



APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

David called the meeting to order

INVOCATION

David offered an invocation

ROLL CALL

Participating members are Mayor Guy, Commissioners Goode & Steppe, Manager/Administrator Hanaway

AGENDA ADOPTION

David invited a motion to adopt agenda as presented; William made a motion, Nick seconded. Passes unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKERS-None scheduled.

COMMUNITY FORUM-No participation

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES-Last meeting's minutes accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Place Holders while we work**-Hazard Mitigation Planning, Town Sign, Trail Lighting, Concrete pad, Grant Recipients

No updates to the place holders as the team continues to work on the progress

2. **Christmas Decorations**-See attachment, Amie will discuss.

The board reviewed recommendations for repairs to existing Christmas decorations, addressing three fourths of our inventory. William made a motion to accept the recommendations, Nick seconded, passed unanimously.

3. **Roof**-See attached, Amie will explain

Amie encouraged the board once again to review the roofing quotes and ask any questions so we can get a revised quote and move forward. She shared photos from Nick displaying the recent wind damage to fascia and guttering. Amie had Mr. Morgan to make the repairs for the interim. William said get a revised quote from Shubin ensuring it will cover the fascia and we will proceed. Amie will contact Shubin this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. **Financial Reports**-See attached

Amie reviewed the financial reports from the boards packet, submitted an ordinance for review, asking for motion to amend revenues for increases, decreasing our dependency on appropriated fund balance. William made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented, Nick seconded, passes unanimously. Amie discussed budget workshop and communicated she will have some preliminary numbers by the first of May and we will organize and schedule the workshops then. David did mention the increase to Rutherford County's Solid Waste program. Amie emphasized this will be reflected in her numbers.

5. **Tax Operations**-Amie will share her findings and update status

See pp. 35-36 "*Municipal Board and Councils*"

<https://www.ncdor.gov/documents/files/assessor-handbook/open>

“Many county assessors are responsible for collecting taxes for the municipalities in their jurisdiction. As such, it is important to increase support for the municipal boards and councils and keep those elected officials informed. Assessors should strive to develop relationships with these officials, communicating necessary information, and mentoring them on the taxation process. Communication is especially important for assessors that serve as collector and do not collect for all municipalities in their county. When adjustments are made to tax billings at the county level, the municipality must be informed to make the necessary changes on their end and vice-versa. This ensures taxpayers are treated equitably and promotes excellent public service. It is also a good idea to attend municipal meetings. Don't overlook the opportunity to work with other local government officials to ensure they are on board with your efforts as the assessor.

Board of Equalization and Review-

<https://rutherfordcountync.granicus.com/boards/w/fb4e2bc550ba4898/boards/28731>

Amie shared updates with the board from her conversations with our lawyer, the SOG lawyer, NCLM, the LGC Finance division and the NCDOR; she provided feedback from her conversations with Bostic and Ellenboro as well. She communicated the correspondence to date with the Revenue director, County Manager, and County lawyer. The board supports and encourages these efforts and wants Amie to continue with understanding the details, including the policies/processes/procedures, internal operations of the County's Tax office.

NEW BUSINESS-No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, William seconded, passed unanimously.

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