

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Retreat
Minutes
February 26, 2013

Present: Robert S. Matheny-Mayor, Curtis Strickland, Roy Collins, Beverly Clark, Don Bumgarner, Dale Beck, Roy Collins, Rick Hardin-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Greg Johnson-Parks & Recreation, Bobby Fitts-Finance, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Tim Hayworth-Police, Dennis Brannan-Police, Chris Ray-Public Works, Sidney Perry-Fire, Chris Perry-Fire, Eric Vernon-Attorney

Rick Hardin opened the meeting at 8:30am.

FINANCE UPDATE

Bobby Fitts gave the financial update and reviewed the revenue and expenditure projections for the rest of fiscal year 2013, the economic trends and the financial outlook for the next few years.

Mark Hetrick spoke about the number of permits, Weaver's Pond and its amenities and how that was moving forward.

Hold Harmless funding was discussed and how that would affect the budget and that they were pushing to have a bill introduced that would extend that money for at least another year.

Commissioner Bumgarner updated the group on the legislature and the meeting that was had recently concerning hold harmless funding.

Rick Hardin did an update on the proforma and how that was going to affect the budget and the water and sewer fees that would be proposed in the upcoming budget.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Greg Johnson presented the big items going on with the Parks & Recreation Department. Commissioner Beck asked about the adult programs and how well they were doing and Greg explained that they were doing quite well especially the fitness classes and Zumba. Commissioner Bumgarner said that the active health programs that were very big in Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Raleigh were coming east.

Mark Hetrick presented the important projects going on with the Planning Department and his insights for the future planning issues in Zebulon.

Tim Hayworth spoke about the Police Department and where they were with staffing, vehicles and the issues facing their department in the future.

Chris Ray let the Board know of the projects that the Public Works Department was working on. Mayor Matheny asked about the roof maintenance and inspection that were being done on the old buildings.

Chris Perry presented the Fire Department items that were being worked on and what was planned for the next year in that department. There was discussion about volunteers and how to

get that number up. Commissioner Strickland asked what the minimum age was for a volunteer and Chief Perry stated it was 18 and they had to do basic training at a community college, OSHA stuff and then they were paid \$8 or so per call that they attended.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Bobby Fitts presented the capital improvement plan.

There was discussion about the additional fire station and how that would affect the ISO rating with Weaver's Pond beginning to grow. It was explained that grading the Town now would be a good thing and it should be completed soon.

The Board asked about county funding for the Fire Department and it was explained that it should be at 50% or so. However, it was explained that they were looking at cutting back the funding for the Town of Zebulon.

There was a demonstration of the new K-9 Rocco with handler Jesse Brown.

SURPLUS PROPERTIES

Rick Hardin introduced Scott Hadley with NAI Carolantic who spoke about the buildings and the comparables for the buildings in the area and what the Town needed to do if they wanted to sell those buildings. The main theme that he was sharing was that the price needed to be reduced so that there was a chance of getting some interest and selling them.

Scott explained that there had been inquiries about the Council Chambers but mostly by churches and that was not allowed with the zoning in place for that property.

The various needs of each of the buildings were discussed and the main one being a new roof was needed for the Council Chambers at a cost of approximately \$53,000. However, it was the consensus of the Board that they dispose of the property without making any repairs.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Date

Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

SEAL

Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk