

Town of Atkinson
Regular Monthly Meeting

April 4, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Honorable Mayor Jason Spivey; Honorable Mayor Pro Tempore Bryan Stewart; Commissioner Denise Lewis; Commissioner Gary Alsup; Commissioner Penny Stith

Town Clerk, Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

Attendance:

Mayor Jason Spivey - Absent

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryan Stewart

Commissioner Denise Lewis

Commissioner Penny Stith

Commissioner Gary Alsup

Town Clerk/Finance Officer Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

- 1. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryan Stewart called the 4/4/2024 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm**
- 2. Commissioner Gary Alsup led the prayer.**
- 3. Commissioner Denise Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 2/1/2024 Regular Meeting: *Motion to approve the March 7, 2023, minutes with changes was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Stith Motion Carried 3-0***
- 5. Approval of the Agenda:**
 - *Motion to accept agenda with changes was made by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Alsup Motion Carried 3-0***

6. Public Comment:

- Tara Everette could not make it to the meeting due to a prior obligation. Commissioner Lewis spoke on her behalf. Mrs. Everette gave Commissioner Lewis all the information on In Between the Lines Summer Camp that needed to be presented to the board. Commissioner Lewis read the information to the board and asked if In Between the Lines Summer Camp could use the gym again this year.
- **Commissioner Alsup made the Motion for In Between the Lines Summer Camp to be able to use the Atkinson Gym this summer Commissioner Stith second Motion Carried 3-0**

7. Public Information:

- None currently.

8. Financial/Clerk Report: (Becky Lanier, Town Clerk)

- The North Carolina League of Municipality needed a voting delegate from the Town of Atkinson Board.
- Commissioner Lewis made a motion to nominate Commissioner Alsup to be the voting delegate from the Town for the 2024-2025 NCLM Board Commissioner Stith second Motion carried 3-0.

9. Old Business:

- **Cafeteria:**
 - Mayor Spivey will be meeting with the engineer regarding the cafeteria roof.
- **UDO Update:**
 - Before setting a date for Insight Planning to come and present the seven articles, we need to have Mr. Combs review them.
- **Gym:**
 - No update.
- **NC State Budget:**
 - Mayor Spivey spoke with Mr. Johnsons office and is working on getting paperwork together.
- **Christmas Parade:**
 - Commissioner Lewis will be submitting a street closure to the NCDMV in May for the closure of the town streets.

10. New Business:

- **Cameras:**
 - Ask Clint Lanier about a proposal for installing all the cameras.
- No update on Community Day.

11. Inspections Department: (Inspector Louis Hesse)

- **Building:**
 - **The town has several open projects currently.**
 - **Sewer Problem on Rankin St Vence Dodgers Pender County Environmental gave the resident a violation.**
- **Fire Inspections:**

12. Planning Director: (Gilbert Combs)

- **Text Amendment for will come to the Planning Board in June regarding to reduce the distance from a church for the sale of alcohol.**
- **Mr. Combs is still reviewing the UDO.**

13. Fire Department: (Fire Chief Jason Turner)

- **See Attachments.**
- **Chief Turner presented the contract between the Fire Department and Pender County for the new radios. The board determined that the payment should be made monthly for the radios.**
- **A fire tax increase of \$0.01 should help in making the payment for the radios.**
- **Commissioner Stith made the motion to increase the fire tax by \$0.01 pending approval from Pender County second by Commissioner Alsup Motion Carried 3-0**
- **Fire Contract between the Atkinson Fire Department and Pender County has not been approved. Attorney Robert Kenan sent an email on April 3, 2024, to David Andrews, Mr. Kenan also copied Fire Marshall Amy Burton and the Pender County Board of Commissioners requesting a second meeting, but as of April 4, 2024 there has been no answer. Mr. Kenan will give them until 5pm on Friday April 5, 2024, before contacting Brad George.**
- **There was a resolution written for the Radio Contract and for the Fire Tax increase.**

- **RESOLUTION**

-
- **A motion was made by Commissioner Stith, seconded by Commissioner Alsup and passed by a unanimous vote that IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that to approve the Communications Equipment Purchase Financing Agreement between the County of Pender and the Town of Atkinson for the financing of the Town of Atkinson Fire Department new communication equipment for the purchase price of \$139,976.20 and to authorize Town Atkinson Mayor, Jason Spivey, to sign the Communications Equipment Purchase Financing Agreement on behalf of the Town.**

- IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Atkinson Board of Commissioners requests the Pender County Board of Commissioners to authorize and approve a one cent (0.01) increase to the Atkinson Fire Service District Tax commencing for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and for each subsequent fiscal year thereafter to assist with the payment of the annual installment owed to Pender County for the purchase of the communication equipment being purchased pursuant to the Communications Equipment Purchase Financing Agreement between the County of Pender and the Town of Atkinson since such equipment is primarily for the benefit of the Atkinson Fire Service District and that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the County of Pender for their consideration during their 2024-2025 budget process.
-
- This the 4th day of April 2024.
-
- THE TOWN OF ATKINSON

14. Parks and Recreation: (Denise Lewis)

- **Commissioner Lewis informed the board that there will be no Step Aerobics for the month of April.**

15. Library Report: (Commissioner Gary Alsup and Commissioner Penny Stith)

- **Atkinson Library Monthly Report**
 - **See Attachment.**

16. Maintenance Report: (Commissioner Bryan Stewart)

- **See Attachments none at this meeting.**

Motion to go into closed session was made by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Alsup Motion Carried 3-0 Closed session started at 8:15pm

Motion to adjourn closed session was made by Commissioner Lewis seconded by Commissioner Alsup Motion carried 3-0 Close session ended at 9:16pm

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Stith seconded by Commissioner Alsup Motion Carried 3-0 Meeting ended at 9:17pm

