

EWAB Meeting Minutes, River Bend Municipal Building, 51 Shoreline Drive

Monday February 6, 2023

Meeting was Called to order at 7:00pm by Paige Ackiss

In Attendance:

Jim Stevens
Paige Ackiss
Karl Lichty
Ray Jaklitsch
Karl Lichty
Patty Leonard
Councilperson Brian Leonard

Not in Attendance:

Jon Hall

Community Visitors

Kristi Mason
Tom Mason

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Paige Ackiss.

Motion by Karl Lichty and second by Ray Jaklitsch to approve Minutes from November 7, 2022 meeting
Approved unanimously.

Council Report:

Councilman Leonard reported the town is gearing up for budget season.

Alerted the Advisory Board members that reassessments from the county will be sent to homeowners soon. There is a process for a homeowner to protest their valuations and have the county relook at the value of your home and property.

The site work has been completed for the public works building. Moving along nicely.

No word yet on the water improvement grant. Town is working with Commissioner Steve Tyson since he is on the budget committee for North Carolina.

OLD BUSINESS

GIS maps were passed out. The Town Manager and the zoning administrator will take our potential concerns, evaluate and then notify the property owners. The Town is expecting EWAB to identify bulkhead repairs needed, then Delane and Allison will investigate and take appropriate action. Homeowners will be responsible to repair their bulkheads not the Town.

Jon Hall had recommended some sort of signage to alert home owners that we are EWAB looking at the bulkheads but other committee members thought it wouldn't be a good idea to advertise what we were doing.

Other discussion ensued about repairs, who is responsible, consequences for not repairing.

John Hall supposed to provide the Board with ways to mitigate the Alligator Weed.

Pond Cleanup – Councilman Leonard talked to Delane about trash and weeds in the pond area beside Town Hall. Once the bubbler gets installed, Delane believes that will take care of the weeds.

Councilman Leonard going to ask about keeping trash out of the pond. Mary asked if Public Works takes of trash laying around in the town? She is concerned about cans and other trash in the parks.

Paige Ackiss brought up that Jon drove around after the last deluge and said it appeared that areas that were subject to ponding of water seemed to drain appropriately but 3 properties on Mulberry near where Paige lives were flooding at the last big rain.

New Business

Community attendees brought up their concern about the natural riverway behind the Island on the River near Sandpiper Court. The Island belongs to River Bend, and they live on the channel that has the canal that goes to the Island Lake area. A lot of silt comes from across the river. Is the Town responsible to dredge the waterway between homes on Sandpiper Court and the Island? Town does not own the canals, waterways.

Volunteer hours;

Mary Holihan – 1 hour

Jon Hall – 6 hours

Ray Jaklistch – 3 hours

Patty Leonard – 3 hours

Paige Ackiss – 3 hours

Jim Stevens – 1 hours

Karl Lichty – 1 hours

Next meeting is April 3, 2023 in the small conference room in the Community Meeting, 51 Shoreline Drive.

Motion to adjourn made by Karl Lichty, seconded by Patty Leonard, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Leonard

Paige Ackiss