluebird boxes along the trail.

Council member Kesari stated that he would volunteer to pay for the materials to build the Bluebird boxes.

Council member Unger stated that he would help put the boxes up and hopes to have a Boy Scout Troop help as well.

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 Unger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Motion: Council member Unger
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0 with Snyder, and
Rollins absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Budget Preparation – Ms. Jones indicated that she is working on this item.

PUBLIC SAFETY & ZONING ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Beniamino stated that he had a complaint about the expansion of a parking lot without a permit and he will be looking into that shortly.

Council member Unger asked that the sign be taken down that was placed in front of the Town sign coming into the Town from the west. Mr. Beniamino stated that he would go and remove the sign on his way home from the meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Mayor Wilmoth stated that he has started the evaluation process and hopes to have it completed in the next week or two and will be meeting with Council member Simpson.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Chairman McCann stated that a Joint meeting is scheduled with the Planning Commission and Town Council for January 18th and he would ask that everyone bring only the changes that they have because they do not plan to go through the document page by page.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application for Sewer Connection – 127 Ivandale Road – Ms. Gilmore stated that the County Attorney has approved the draft sewer agreement for this lot and the other two lots for which this group is interested in obtaining addresses from the county. She stated that the applicants have not gone to closing yet but they are going to get the owners to sign the agreements in the coming week. Ms. Gilmore also stated that the Board of Supervisors will be looking at the agreement at their business meeting on January 18, 2012 and the recommendation will be for them to approve them and authorize the County Administrator to sign them. She stated that all three lots will end up in the tax district and the County will probably not make the fees retroactive. Ms. Gilmore also indicated that the Council may want to set a policy for these types of requests.

Water and Sewer Account Adjustment Request – 83 St. Paul Street – Council member Simpson made a motion that the resident pays \$109 of the \$218.30 bill thereby reducing the bill by fifty percent of the requested amount.

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Motion: Council member Simpson
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0 with Snyder, and
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NEW BUSINESS:

Ladysmith Court Bond Reduction Request – Vice Mayor Wine made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council approve a Bond Reduction for Fairfield Hamilton, LLC Developer in the amount of \$108, 934.48, the amount of the remaining bond shall be \$120,055.52. The bond shall be reduced after payment is been made for all of the delinquent taxes, and Fairfield Hamilton, LLC has received confirmation from the Town of Hamilton that payments have cleared the banks of both the issuer and the Town.

Motion: Vice Mayor Wine
Second: Council member Kesari
Carried: 5-0 with Snyder, and
Rollins absent

Application for Sewer Connection – 39234 Colonial Highway – Council member Kesari made a motion that the Hamilton Town Council approves the application for utility connection for 39234 East Colonial Highway, Hamilton, Virginia.

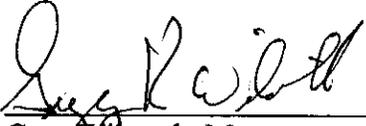
Motion: Council member Kesari
Second: Council member Unger
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Vulture Issue – The Town Council decided that they would apply for the permit to kill one of the vultures and display it in a tree which will cause the others to leave the area.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.



Greg Wilmoth, Mayor



Jennifer L. Helbert, Recorder