

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2008**

Mayor Selby called the January 8, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Selby gave the Invocation followed by the Board and audience reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Mayor Stephen Selby, Commissioners John Csernecky, Joseph Przywara, Thomas Puls, Gere Dale and John Russo. Also present, Linda Herncane Town Administrator, Jean Crowley Building Inspector and Lisa Anglin, Deputy Town Clerk.

**Consent Agenda**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CSERNECKY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- January 8, 2008 Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda
- December 3, 2007 Board of Commissioners Workshop Minutes
- December 4, 2007 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
- Adoption of Rural Planning Organization Memorandum (MOU)
- Adoption of NCDOT Memorandum of Agreement

MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 5 YES 0 NO.

**Report from Town Administrator** – on file at Town Hall

**Culvert Replacement Project**

The Culvert Replacement Project is underway and on schedule. The culvert adjacent to the pump station on Carolina Shores Drive is the first to be replaced, followed by the culvert near the tennis courts and lastly Sunfield Drive. Water and Sewer line issues near the Sunfield Drive culvert have caused this culvert to be last instead of second as planned.

**Town Hall Addition**

The USDA loan pre-closing meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2008 and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008.

**Brunswick County Public Utilities**

Brunswick County Public Utilities (BCPU) was repairing a water main break on its 30” water transmission main on Highway 17 just north of Shallotte. Emergency Personnel were informed around 5:00 a.m. however the Town was not made aware until residents started calling us about noon. Staff called BCPU only to receive an automated system directing callers to a voice mail box that was full. Staff received a fax from Brunswick County at 12:49 p.m. which was our initial notification. The second notification fax was received at 17:58 pm alerting us and our residents to boil water. Updates were not available on a timely basis and communication to the Town was poor. A letter addressing this will be forwarded to Brunswick County Public Utilities.

**Calabash Fire Department**

Thank you Calabash Fire Department for assisting with the replacement of the flag pole rope.

**Recycle Center**

A Christmas tree container is located at the Recycle Center. The Recycle Center will open on Monday, January 21, 2008 from 7 am – 12 noon; Town Hall will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

**Correspondence** – on file at Town Hall

- Food Lion letter stating Post Office Petition table will not be allowed inside store;
- Thank you letter from Calabash Fire Department for trailer storage space;
- Letter from citizen requesting the Recycle Center hours of operation on Saturday be extended.

**Public Comments**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Mayor Pro-Tem Report**

Commissioner Csernecky reported the November numbers for the Fire Department 911 calls are as follows:

Calabash	EMS	25
	Fire/Misc.	12
Carolina Shores	EMS	16
	Fire/Misc.	2
Brunswick County	EMS	35
	Fire/Misc.	12
Horry County	Mutual Aid	6

**Voting Districts**

Commissioner Csernecky reminded the board of a discussion last month concerning the elimination of voting district 1 & 2 making the voting “At Large”. A favorable cost estimate has been obtained from the attorney.

COMMISSIONER CSERNECKY MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE HOLT MOORE TOWN ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH A CHANGE TO THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES CHARTER TO ELIMINATE VOTING DISTRICT 1 AND 2 AND TO IMPLEMENT AT LARGE VOTING. COMMISSIONER PRZYWARA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Puls has contacted a house of representatives member who stated that House Bill (HB742) states changes can only be made during a long session of the General Assembly. The next long session of the General Assembly is January, 2009.

COMMISSIONER PULS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL HB742 COULD BE RESEARCHED. COMMISSIONER CSERNECKY SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Finance**

Commissioner Dale reported the mid year financial statements have been reviewed and the Town is in good financial condition. Commissioner Dale reminded the Board the bulk of the Town expenditures are scheduled for the last half of the year.

**Carolina Shores Golf Course**

Commissioner Dale explained the former Board of Commissioners reached an agreement with Mike Matheny, Golf Course Owner, concerning the stormwater fees assessed for the course. In April, 2007, Mr. Matheny agreed to pay but the Town actually received payment on December 31, 2007. This delay has caused interest and penalties to accrue on the account. The Board eliminated the stormwater assessment during the 2007-2008 budget process; however, the account is carrying a balance due to the Golf Course accrued penalties and interest.

**Finance (cont.)****Carolina Shores Golf Course (cont.)**

COMMISSIONER DALE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JULIE MUNDAY, FINANCE DIRECTOR TO WAIVE THE INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR THE CAROLINA SHORES GOLF COURSE. COMMISSIONER PULS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

**Planning & Zoning****Planning and Zoning Board Member Recommendation**

Commissioner Przywara advised the following are being recommended for appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board:

Kathryn Powell

James Parsch

Jonathan Miner

Commissioner Przywara recommended the Planning and Zoning Board term lengths be restated due to recent turnovers. Commissioner Przywara recommended James Hartnett, Jonathan Miner and James Mokrycki serve a three (3) year term expiring December, 2010 and Kathryn Powell, James Parsch and Ruth Martin serve a two (2) year term expiring December, 2009.

COMMISSIONER CSERNECKY MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT KATHRYN POWELL, JAMES PARSCH AND JONATHAN MINER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD. COMMISSIONER RUSSO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Discussion: Commissioner Dale stated since his tenure on the Board it has been the policy that the Board conducts the interviews of candidates for the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Dale and Commissioner Puls agree the Planning and Zoning Board should be reduced to five seats. Commissioner Dale recommended delaying these appointments until the number of seats needed could be determined. Commissioner Russo stated the Code of Ordinances specifies a seven (7) member board and brought attention to the number of 2007 Planning and Zoning Board workshops and meetings that were cancelled due to the lack of a quorum during the temporary size reduction. Commissioner Przywara and Commissioner Csernecky agree the size should remain at seven (7) and these candidates need to be appointed in order to have the Planning and Zoning Board fully functional.

MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE. COMMISSIONERS PRZYWARA, CSERNECKY, AND RUSSO VOTED YES. COMMISSIONERS DALE AND PULS VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY.

**Public Works****Recycle Center**

Mayor Selby asked Commissioner Russo to review the Recycle Center hours of operation and make change recommendation if necessary.

**Post Office Update**

Commissioner Russo, Calabash Mayor Anthony Clemmons and Calabash Commissioner William Dixon, met concerning the need for a Post Office and agreed to work together on this project. The petitions will be collected January 31, 2008 and mailed to all local, state and federal representatives asking for support with the Post Office issue. A letter was mailed to the Brunswick County Commissioners asking for their support. Commissioner Russo asked for volunteers to go door to door to collect signatures. The Board agreed several thousand signatures are needed.

### **Community Service**

Commissioner Puls met with the Carolina Shores Subdivision POA and plans to meet with the Village at Calabash POA by the end of the month. Commissioner Puls advised the Carolina Shores POA is requesting a more open line of communication with the Town of Carolina Shores Building Inspections Department concerning the issuance of permits within the subdivision.

### **Calabash Fire Department**

Commissioner Dale advised an Orientation Meeting is planned for Thursday, January 10, 2008 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Fire Department Building. Commissioner Dale advised the Fire Department will be notified soon if they will receive the Safer Grant applied for in the spring. The grant will pay 50% of full time fire firefighter's salaries.

### **Old/New Business**

#### **Workshop schedule**

Mayor Selby advised Board of Commissioners workshops will now be held the Thursday prior to the regular meeting date to allow for more citizen participation. Mayor Selby advised Mayor Pro-Tem Csernecky will conduct the February Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting in his absence.

#### **Crime**

Mayor Selby advised crime is increasing in the Carolina Shores Subdivision area. Mayor Selby has a meeting scheduled with Sheriff Ronald Hewett to discuss this situation. Mayor Selby is considering a Citizen Advisory Committee.

### **Public Comment**

Don Hart 52 Carolina Shores Drive – Thanked the three (3) commissioners that voted to appoint the candidates recommended and agreed to Planning and Zoning Board should remain a seven (7) member board.

Joe Lowery 20 Brassie Court – Asked what time the workshops will be held? Mayor Selby advised 10:00 am. Mr. Lowery stated he was told by a staff member to take his Christmas tree to the Waste Industries Convenience Site on Highway 904. Mr. Lowery would like the Recycle Center attendant to assist residents at the yard debris container. Mr. Lowery would like the town to explore a chipper/mulcher for the recycle center.

Ann Sullivan 1082 Captain Court – Would like the board to consider video taping Town meetings and possibly broadcast them.

Jack Elliott 34 Calabash Drive – Agreed the Planning and Zoning Board should remain a seven (7) member board.

COMMISSIONER CSERNECKY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 8, 2008 BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING. COMMISSIONER RUSSO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR SELBY CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Stephen C. Selby, Mayor

Submitted by:  
Lisa Anglin  
Deputy Town Clerk