



**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Cheryl Moore, Iris Powell

Council Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Dennis Paschal III

A quorum was present.

Staff Present: George Murphy, Town Administrator
Yvonne Russell, Clerk/Finance Officer

Others Present: Patrick Kane, Attorney – Smith Moore Leatherwood
Lee Templeton – Friends of the Chinqua Penn Trail

Article I. Call to Order

Mayor Dennis Paschal, Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. Invocation

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA –

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

B. Approve/ Amend Agenda

No one signed the speaker register.

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, “*To approve the agenda as written*”.

Councilwoman Iris Powell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2014

Councilwoman Powell made a MOTION, *“They be accepted as written”*.

Mayor Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. Old Business

A. Post Office Project Update

- George Murphy, Town Administrator

George Murphy, Town Administrator presented photos demonstrating how construction has progressed at the Community Building located at 200 County Home Road.

Mr. Murphy said S&S Building and Development expect to have paving completed by November 10th and construction completed by December 10th; however, he feels that may be too optimistic.

Mayor Paschal asked if paving would extend to the road or if there will be a grass buffer between the parking lot and the road.

Mr. Murphy explained that there will be a grass buffer.

Councilwoman Cheryl Moore asked if the Post Office will open on December 10th.

Mr. Murphy clarified that construction is expected to be completed by December 10th; however, that doesn't mean the Post Office will be ready to open in at that time.

Article VI. New Business

A. 2014 Run With the Cows 5K Run/Walk REPORT

- Lee Templeton, Friends of the Chinqua Penn Trail

Mrs. Lee Templeton submitted a report of the financial results for the 2014 Friends of Chinqua-Penn Trail Fun 5K Walk/Run. (Note: Mrs. Templeton's report is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

Report to Wentworth Town Council on Results of 2014 Friends of Chinqua-Penn Trail Fun Walk/Run

132 people registered: 53 registered online, 50 flyers and mail, 29 on the day of the Run

20 sponsors: Town of Wentworth and Rakestraw Insurance both donated the most--\$500 each

In-kind donations totaled an estimated value of \$1,360

Total amount raised through monetary donations, sponsorships, registrations, and sales of painted slates: \$7,714.90

Total amount of expenses for Run: \$1,872.91

Net amount raised for repairs to the Spring House roof, taking down a few trees that threaten the Spring House, and maintenance of the trail: \$5,841.99

We are already planning the Fun Walk/Run for 2015.



*See Templeton
4 November 2014*

Article VI. New Business

A. 2014 Run With the Cows 5K Run/Walk REPORT.....Continued

Mrs. Templeton reported that most of the money raised is being used for repairs to the Spring House, located on the Chinqua-Penn Trail, as well as maintenance of the Trail itself. The roofing material is slate, which is very expensive. Bill Newman has donated slates for the roof. Earlier this year, the old slates were removed, wood was repaired/replaced, and roofing paper was put in place in preparation for the time when there would be enough funds to replace the slates. Due to the success of the 5K Run/Walk, the Friends of the Chinqua-Penn Trail now have the funds to complete the project.

Mayor Paschal asked, “What was the estimated cost to repair the roof?”

Mrs. Templeton answered, “To put the slates back on was estimated between \$3,000 and \$4,000 depending on whether we had to buy the slates. To get the slates off and repair the wood structure and put that other stuff on was \$4,180.”

Mrs. Templeton and **Council** discussed the lack of repairs made to the Trail and the Chinqua-Penn grounds over the years. Mrs. Templeton invited everyone to assist with a Trail Work Day on November 22 starting at 9:45am.

Councilwoman Moore suggested that maintenance on the Trail might be a good Senior Project for someone at Rockingham County High School.

Mrs. Templeton said the Friends of the Chinqua-Penn Trail are planning to use the 5K Run/Walk as a fundraiser next year as well. She also displayed several roof slates that have been painted by local artist and are for sale.

Article VII. Public Comments

No one signed the speaker register.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements.

- *The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Planning Board is November 18, 2014, at 7pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.*
- *The next regular meeting of the Wentworth Town Council is December 2, 2014, at 7pm in the Town Hall Council Chambers.*
- *Register now for the Wentworth Christmas Parade! Entry forms are available at Town Hall and online at www.townofwentworth.com. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th at 11:00am.*

The Clerk read a thank you note from Harold Vaden, who has graciously accepted the role of Grand Marshal for the 7th Annual Wentworth Christmas Parade on December 13, 2014.

Article IX. A D J O U R N

Mayor Paschal made a MOTION, “*We adjourn*”.

Councilwoman Powell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Approved by: _____
Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr.
Mayor