

***Town of Meggett  
Council Meeting***  
Meggett SCPA Building  
4776 Highway 165  
November 28, 2011– 7:00PM

***(Item 1, 2 and 3 Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call and Meditation)***

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Herrington. Council members present were Matt Zender, Tommy Butler and Tom Hutto. Unable to attend was Councilman Keith McCarty. The pray and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Mayor Herrington. Also in attendance were Attorney, Andy Gowder; Ellie Brabham, Administrator; and Gail Seabrook, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

***(Item 4) Approval of Minutes October Council Meeting***

The minutes for the October Council Meeting were e-mailed to all Council members prior to the schedule meeting for review and comments. Tommy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as written and the motion was second by Matt Zender. All voted to approve.

***(Item 5) Betty McZorn/Urban Entitlement Program***

Jona Murray filled in for Mrs. McZone. She presented information of Grants that would become available that would provide assistance in Charleston County areas where individuals or communities of low income could qualified for help with urban housing, water distribution and other needed projects in the community. Application documents will be available in January. Tom Hutto inquired about the amount of the grants. Ms Murray implied that last year the amount was about 1.3 million but it was distributed into 3 different types of programs. One of the programs supported is for shelters and food banks. Community development lot grants is usually what the towns apply for. Water distribution projects would fall under this category. Grant funding for water projects usually falls in the range of around \$60,000. Tom Hutto explained that because of the low population in Meggett our share of that particular type of funding would only be only about \$20,000. He also pointed out that so many other communities have a much greater need for funds than Meggett at this time. He expressed that we should wait to apply for funding until we have a very worthwhile project. Ms Murray also explained that when an application is applied for regarding repairs to housing, the house has to be brought up to code which means that when they go in to do repairs it involves more than what the initial request may be asking for. Presently over 400 homes in Charleston County are on a waiting list for well and septic system upgrade. There are several nonprofit organizations in the community that grant money is given to provide assistance for home repairs. Ms Murray indicated that if the town knows of anyone in need of help; they can submit their name and it will be turned over to one of the organizations that provide this service. Unfortunately the needs of the needy far outweigh the funds available.

***(Item 6) BZA appointment***

Angela Watts was nominated by Tommy Butler to be a member of the BZA. Matt Zender seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Her term will begin in January when Terri Zetrouer officially steps down and her term will be for two years.

***(Item 7) Council Member Reports***

- a. *Buster Herrington – building repairs and ground maintenance*- Roof repairs have been completed except for the rain drip edges and the clock tower. We have about a half of a roll of copper left. Drainage around SCPA Building is completed. The Back of SCPA building will have a gutter and two down spouts that will feed into the drain field line. We are holding off on the drainage by Town Hall until we see how the new roof helps with the water running towards the building. Mayor Herrington received a quote from Chris Wilson with regards to moving the A/C unit by Town Hall to the side of the building. The estimate was around \$500 to \$600 provided no problems are encounter. Regarding the lease agreement with Fluent Logistics, Rob has made a list of things he would like to have addressed before he signs. One being repairs to the doors; another is the office space was to be repainted. Matt Zender inquired if we would need to have the floors refinished as well since they had never been refinished. Mayor Herrington said when the furniture has been moved from Mr. Larkin's office, we will make an evaluation of what needs to be done. Mayor Herrington said he would provide Attorney Gowder with all the information regarding the lease agreement so it can be finalized and signed and go into effect by January 1. Tom Hutto asked if the lease would be a three year lease with Fluent Logistics and Dr. Meyer retaining her lease as is. Mayor Herrington replied that was correct.
- b. *Keith McCarty – Web Page*  
Keith was not here to provide report but Ellie Brabham said the web page was up to date.

c. Tom Hutto – Walnut Hill Property

Tom said some clean up had been done on the Walnut Hill property. Holes in the roads have been repaired but additional maintenance would still be required to accommodate heavy traffic. The yard area was cleaned up. Some piles of debris will need to be burned. The roof on the cottage was inspected. The heat has been set at 40 degrees so pipes will not freeze. They have been looking at where trails could be placed on the property. There are some trails around some of the pond areas which will be considered for the trail design. Some wetlands are in the area of the upper pond which may create an obstruction for a trail to encompass the pond. Signs have been purchased for no trespassing. The next step is to schedule a meeting with the committee and decide what projects we will next move forward with. Tommy Butler asked about pumping the septic system out. Tom agreed that is something that should be addressed. It was also agreed that all of the furniture would need to be removed and taken to the dump.

d. Tommy Butler- Finances

In our operating account at the end of October we have \$439,899. The reduction in the account for the month was \$38,427 with roof repairs and additions on the back of Town Hall totaling \$27,523. So far for November, we have spent \$16,970. Our CD balance is \$52,814. Our waste water account increased in revenue by \$3,744 for October. Total amount in the waste water account is \$75,500. Our CD balance for waste water is 276,960. Looking back at what we had in our operating account last year, the amount was 401,870 so that gives us about 38,000 more than we had last year for the month of October.

e. Matt Zender-Utilities

Fire station – Electrical is being completed and then the floors will be finished. The finishing of the floors will not permit anyone in the building for a week. Concrete has been completed as well as the landscaping. The fire trucks are on site so everything is on schedule. Matt will check with the fire station at a later date to see if their well water is safe enough to provide an access for residents to fill their jugs for drinking water.

Forntier – Matt checked with Mr. Rudy regarding the payment for the damage that was sustained to the sewer line awhile back. Mr. Rudy said he would check to see why there was a hold up. Frontier is partnering with ATT wireless; so for all of you who have ATT wireless you can now bundle you cell phone with your Frontier home service and get a reduction on your monthly bill.

Sewer – Mickey Seabrook is still working on the permits required to relocate the sewer line. It will probably be 5 to 6 more months before all permits are obtained for the project.

Matt said he had received information that within the next three years anyone operating a utility will be required to join PUPS for locating purposes. Failing to do so would prevent the utility company from being able to recover payment for any damages done to the service lines by a contractor. Matt provided a copy of the information to each council member.

Ordinance for subdivision sewer – Matt said he looked over what Andy had drafted and had some questions such as impact fees. Andy said he had just compiled a base document for the ordinance. He realized he would need to talk with Gene McCall on the technical issues of the ordinance. He would have a revised edition at the next meeting.

Matt inquired if we had notified the Bank of Walterboro informing them that the town is unable to provide sewer connections for the 4 taps they presently owned assigned to the four lots on Toogoodoo Farm. Attorney Gowder said they were notified by letter. Matt asked if they wanted to sell the taps back to the Town. Andy said that was not mentioned in the letter but he could write another letter inquiring if they would like to sell the taps back if the town so desired. Andy indicated the letter to Mr. Crook went out about two weeks ago but he had not received a response.

**(Item 7) New Business**

Flounder Lake Fishing - Mayor Herrington said he had received complaints from residents along the Flounder Lake Area regarding the parking along the roadside and fishing in the lake. Buster said he wrote a letter to DOT asking for help with the problem. He asked for signs to be placed along the road area indicating no parking since it was a traffic hazard. He hopes to hear from DOT in the next couple of weeks to see what can be done to help with the situation. Bill Watson, a resident on Flounder Lake asked to be recognized and emphasized the concern of the possibility of an accident occurring from people parking in the area along the road edge. He also indicated that Flounder Lake is a private lake and only the homeowners along the lake have authorization to fish in the lake.

**Council Meeting**  
**September 26, 2011**

Upgrading Security – Mayor Herrington said he had made an appointment with Coastal Burglar Alarm on Thursday to discuss upgrading the security for Town Hall and the SCPA Building. We have received three quotes but decided to go with Coastal since they had originally put the existing security system in. Council is welcome to attend the meeting as well if they so desire.

Franchise Fees – Councilman Tommy Butler inquired about franchise fees from utility companies such as Direct TV. Bill Watson, General Manager with Comcast asked to be recognized and indicated that legislation is going on addressing this issue. He will keep us informed as to what is happening with the legislation. It was explained by Mr. Watson that most of the installations are done by private contractors so that situation creates even more of a problem in trying to obtain business license fees from these companies. You would have to know who the contractors are. It may involve a different contractor for each new installation. Franchise fees are charged for the use of the R/W for the installation of their cable. Companies such as Direct TV do not have underground cables which is another loop hole.

Meeting and Event Schedule

Jan 23,2012	7:00pm	Council Meeting

**(Item 13) Public Comments**

Celeste Joye who lives on Westervelt Road expressed concern with vehicles speeding in their area and asked the town if they could help in any way. Speed limit signs are no longer posted along the road. If possible they would like to have speed bumps placed on the road. Another resident on Ethel P.O. Road presented the same request. Tom Hutto said we had been told in the past that a state road cannot have speed bumps installed. Ethel P.O. Road may be a state road. Westervelt on the other hand is a county road. We will check with the county to see what their policy is in regards to the placement of speed bumps.

A resident inquired about the old building that sits in the edge of the marsh at the edge of Meggett. The building at one time was used by the Baptist Church. They wanted to know what could be done to preserve it. They felt it held historical significant and hoped the town would check into the preservation of the building. Ellie Brabham said if information could be obtained indicating its historical significant, we could apply for Grant Money to help with the restoration.

*Submitted by Zoning and Planning Administrator: Gail Seabrook*