

MONTHLY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ADOPTION

GUEST SPEAKERS

1. No Guest Speakers registered.

COMMUNITY FORUM

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

- [2.](#) Last Meeting's Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

3. No old business updates at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- [4.](#) Financial reports are attached, along with a recommended amendment. Amie will review and discuss upcoming budget season.

NEW BUSINESS

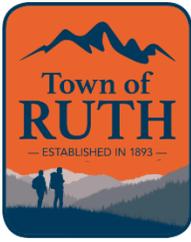
5. Flag-David submitted this item for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Closed Session-David has requested a closed meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Town Hall at (828) 287-7943 within 48 hours prior to the meeting to request such assistance.



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order-David called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

David offered an invocation.

ROLL CALL

Participating roll call- Mayor Guy, Commissioners Goode and Piper, Manager Hanaway.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Agenda Adoption-There was an amendment to the agenda adding a new business item. Goode motioned, Piper seconded. Agenda has been modified.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest Speakers-none scheduled.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Community Forum-none present.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

1. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes- attached

OLD BUSINESS

2. Update on the Mall area surveys/schematics-preliminary surveys attached.
3. Spring Fling-Jenny and David are working on this item.
David and Jenny are still working on the Spring Fling event. No updates to provide yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Financial Reports attached; Amendment Ordinance recommendation also attached.

Financial report review and recommended ordinance. Amie pointed out the budget vs actual report, highlighting the completed items, the watchlist items, and the line item in need of reclassification. Amie has recommended an amendment vs reclass. The item is an increase to department materials and supplies offset by a decrease in capital outlay other improvement. Amie also pointed out the eventual amendment to property tax collection and fire district taxes as a result of the County Tax Office estimation mistake. Nick made a motion to accept the recommended amendment ordinance, Jenny seconded, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Town building and grounds update-See attached quote for bringing our attic insulation up to code.
Go-Forth insulation quote to add 6 inches of insulation to bring to code is for \$4,275.00, tax of \$299.25, totaling \$4,574.25. After discussion and quote review, Nick made a motion to accept the quote and move forward, Jenny seconded, passes unanimously.
6. Amie will inform the board of the latest FOIA requests.

Amie reviewed with the board the inundation of FOIA requests that seem artificial and unusual. Board recommends those that seem out of bounds to forward to our lawyer for statute requirements. Amie attached and shared emails from other Managers, Danna Stansbury from Foothills Regional, and the SOG and their team of documented AI generated FOIA requests and their recommendation to NOT respond. The board was relieved to hear we were not alone and to follow the advice given. Amie will continue to follow through with consulting our lawyer.

7. Christmas Decoration revitalization-Amie shared the quote to revitalize the remaining decorations not included in last year's update. This will include sanding, powder coating, restringing, new garland, repairs to all missing or broken pieces, etc. Amie reviewed with the board the savings already realized by upgrading the blubs to LED from the first tranche of revitalizations. Board was pleased to know the decision was cost-saving. Amie pointed out the remainder left in Christmas Decoration budget, although still awaiting the installation and removal bill, also the outstanding approved line and panel upgrades not yet performed, and the room in Capital Outlay equipment, and Capital Outlay other. The quote is \$17,855.00, tax \$1,249.85, totaling \$19,104.85. Board reviewed the contents, Goode made a motion to proceed, Piper seconded, passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Nick made a motion to adjourn, Jenny seconded, meeting adjourned.

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Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	Pr	Item 4.
Type: Revenues						
Revenues	10-250-01 Unearned Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-01 Late List Penalty Current	\$0.00	\$7.48	\$7.48		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-02 Late List Penalty Prior	\$0.00	\$0.92	\$0.92		0.00%
Revenues	10-300-00 Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-301-00 Current Taxes	\$204,717.08	\$160,284.49	(\$44,432.59)		78.30%
Revenues	10-301-01 Taxes - Prior Years	\$0.00	\$2,806.77	\$2,806.77		0.00%
Revenues	10-302-00 Interest and Penalties	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-329-00 Interest Earned on Invest	\$5,270.00	\$3,891.71	(\$1,378.29)		73.85%
Revenues	10-329-01 Interest Earned Powell Bill	\$110.00	\$102.29	(\$7.71)		92.99%
Revenues	10-335-00 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-336-00 Current Personal Auto Taxes	\$10,123.18	\$9,559.61	(\$563.57)		94.43%
Revenues	10-336-01 Personal Auto Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-337-00 NC Franchise Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-343-00 Powell Bill Allocation	\$16,000.00	\$15,219.55	(\$780.45)		95.12%
Revenues	10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	\$60,500.00	\$62,757.60	\$2,257.60		103.73%
Revenues	10-367-03 NC Franchise & Utility TD	\$13,300.00	\$14,109.85	\$809.85		106.09%
Revenues	10-367-04 Solid Waste Disposal Tax Dist.	\$300.00	\$205.86	(\$94.14)		68.62%
Revenues	10-380-01 Sign Permit Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-385-01 Hall Rental Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-01 Current Landfill Fees	\$33,880.00	\$31,518.23	(\$2,361.77)		93.03%
Revenues	10-399-02 Landfill Fees Prior	\$0.00	\$471.21	\$471.21		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-51 ARP Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$344,200.26	\$300,985.57	(\$43,214.69)		87%
Type: Expenses						
Expenses	10-400-00 Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-409-00 NC Sales Tax	\$1,800.00	\$891.17	\$908.83		49.51%
Expenses	10-409-01 Sales Tax Other	\$80.00	\$67.65	\$12.35		84.56%
Expenses	10-409-02 S/H Freight	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-00 Mayor's Salary	\$387.54	\$258.40	\$129.14		66.68%
Expenses	10-410-01 Commissioner's Salary	\$646.00	\$384.46	\$261.54		59.51%
Expenses	10-410-02 Tax Collection & Clerk Ex	\$23,600.04	\$15,733.36	\$7,866.68		66.67%
Expenses	10-410-03 Legal	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-04 Professional Services	\$10,200.00	\$10,282.97	(\$82.97)		100.81%
Expenses	10-410-06 FICA Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-10 Election Expense	\$0.00	\$600.14	(\$600.14)		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-11 Town Employee Education	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall	\$4,000.00	\$2,307.63	\$1,692.37		57.69%

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Expenses	10-410-15 Maint/Repairs-Bldg&Ground	\$17,500.00	\$5,049.58	\$12,450.42		28.85%
Expenses	10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$975.00		2.50%
Expenses	10-410-26 Advertising	\$300.00	\$114.40	\$185.60		38.13%
Expenses	10-410-33 Dept.Materials & Supplies	\$3,469.94	\$3,213.54	\$256.40		92.61%
Expenses	10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	\$25,000.00	\$24,404.40	\$595.60		97.62%
Expenses	10-410-54 Insurance & Bonds	\$8,648.75	\$7,356.39	\$1,292.36		85.06%
Expenses	10-410-57 Miscellaneous Expense	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-58 Christmas Decorations	\$30,000.00	\$12,512.50	\$17,487.50		41.71%
Expenses	10-410-59 Downtown Beautification	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-60 Town Hall Furnishings	\$551.31	\$551.31	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-70 Town Grounds	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-76 Captial Outlay-Technology	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-420-01 CARES Expenditure account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-71 Capital Outlay Land	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-72 Capital Outlay Building	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-73 Capital Outlay Other Imp	\$29,500.00	\$0.00	\$29,500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-74 Capital Outlay Equipment	\$30,194.11	\$0.00	\$30,194.11		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-75 Capital Outlay Technology	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-00 Fire Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-45 FireDept.Contr.Serv-Calls	\$71,613.42	\$59,414.45	\$12,198.97		82.97%
Expenses	10-530-46 Tree Removal	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-00 Street Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-13 Utilities-Street Lights	\$10,393.99	\$6,328.08	\$4,065.91		60.88%
Expenses	10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-15 Maint/Rep-Existing Street	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-16 Snow & Ice Removal	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-17 Traffic Control	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-18 Drainage & Storm Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-19 Curb & Gutter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-20 Bikeways	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-21 Sidewalks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-22 Greenways	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-25 Town Hall Mowing & beautification	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-26 Helene Storm Damage Cleanup and Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-33 Dept. Materials & Supplie	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	(\$1,300.00)		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-45 Contr.Serv.-FireHydrants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-00 Sanitation Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-33 Sanitation-Dept.Mat.&Supp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		5%

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Expenses	10-580-44 Recycle Contracted Servic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-45 Garbage Contracted Serciv	\$22,490.16	\$14,901.04	\$7,589.12		66.26%
Expenses	10-580-46 RCSW Landfill Fees	\$11,200.00	\$8,315.88	\$2,884.12		74.25%
Expenses	40-500-00 Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$344,200.26	\$176,062.35	\$168,137.91		51%