

**MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE/PLACE: October 27, 2016
 Waccamaw Public Library

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Otis, Mike Adams, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: None

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to stand down in to Executive Session under 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss legal advice on property or easement acquisition. Mike Adams seconded. All in favor.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Sumter Moore asked if anyone will be cleaning up on the other side of the creek at the south end. He and stated that where he lives at the north end and there seem to be individuals, such tradesmen and workers, that have been driving too fast and he would like the police department to be more watchful of that.

Emily Carey thanked council and the Town for all their hard work during and after the storm. She read parts of a copy of an editorial in a paper from a resident from a neighboring barrier island. Before she read it she stated that she wished she had reason to write a similar editorial. She read, “during this preparation time, the city’s public works staff traveled the island securing loose items on both public and private property which could be a hazard in high wind. Residents received, twice daily, emails and recorded messages from city hall which included safety tips and encouragement to evacuate.” Immediately following the storms passing, emails and phone messages commenced to continually update citizens as to the access conditions, restrictions, as well as conditions regarding flooding, utilities, etc. Ms. Carey stated that she was appalled and very, very disappointed by the total lack of communication during the storm. It’s expedient that Pawleys Island have an emergency plan in place that includes an up to date contact list. Everyone from pre-teens to people living in senior assisted care have contact lists. It’s a no brainer. I certainly hope that our city has one, if not we need to get a contact list for every resident on the island. As it is now, if she had phoned Ryan enough times to harass him, he may have given me information. If I’d been related to Mayor Otis I may have gotten some photos of what was going on the island. And if I had flashed official papers perhaps the National Guard would have let me on the island. I feel like all should be treated equally the same. Henry and I relied on a Myrtle Beach news station until we lost our cable, Steve Ishmael, thank goodness that he wrote emails, and from hear say. That situation is unacceptable and our Town, I know, can do better than this. We need a working website, we need a contact list and we need equality for all for everyone but especially in emergency situations.

Leda McIntyre stated that she just wanted Council to touch on the subject of a new town hall. She stated that she was not on the island when the evacuation order was given.

The Mayor re-stated that the Executive Session was for legal advice on property or easement acquisition, as stated on the agenda. The other item on the Executive Session agenda was “legal advice on other matters” but that item was not discussed.

Mayor Otis stated that we have had many emergency meetings and, as of this date, Town Hall is still not connected to telephone service, but can now receive voice mail messages and respond.

With reference to communication he stated that there are 3 updates on the Town website going back to October 17th, the 20th and one to be posted tomorrow, as well as an issue of the Tides being mailed shortly. (There was also a re-entry update posted on October 8 – and many updates on the Towns Facebook page and the Police Departments Twitter feed.)

The Town approved Goodson Construction to work with the National Guard, using Goodson's equipment to expedite clearing Springs Avenue and allowing people into their houses. The state established an emergency sand scraping period for any beach front community which is to end on November 3rd, and Goodson started the work, but the Corps of Engineers were not part of this emergency scraping permit process as we thought, so they stopped our scraping project because the town did not have a permit from the Corps. On Thursday October 13 we called them and sent them a picture of over wash occurring at Springs Street that evening, and the Corps representative was on the island the next day to look at our damage. By 4:15 Friday we had the OK to continue and a Corps Emergency Permit. We have finished with the south end up to Hazard Street. In the last 4 days Goodson has progressed and is now working in the groin cell north of the Pelican Inn. The State told us that they will extent the emergency permit if needed.

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With the Goodson is clearing the debris ahead of the scraping and they are working 24 hours but around the low tides. Information will be on the website tomorrow and in the Tides.

Ryan Fabbri stated that the first invoices were received from Goodson for scraping the beach, removing the sand from Springs Avenue and removing debris along the beach.

For removing the sand on Springs Avenue the charge was \$34,110 plus an additional \$12,387.50 through October 26th.

For scraping the beach and building dunes the charge was \$94,730 and an additional \$80,805 through October 26th.

For beach debris, the charge was \$2,412.50 and an additional \$5,725 through October 26th.

We are hoping anything removed from Springs Avenue will be reimbursed by DOT 100%. The scraping should be 75% covered by FEMA through Second Street, provided we have the case made by the CSE reports and data that emergency dune building is necessary in that area. The dune north of Second Street is still in generally good condition. If Council approves sand scraping on the entire beach up through the north end we should be reimbursed 75% less approximately the 2-day equipment charges for scraping from Second Street to the north end. CSE recommends doing beach scraping the entire beach. It was agreed to continue. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to pay \$230,170 to Goodson Construction for work done through October 26th. Mike Adams seconded. All in favor.**

Mayor Otis noted that we applied to FEMA for \$115,000 for damages from Storm Joaquin and still have not received a check.

Ryan Fabbri stated that as previously discussed the Town Hall was flooded, and we are not able to rebuild in the current location. He believes that there is a lot of opportunity through hazard mitigation grants and public assistance money, as well as flood insurance money from our Flood Insurance. Ryan has dealt with Lisa Jones, who is a FEMA consultant, and is very knowledgeable in flood insurance side and flood mitigation. She was the assistant NFIP coordinator for North Carolina and the Flood Mitigation Coordinator for South Carolina for 10 years and has been on the FEMA CRS task force who basically write the manual. She now has her own consulting group and Ryan would like to hire her as a consultant to maximize getting

whatever we can get from FEMA for a new Town Hall, and ideas of what we can do with the old Town Hall as an auxiliary structure. Her fee is \$150 per hour plus lodging and incidental costs she may have. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to hire Lisa Jones for a maximum of \$15,000. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

Ryan Fabbri stated that we have a trailer as a temporary office from A&I. It will not be a long-term solution. At the last meeting Council authorized Ryan to find a new trailer. He found a sales office trailer for \$7,174.63 for one year with up-front costs of \$2,400 to set it up and the monthly cost is \$399. If we extend it for another year it will only cost us another \$4,000. We want to site it in the Pavilion Park and the Pavilion Company is OK with that as long as we use common sense. We are going to try to put along the vegetation line from the gazebo to Pavilion Road so it will be out of the way of park activities. The other option was to locate the trailer on an empty lot at 300 Myrtle for \$1,200 monthly. However, this site has a blind corner onto Myrtle and is not as easily accessible as the park. Mayor Otis stated that there is a sewer line in the park from the house that was taken down back when the Town purchased the lot. November 14th is the expected date for the delivery of the new trailer. The Town does not have anything pertaining temporary structures and associated setbacks, but the County does so Ryan stated that the Town just needs to pass a resolution saying it's temporary for a year and allow it to be within the setback. Ryan contacted Joanne Ochal and she is OK with it as long as it is temporary.

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Council had a copy of the agreement with Coastal Science and Engineering for their post storm engineering and oversight. CSE confirmed that they will be able to complete their work by the end of November.

Ryan Fabbri stated that he spoke with the owner of SDR, which is the company SCDOT hired to do debris clean-up and Georgetown County signed on. They have told us that they will start tomorrow morning picking up all vegetation and bulk debris. The website will have all the instructions as to how this debris will be separated and picked up.

Mayor Otis stated that it is very clear that we will not be able to continue the Town Hall at the original site. The old Town hall has been around for a long time. It started as a sales office for Buck and Susie Ward who were the original real estate agents on the island and was added to. Now we will have a trailer as a temporary office on the park while options for a replacement Town Hall are considered.

He discussed that the Thursday and Friday before the storm Ryan and Dianne and the Chief, with the assistance of our Officers and James Snow, removed everything important in Town Hall and stored it in a U-Haul trailer which they took it to Georgetown and stored in a school district garage. That is why we have the records and the computers that would have been destroyed by the storm. Currently we have a trailer that is a temporary office and will be getting a much larger trailer that will be much better than what we have now. Mayor Otis gave credit to Diane, the Chief and Ryan who, along with our Officers, are the entire staff of the Town. Our Maintenance Contractor, James Snow, does roadside cleanup roadside mowing and other specific jobs for the town. There is no public works department – this is it. The Mayor quoted what has been communicated on the website. He then expressed his “Thanks to each of our full-time and part-time police officers, Chief Fanning, Diane Allen and our Administrator Ryan Fabbri for their dedication to our Town, and their continuing committed efforts on behalf of Pawleys Island and our property owners”. He noted that our police officers went on 12 on & 12 off on Friday before

the storm, and continued that until the 17th. Everybody in this room has been up to their ears. Diane has done a spectacular job even being backed up with work, and in an office where work is difficult. She just got a cable internet connection into the trailer. We just ask our property owners forbearance – they are all doing the best they can.

Mayor Otis stated that there was no need for a continuance of the Executive Session.

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Mike Adams seconded. All in favor.

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