



Town of Green Level Regular Meeting
Green Level Municipal Building
Thursday, November 14, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Green Level Council was held on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Green Level Municipal Building located at 2510 Green Level Church Road.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Remonia Enoch, Mayor Pro Tem Carissa Graves-Henry, Councilmember Theodore Howard, and Councilmember Michael Trollinger (also Interim Town Administrator).

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Richard Woods

GREEN LEVEL STAFF PRESENT: Interim Town Administrator Michael Trollinger (also Councilmember) and Town Clerk Suzanne Bigelow.

GREEN LEVEL TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: Eugene Russell.

Mayor Remonia Enoch called the meeting to order and Councilman Trollinger gave the invocation.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to consent to the agenda as is. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion to consent to the agenda as is. Councilman Trollinger seconded this motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 10, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion to approve the minutes for October 10, 2019. Councilman Howard seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Mayor Enoch opened public comment.

Carol Brunner, owner of Village Mobile Home Park located at 1934 N NC Hwy 49, addressed the council concerning no flow (for 4 hours) to low flow water pressure that has been present at her park since October 11, 2019. Ms. Brunner wants the Town to find a solution to her Park's low water flow and pressure issue.

Ida Kleiner of 114 Steamboat Lane congratulated the newly elected/re-elected council members. She expressed her desire that the council be unified for the growth and betterment of the Town. Ms. Kleiner also requested to know what the vision will be for the Town/when it will be presented to the citizens.

Johnny Herd, a 5 year resident of Village Mobile Home Park, expressed his concern about his low water pressure. He shared that he is not able to use his washer or his dishwasher (properly), due to this low water pressure issue.

James Jackson, of 1305 N NC Hwy 49, stated that Public Works pulled his trees up and have not fixed this issue as of yet and it's been over 2 months since his initial complaint.

Mayor Enoch assured each public comment participator that they would each receive a timely response back from the Town, in regards to their issue.

Town Administrator Updates

Administrator Trollinger explained that the media present in the council chambers is due to a rural technology fund grant from RTF in the amount of \$5,000.00. Jeff Fountain is to be credited for the Town receiving this grant.

Administrator Trollinger gave an update on operations since moving into the new town hall, about 2 weeks prior. There have been some phone issues and the Town has been assured by our phone contractor that the issues we are experiencing will be corrected. Also, USDA documentation should be presented at the next council meeting in order to convert our construction loan to a USDA loan at 3% interest.

Per Administrator Trollinger, the Town's audit, being done by Eddie Carrick CPA, is underway and each councilmember will receive a questionnaire that should be completed and returned as soon as possible in order for our audit to be completed and turned in on time.

Administrator Trollinger requested that the council vote on the date of Friday, July 3, 2020 for the fireworks show, to lock in the price of \$7,000.00. Mayor Enoch asked for a vote on this. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion that we have our 4th of July celebration on Friday, July 3rd and that we go ahead and lock in a contract of \$7,000.00 for the fireworks show. Councilmember Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Administrator Trollinger presented a budget amendment that was in need of a council vote. Mayor Enoch asked if the council was ready to vote. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to accept the budget ordinance amendment that's presented to us tonight. Councilman Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Administrator Trollinger discussed the benefits of having a contract with WithersRavenel, including the ability to avoid having to pay a pricey hourly rate and the fact that they know are familiar with our system. There was council discussion and the decision was made to have our attorney to take a look at the contract and to bring his recommendations back to the council before a vote is taken on this matter. Concerning our lift station rehab project, per Administrator Trollinger's conversation with Michael Koser, the lift station sites have been approved and permitted.

The Town of Green Level has received a grant for about \$500,000, through DOT and the high impact - low impact MPO with the City of Burlington, in order to align the intersection of Green Level Church Road and James Boswell Road. The hope is that once this intersection is aligned,

the Department of Engineer would be favorable to some type of traffic light being placed at this intersection. While this project has been approved, funding is not currently available.

Town Attorney Update

None

Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry congratulated the individuals who were elected/re-elected to Green Level's Town council.

Councilmember Howard thanked Ida Kleiner for her comment and addressed it.

Councilmember Trollinger thanked all for coming out and congratulated those who were elected/re-elected to the Town council. He also highlighted the community watch program and residents were encouraged to come out.

Mayor Enoch asked about the status of street paving. Rodney Gunn addressed this and assured the Mayor that if she got a list to him, public works would patch these holes. The Mayor thanked those who participated in the election and also thanked those for coming out to the meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into closed session citing NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (6) personnel. Mayor Pro Graves-Henry made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11 (a) (6) personnel. Councilmember Trollinger seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion to go back into open session. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion to go back into open session. Councilmember Howard seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Administrator Trollinger made the council aware that the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be very tight. He stated that the council will need to have a budget summit together. One of our waste vendors is getting ready to discontinue our agreement with them in conjunction with the City of Burlington. The amount we are paying for services is below what our vendor is having to pay to discard our waste. It was presented that we are going to have to pass the cost to the residents of the Town.

Mayor Enoch asked for a motion for adjournment – next council meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2019. Mayor Pro Tem Graves-Henry made a motion that we adjourn until December 12, 2019. Councilmember Howard seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.