

Town of Cedar Point
Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 27, 2016

The Town of Cedar Point Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Mayor Hatsell determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting. Pastor Tim Winters, Emmanuel Baptist Church, gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Hatsell, Commissioners Castellano, D. Winberry, Meadows and F. Winberry, Town Administrator Seaberg, Town Attorney Whitford, Deputy Battaglia, Town Clerk Calhoun, and public.

The Agenda was presented for Board adoption; Commissioner Meadows requested a Closed Session be added, in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), Personnel Matters. This item was numbered at 18, with the last two items being renumbered respectively. Commissioner Castellano made a **Motion** to adopt the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda was next presented for Board approval, consisting of the financial reports and the Minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting. Commissioner D. Winberry made a **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution in support of a 1/4 cent sales tax increase was the next item listed on the Agenda. This tax would facilitate dredging projects in Carteret County, and alleviate monetary responsibility on the municipalities. These tax revenues will benefit areas in Carteret County, only. This matter will be on the November 8 ballot for public voting. Commissioner D. Winberry made a **Motion** to approve the Resolution Supporting a Proposed Carteret County 1/4 Cent Sales & Use Tax for Navigation Dredging. Motion carried unanimously.

A Project Budget Ordinance for sidewalk work was presented for Board consideration. Mr. Seaberg provided a summary of the work, with 74 segments being earmarked for repairs. Mr. Seaberg proposed a \$45,000 to facilitate repairs. He noted that Public Works Supervisor Don Redfearn accompanied him on a survey of the sidewalks. Both sides of Highway 24 sidewalks were walked, and photos and notes taken of the most severe areas, which are included in the report.

39 The monies to fund this project will not be drawn from the General Fund, rather, will come from
40 the Strategic Budget Plan fund. Commissioner D. Winberry expressed concern over the amount
41 requested in the Ordinance for the repairs, and noted several of the pictures looked to be very
42 minor cracking. Mr. Seaberg suggested a walking tour of the sidewalks along Highway 24, to
43 better illustrate the liability of each of these hazardous areas. It was suggested that Public Works
44 could make repairs to those areas that had only slight cracking or damage, as the Town owns a
45 concrete mixer. Commissioner F. Winberry suggested starting the repairs with the original
46 budgeted amount of \$20,000 and prioritize the work, fixing the most dangerous areas first.
47 Mayor Hatsell and Commissioner F. Winberry agreed that repairs must be made. Commissioner
48 Castellano made a **Motion** to begin repairs using the budgeted amount of \$20,000. Motion
49 carried unanimously.

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51 Commissioner F. Winberry presented his proposal for Town Hall renovations, estimating repairs
52 and upgrades at \$25,000. These repairs and upgrades would include flooring and painting to the
53 exterior and interior of the building, rework of front lobby area and Town Clerk's office to
54 provide a safer work environment, and upgrading men's restroom to be ADA compliant. Mr.
55 Seaberg was directed by the Board to provide a Project Budget Ordinance at the October 25,
56 2016 meeting.

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58 Commissioner Meadows was given the floor for the final wrap up of CedarFest 2016. The Town
59 spent \$3,000 on this year's festival. Commissioner Meadows asked the Board how they felt
60 about approaching the larger corporate entities for sponsorship, to which the Board collectively
61 believed that, even though the Festival didn't match the likes of other larger events in the area, it
62 was popular and expected, and it would behoove the Town to seek out Corporate sponsorships.
63 Commissioner Meadows then presented the Chairmen, John Nash, TJ Williams and Jennifer
64 Heironimus with gift cards to The Icehouse Restaurant, in appreciation on their efforts for
65 CedarFest.

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67 Mayor Hatsell opened the floor to public comment, with Pat Konarski noting early voting would
68 be starting up soon, and Deputy Battaglia for additional patrols while the polls were open.
69 Everett Long suggested that the CedarFest committee apply for a 501(c)3 Corporation, that
70 would better facilitate donations, sponsorships and reduced rates on advertising.

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72 Deputy Battaglia furnished his report, reminding everyone of the upcoming activities in the area
73 such as the Seafood Festival and the Mullet Festival. He also advised that the next Pill Drop in
74 the area would be at the area Food Lions, on October 22, with further information forthcoming.
75 There is a new drug being used on the streets called carfentanil, which is normally used to
76 tranquilize large animals.

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78 Mr. Seaberg presented the Planning Board report; a meeting was held on September 13, 2016.
79 The Salty Air Market, in compliance with the newly amended ordinance, submitted an
80 application for an Open Air Market. The Planning Board tabled this matter until the October 3,
81 2016 meeting, pending a completed application packet. The Itinerant Merchant Ordinance was
82 also tabled until the October meeting.

83 Mr. Seaberg moved on to the Administrator Report, stating that the position for Town Services
84 Technician has been published and we currently have 5 applications pending review. Also the
85 golf cart signs are posted along highway 24 sidewalks prohibiting cart use in these areas.

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87 Town Attorney Whitford indicated in his Town Attorney comments that the Itinerant Merchant
88 Ordinance is being worked on, and should be available for Board review within the next couple
89 of months.

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91 Mayor Hatsell inquired as to the sign regulations; Mr. Seaberg indicated these would be included
92 in the UDO, already being worked on. A draft is expected within the next 3 months.

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94 Commissioner Meadows made a **Motion** to go into Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)
95 Personnel Matters. Motion carried unanimously.

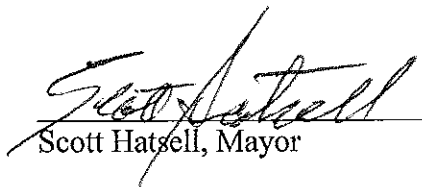
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97 The Board went into Closed Session at 8:05 PM.

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99 The Board returned to Open Session at 8:42 PM.

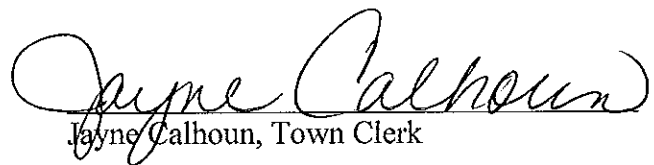
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101 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. Commissioner D.
102 Winberry made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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104 The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Scott Hatsell, Mayor



Jayne Calhoun, Town Clerk