

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SWEPSONVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 19TH, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Raymond Herring.

Mayor Raymond Herring, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Doss, Elvin Briggs, Darrell Newton, Doug Scott were all present.

The minutes for the meeting December 15th, 2009 were reviewed. Elvin Briggs made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Hugh Doss seconded the motion. The minutes for the meeting December 15th, 2009 were unanimously approved.

Booby Massey, Town's CPA, gave 2008-2009 Audit Review to the Town Council. Bobby stated that the only debt for the Town is \$115,000.00 for the Quarry Hill Pump Station. Bobby also stated that the Town has done very well.

Paul Koonts, Town Attorney, gave the Town Council an update on the Virginia Mills Property. Mid-Carolina Bank sent a letter to Virginia Mills Associates to get approval to be on the property. Will Mann contacted Mid-Carolina Bank and gave them approval to go on the property. Brownfield has the phrase-1 environmental study. What is the next step for the Town? Paul Koonts talked to Franz Holt, the Town's Engineer, about the steps in getting a phrase-3. Phrase-3 testing would be done under the concrete slabs. The test will cost about \$50,000.00. Paul stated that Mid-Carolina Bank will not do a phrase-3. The Bank will sit and wait. Doug Scott wants to know if there are any grants out there to help with the clearing and cleaning of the Virginia Mills Property. Paul Koonts stated that he don't know if there is. Paul Koonts stated that Mid-Carolina wants someone to buy the property as is. Mid-Carolina Bank doesn't want to spend the money for the testing.

Paul Koonts also spoke to the Town Council about the progress on the personnel policy. Paul stated that the Town Council needs to decide which retirement plan, 401k or State plan, they want to put in the personnel policy.

Paul Koonts also talked to the Town Council about the code of Ethics. This is a new rule that each Town Council member has to have two hours of ethics training every time they are elected. All Town Council has to have their two hours in before 2011.

Steve Scott gave the Town Council his job description of pulling water samples. What all that is involved and how many he has to pull a month. The Town also put Steve Scott a working water lab downstairs in the Town Hall.

The Mayor Raymond Herring gave an update on the Main Pump Station. The relay switch in the control panel has been fixed and every thing is running smoothly. The Town Council also looked at the amount of November 2009 and December 2009 sewer bills that we pay to Burlington. In December the bill went up a lot because we had 20 inches of rain.

The Mayor Raymond Herring also told the Town Council about a fire hydrant at the old fire station that was leaking and needs to be repaired. It will cost \$1100.00 to replace the insides. Darrell Newton made a motion to fix the fire hydrant. Elvin Briggs seconded the motion. The fixing of the fire hydrant passed unanimously.

The Mayor Raymond Herring and Elvin Briggs met with Greg Garrett, Shugart Enterprises, LLC. Shugart Enterprises is looking into the Laurelton Town Homes property on Hwy NC 54. They want to put 122 lots of single family homes starting price at \$130,000.00. They want the lots to have 50 ft road frontage. The houses will be 1100 sq ft to 1800 sq ft. They are asking to build them on slabs with brick and rock. They are going to come to the February meeting and discuss with the Town Councils their plans.

Jim Harris with Harris Construction came in to discuss plans for Vaughn Village Subdivision. Jim asked the Town Council for a waiver instead of all brick on the sides, front, and back. He asked the Town Council to have a mix of brick, rock or stone and hardy board. The houses will still be on a brick foundation. Scott Graham is the builder. Darrell Newton made a motion to grant the waiver. Elvin Briggs seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Doug Scott asked Bobby Massey, Town's CPA, could they talk about internal control for the Town. Bobby stated that this is up to the Town Council to have a written policy. Darrell Newton stated that he thinks that the Mayor shouldn't be the one to approve invoices and sign the checks. Darrell said for the Mayor safety he thinks that someone else should sign the

checks. Bobby also stated that the Mayor has done a fine job with giving copies of invoices to all the Town Council and making them aware of what is being paid out. The Mayor stated he thinks that Bobby needs to make an outline for the Town Council.

There were no open time comments made.

Hugh Doss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elvin Briggs seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Angela Stewart

Town of Swepsonville Minutes recorded January 29, 2010 by Angela Stewart, Town Clerk.