

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

August 10, 2020

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 10, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the A & O Bridges Community Center via teleconference call due to the COVID-19 Virus State of Emergency. Mayor Blue Cole was at the Community Center along with Attorney Brad Sears, and Town Clerk Deannia Roberson.

Present were the following: Mayor Blue Cole, Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good, Council Member Stan-Parten, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Council Member Tom Teagle, Town Clerk Deannia Roberson, Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud, Resident Polly Garlington, and Attorney Brad Sears. No one else identified themselves as being on the teleconference call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to Open Public Hearing for the 2021 Millage Rate. A motion was made by Elizabeth Good and Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Public hearing opened by Mayor Cole. The public notice was placed in the Times-Herald newspaper earlier this month and that we will take the rollback and set our M&O millage rate 2.275% which is lower than last year's rate of 2.517. Pending reassessments done by the Tax Assessor's office. Currently, the tax digest is approximately \$23,000 which is a slight decline \$103 less. For our budget purposes we will set a number under that. Our rate will be 2.275 and \$23,581. Mayor asked anyone in the public or on council has any questions? A question was asked by Council Member Tom Teagle if we were still getting \$23K back with the millage reduction? Mayor Cole answered, yes. Attorney Brad Sears added that today, August 10th, is the last day to file an appeal. The Coweta County will be working on these appeals now. Also, Council Member Tom Teagle asked if we can truly get an appeal? Mayor Cole explained if you present facts and information, an appraisal, and comps you would be able to prove your case. No questions from the public in attendance. The public hearing portion of the meeting was ended by Mayor Cole.

The minutes of the July 13, 2020, Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as written Council Member Elizabeth Good made a motion, Council Member Tom Teagle seconded. Minutes accepted by all.

New Business

Vehicle Size Restriction Ordinance Amendment. Attorney Sears made corrections to limit the vehicles to 6 wheels/12,000 pounds from the surface streets in Sharpsburg, all the streets, mainly Main & Terrentine but not the highways in town. The exceptions are: recreational vehicles, recreational trailers being pulled, boat trailers, school buses, EMT, vehicles and moving vans. This is our first reading and the second reading will be in September. Signs will be put up saying as of September 15, 2020 vehicles are limited to 6 wheels and 12,000 pounds. Any other questions: Council Member Tom Teagle asked if we have plans to visit the Twelve Parks people and notify them of the ordinance about the construction vehicles? The Mayor is planning on a visit. Tom offered to go with Mayor Cole. Council Member Elizabeth Good asked about the traffic circle at 16 and 54. Mayor Cole asked Attorney Sears if he has heard of an update about the 16/54 roundabout. He has not. Mayor Cole is going to call Todd Handley, Public Works Director, to get an update. Mayor Cole asked for motion to accept the first reading. Council Member Stan Parten made first motion and Council Member Tom Teagle seconded it. All in favor. Unanimously accepted.

Resolution to adopt our 2020 Millage Rate to 2.275 with a decrease of \$103. Council Member Tom Teagle made first motion and Council Member Elizabeth Good seconded. All in favor, passed unanimously.

Old Business

Inter-Governmental Agreement

Mayor Cole stated that we needed to revisit the IGA that was tabled at the last meeting. Several municipalities have passed it. They are Coweta County, Newnan, Palmetto, and the Coweta County DA's office. Mayor Cole asked for a motion. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a first motion; Council Member Stan Parten seconded it. Council Member Tom Teagle was opposed. Motion passed 4-1. Public Comments or Council Comments: Town resident, Polly Garlington, said that she was very proud of Mayor Cole to support the IGA and its goal of race/equity/inclusion, and justice in our communities.

Polling of Council

Council Member Stan Parten asked if speed tables were doing their job? Council Member Tom Teagle and Council Member Elizabeth Good said that they are. He also asked about Radar Sign on Terrentine. It is going to be moved to another spot within the town where it will be more effective since it is now right beside by the speed table there.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked if we are planning to have a Dumpster Day this year. Mayor Cole said that we are looking at October when the GMA has Cities Week. Need to get information from our trash service company GFL. Also, Tom asked about having a County crew come in and do trimming of brush on Haines Trail and address the flooding on Stovall. Mayor Cole is going to follow-up. He also asked about getting an

overhead projector for Town Hall. Commented that the DOT has an amazing plug-in TV. We will look at expense and options at a later date.

No further questions from the other council members.

Deannia Roberson, Town Clerk, asked for a change to the September Council Meeting from 9/7/2020 since that is Labor Day. Council Meeting is changed to Monday 9/14/2020.

The additional variances for the Frigid Frog/Toasty Toad were discussed. They are as follows:

1. Parking for employees
2. Drive through located in rear of building
3. Lattice and underpinning instead of slab
4. Setbacks are required on the plat that was submitted

Mayor Cole stated that we can accept the 1981 plat because Coweta County is so backed up. This will be done instead of waiting another 4 weeks and have her spend thousands of dollars in getting her a new one. Her application will be given back to her to get the paperwork in order.

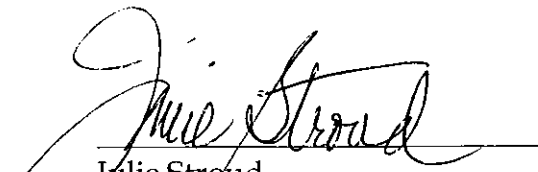
Mayor's Update

We will be looking at revising our zoning ordinance, which cost about \$15,000. We will be working with Three Rivers to update our Comprehensive Plan, which is due October 2021, maybe we can work with them on the zoning ordinance and get a discount. The Town of Turin used Three Rivers to do theirs. Council must be involved.

EDP – the Town of Sharpsburg has an anonymous complaint made to the EDP about lead paint and asbestos in older buildings. More to follow.

Cares Act – We can receive up to \$18,000 to recoup some of our losses during the pandemic. We lost about \$9,000 on our rentals. Deannia working on preparing this and will follow up at September's meeting.

Mayor Cole asked if there were any additional questions: None. He asked for a motion to conclude the meeting. Council Member Stan Parten made the first motion and Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded it. All in favor. Meeting concluded with all in favor.


Julie Stroud
Deputy Town Clerk

