

THE FOUR HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN
VILLAGE OF ALAMANCE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 – 5:30 PM

Present: Mayor Bundren, Alderman Tichy, Alderman Clemmons, Alderman Crouse, Alderman Slaughter, Alderman Gregory and Clerk York.

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Sharpe

Alderman Clemmons gave the invocation.

Alderman Crouse moved to approve the August 23, 2012 meeting minutes. Alderman Tichy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Plaid Day

Mayor Bundren asked if there was any discussion on Plaid Day. Alderman Slaughter said that it might be good to hold the event in springtime. Mayor Bundren suggested that a committee be formed to help plan Plaid Day. She asked Alderman Slaughter if she would be willing to put a committee together. Alderman Slaughter agreed to organize this committee.

Report on Cabin Pump Station Project

Mark Reich said he had received an e-mail from Allen Hart of USDA. Mr. Hart indicated that the Village could go ahead and submit their application. Mr. Reich said that he thought that Mr. Hart was going to help the Village fill out the application and provide guidance about any additional information the USDA may need. Alderman Crouse said that it was his recollection as well that Mr. Hart would help the Village. Mr. Reich said that Clerk York had had the same recollection as Alderman Crouse and himself.

ORC Report

Arnold Allred said the collection system was running well. On September 11th, he discovered a float that was stuck at the NC 62 Pump Station. The pump had been running dry for a couple of days. They are running fine now. Mayor Bundren asked if there was a glitch in the system. Mr. Allred said that there was not a glitch and the pump station is working fine.

The only item in regard to the distribution system was the break in the main water line on NC 62 that occurred in August. Mr. Allred said that only about \$1,000 worth of water was lost. Mayor Bundren asked if the City of Burlington would give the Village a credit for the water lost. Clerk York said that he would check to see if the Village could get a credit. Mark Reich said that we may get a break on the sewer and not on the water. Mayor Bundren thanked Mr. Allred for his work on this.

There was no additional Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Report

Clerk York reported that the \$110,500, CD purchased from Carter Bank in March, matured on September 15, 2012. It earned \$326.06 in interest. A new CD was purchased for \$110,826.06. The new rate for this CD is .50%.

Alderman Clemmons mentioned that sales tax revenue was coming in above the projections.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billy Sipe, a contractor in Alamance County, spoke to the Board on behalf of Henry Shackelford. Mr. Shackelford owns Fogelman's Upholstery on Hwy 62. The building had been damaged some time back and he has been hired by Mr. Shackelford to repair the damage. He would like to get the State to put in a guard rail along the curb in front of Fogelman's Upholstery. The walls at the shop are 8 inches wide. A vehicle caused a lot of damage to that wall. There was another accident this past weekend. It would be in the best interest of the town to have a guard rail. It would protect the public and it could save a life. During heavy rain, a car could hydroplane and run over the curb and hit whoever may be standing there at the time. Mayor Bundren said that water does run heavily in that area. He wanted to know if the town would join with him and try to get the State to put up a guard rail. Mr. Shackelford is planning to build the building up. He would just like to be protected. Mayor Bundren said that she had written to Sam Hunt, years ago, about obtaining guard rails in the Village. He was successful at getting them here. Alderman Crouse said that Mike Mills, NCDOT District Engineer for this area, might be able to help. He said that the first thing DOT will do is check to see if putting up a guard rail will cause any traffic that hits it, to veer into the other lane. Mr. Sipe said that the vehicles in both accidents were coming from the opposite lane when they crashed into the building. Mayor Bundren said that Alderman Tichy is in charge of our streets and he will contact DOT to ask about the guard rail. Alderman Tichy said that these things don't always move fast. He said that Mr. Mills though, has been good about getting things on the schedule. DOT is often looking for small projects, because they have budget money that has to be spent. Mr. Sipe thanked the Board.

Clerk York said that ethics training needed to be done by the end of October. The cost is \$125. This is not a per person charge. It is just for the webinar itself. Alderman Clemmons asked if this would have to be advertised. Clerk York said that there would not be a quorum present and so it would not have to be advertised. Alderman Gregory asked if it could be done at someone's house. Clerk York said that it could be done at someone's home. Clerk York said that the training would have an audio and a visual component. The visual component would include slides. Mayor Bundren asked if they could log into the webinar from home. Clerk York said that he would check but that he did not think that this was possible.

Clerk York showed the Board a plaque that had been given by the NC Division of Community Assistance for successful completion of the CDBG Sewer project on Alamance Baptist Church Road. There was also booklet of pictures of the various projects that had been presented. Mayor Bundren asked Clerk York to hang the plaque at the Town Hall.

Alderman Slaughter mentioned that the easement behind the 62 pump station needed to be mowed. Clerk York said that he would speak to Mr. Saxon, who is responsible for outfall maintenance, regarding the area that needs to be mowed.

Mayor Bundren said that the street along NC 62 had been cleaned for \$150 dollars. Alderman Gregory said that the landscaping at the NC 62 pump station looked good. Mayor Bundren said the work was completed for \$1,000.

Alderman Gregory moved to adjourn and Alderman Tichy seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

_____ Cathera R. Bundren, Mayor

_____ Ben York, Village Clerk