

The Board of Commissioners held a work session Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Commissioners present were Gerleen Pitchford, Heidi Hogan, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom.

Mayor Bobbitt called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

Mayor Bobbitt stated if there was no objection, Maryann Griffith would no longer work at the wastewater plant. She would continue with Streets and cleaning the Town Hall. Superintendent Hamm explained that once the new wand read meters were operating, he wouldn't need a third person for reading meters. Discussion followed on the software conversion for the new meter reading system.

Superintendent Hamm advised that since Gwen Matthews had taken over for Frank Ralph the Town was being charged by Halifax County the contract minimum of 100,000 gallons of water per day when the Town was only using 75,000 to 80,000 gallons per day. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Hamm also brought to the Boards attention that Halifax County was not paying the Town the correct amount for sewage service for customers in Butterwood; Halifax County was paying the Town bulk rate rather than for all 14 services. Discussion followed including taking both issues to the Halifax County Board of Commissioners and asking Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester to draft a letter.

The Board discussed the problem of Kudzu growing up a power pole at Roanoke Avenue and North Main and the consensus was to contact the power company.

Mayor Bobbitt advised Erie Insurance had called to say they had denied the insurance claim for an accident in front of Town Hall and discussion followed on the problem of backing out of the parking spaces in front of Town Hall.

The Board discussed comp time and over time.

Mayor Bobbitt stated she would donate paint, brushes and rollers to spruce up the old Town Hall for the Police Department.

Mayor Bobbitt stated previously money (in the budget) had been used to maintain a certain level using reserves and this had brought reserves down. There wasn't money left (in the current budget) for part time officers and additional money was needed. Commissioner Hogan stated that if the budget was going to be under discussion she wanted to bring to the Boards attention the following; the estimate for the library renovation was \$300,000, \$200,000 had or would be received and she felt another \$50,000 could be raised leaving \$50,000. The Town may have to get a loan for the final \$50,000 if the grant didn't come through and they may have to budget for lease payments until the renovation was completed. Mayor Bobbitt stated they had to man the police department and asked the board to consider giving back to the budget and cutting travel. The Board went on to discuss the budget, citations, Chief Suggs revising the police budget and the cost of security for the Festival and parades.

Commissioner Hogan advised the initial plans for the library had been drawn up and asked everyone to look them over; she would be leaving a notebook for comments. Also discussed was possible surplus equipment and materials from the library renovation.

The Board briefly discussed the Halifax County Solid Waste Plan and asking Chief Suggs to see about removing a sign advertising dog breeding in the residential district. Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan to adopt the resolution **Halifax County Solid Waste Management Plan Three Year Update (R-13-001)**. The motion was voted and carried.

Commissioner Debnam made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hogan, to adjourn at 4:52 pm. The motion was voted and carried.

Clerk