



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Remotely Conducted
November 24, 2020

The Town of Cedar Point Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM. This meeting was conducted remotely, using Zoom Meeting Software. Mayor Hatsell determined a quorum was present and opened the meeting. Mr. Rief presented the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Hatsell, Commissioners Castellano, Bray, Winberry and Nash, Town Administrator Rief, Town Attorney Berryman, Town Clerk Calhoun and public.

The Agenda and Consent Agenda, consisting of the October 22, 2020 Agenda Work Session Minutes and the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes was presented for Board consideration and approval. Mayor Hatsell added Item 11a, Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)6, Personnel Matters. Commissioner Winberry made a **Motion** to approve the amended Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. The Motion carried 4-0.

There was no Public Comment.

A Special Use Permit application (SUP-2020-03) was next presented. The applicant, Mr. William Shackelford, was sworn in for testimony by Town Clerk Calhoun.

Mr. Rief then provided a brief overview of the conduct of this quasi-judicial hearing and the application. Mr. Shackelford is requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the sale of boats as well as a small business office on site. The Board had no questions for the applicant. Commissioner Nash made a **Motion** to approve the Special Use Permit with the generated staff conditions. The Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

A Rezone Request (RZ-2020-03) was next presented for the Board to act upon. This matter was discussed via Public Hearing at the November 19, 2020 Agenda Work Session. This rezone request Motion must include the accompanying Consistency Statement. Commissioner Castellano made a **Motion** to approve Rezone Request RZ-2020-03 with the accompanying Consistency Statement. The Motion carried 4-0.

37 The next Agenda item, also discussed at the Agenda Work Session, concerned the refund of
38 taxes paid by Ms. Helen Taylor for Solid Waste service. Discussion at the Work Session
39 included a policy to be implemented to provide direction in handling such matters. Board
40 discussion followed with Commissioner Nash cautioning that the taxpayer should be aware of
41 their tax bill and what taxes are paid. He wants to add a cap to the reimbursement policy of 1
42 year instead of the 3 year originally discussed at the Work Session. Commissioner Castellano
43 felt one year was a bit harsh and suggested 2 years. Commissioner Winberry believes three
44 years is adequate. Mayor Hatsell does not feel that the Town is being good stewards of taxpayer
45 money if we begin refunding fees; there needs to be a stricter policy created.

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47 Commissioner Nash made a **Motion** to refund the current year plus one prior year to Ms. Taylor.
48 The Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Winberry voting Nay.

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50 The Mayor directed no action be taken at this time, rather move forward with policy first.

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52 The Amendment to the Town Charter was discussed at Public Hearing at the Work Session last
53 week. There was no Public Comment. Board discussion followed: Commissioner Nash stated
54 that the current structure was not working and looking toward the future, it frees up town staff
55 and Commissioners.

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57 Commissioner Nash made a **Motion** to amend the Town Charter to reflect the Manager Council
58 form of government effective December 15, 2020, and the addition of a fifth Commissioner at
59 the next municipal election. The Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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61 The Mayor opened the floor to Board comments.

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63 Commissioner Castellano wished Happy Thanksgiving and commended Public Works on the
64 Christmas Lights.

65 Commissioner Bray commended Town Staff on their work.

66 Commissioner Nash stated that Carteret County was designated a retirement community by
67 RetireNC.

68 Commissioner Winberry described this evening as a monumental night for the town with the
69 change to the number of Commissioners and to the form of government. We do a whole lot with
70 very little!

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72 Mayor Hatsell commented that the citizens deserve more representation and will receive such
73 with this governmental change. He also encouraged everyone to donate to Toys for Tots and
74 Operation Bundle Up Coat Drive, both underway now.

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76 Commissioner Winberry made a **Motion** to go into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS
77 143.318(a)6 Personnel Matters. The board went into Closed Session at 7:48 PM.

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79 The Board returned to Open Session at 8:01 PM. Commissioner Nash made a **Motion** to bring
80 the transition to the Manager Council form of government, providing the current Administrator
81 HR duties as needed. The Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Commissioner Bray made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.



Scott Hatsell, Mayor



Jayne Calhoun, Town Clerk