

**Town of Mocksville
Regular Board Meeting
August 20, 2019**

The Town of Mocksville Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mocksville Town Hall.

Present:	Mayor, Will Marklin	Absent:
Commissioners Present:	Eric Southern Brent S.Ward Rob Taylor Brian Williams Amy Vaughan-Jones	

Others Present:

Matt Settlemyer, Town Manager
Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk
Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney
Pat Reagan, Police Chief
Brian Moore, Public Services Director
Rustin Harpe, Parks and Grounds Director
Tami Langdon, Community Development
Frank Carter, Fire Chief

Mayor Marklin called the meeting to order welcoming everyone in attendance.

The Town of Mocksville Board paused for a moment of silence.

Mayor Marklin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

Citizen Comments

Mayor reads; Under GS 160-81.1, the Board shall provide one period for public comment per month. Public comments are a valued part of the Board meeting but we also have to handle monthly business items. If your public comment is not heard this month we provide the same opportunity at each month's Board meeting. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per comment.

The Mayor asks that groups appoint spokespersons for groups supporting the same position, especially when the number of people wishing to attend the meeting exceeds the capacity of Town Hall.

When the comments become repetitive and no longer provide new information then discussion for this meeting may be stopped. As a reminder, the comment period is not a question and answer session.

As always, the Mayor shall provide for the maintenance of order and decorum in the conduct of the comment period. It is clear that most folks are here for one topic and the following statement should help with that item:

Sarge Butters is currently staying with a friend of the department at their residence. He is well-cared for and regular updates of his antics are provided to department staff. We express our gratitude for all the concern about Sarge Butters. He looks forward to continuing his role as mascot for the community. In addition, Sarge's social media page will return soon with the usual posts and pictures. We appreciate the community's support. While decisions regarding social media and Sarge Butters are made by Town Management and have not been addressed by the Board, the commitment of this agency to protect and serve the citizens of Mocksville remains our first priority and as always we will protect the well-being of Sarge Butters.

Alan Bagshaw from Mt. Airy addressed the Board with his concerns for Sarge Butters and his whereabouts along with the Town of Mocksville being silent and not answering phone calls.

Susan Whitener from Davie County addressed the Board with her concerns for Sarge Butters and how this charming adorable feline became a brilliant calm, stress reliever for the PD, a positive approach to the PD and famous to the public. Susan also speaks out on the questions that are not being answering and that the Board should be ashamed of themselves. What were you the Board thinking?

Barry Williams from Advance addressed the Board and his concern is all the attention Sarge Butters is drawing when the cat has been placed in a foster home and has food. The police department has more important matters to worry about like its citizens or other issues in Mocksville. If this was a positive PD situation it wouldn't draw this much attention. Is all this really necessary?

Kathy Anderson from Mocksville; President of two Humane Society's Davie and Iredell. Kathy addressed the Board concerning where the cat has been placed and the owner of the cat and its records. Who gave permission for this situation? I am concerned for the cat but mostly concerned why it was handled this way.

Communications from Boards, Commissions and Agencies

Recognition of Employees – Chief Frank Carter

The following members were recognized before the Town Board for completing their NC Firefighter Level I & II training. FF Ryan Neely, FF Ben Lagle and Safety Officer Justin Vocke attended classes all over the state to complete the certification training which consisted of nearly 500 hours in different skills related to firefighting & rescue. They attended these classes on their own time without any compensation, with their goal of becoming better firefighters for their community.

FF Jody Hall was given a plaque in appreciation by the department for her efforts in a water rescue of two young girls at Ocean Isle beach. FF Hall and her family were on vacation when these girls became caught in a rip tide and were being swept out to sea, FF Hall was able to get to them and get them to shore before life guards arrived. Her actions were confirmed by the Ocean Isle FD that FF Hall directly influenced a positive outcome in the events.

Proclamation for the Towns of Bermuda Run, Cooleemee and Mocksville Declaring the Month of September as “Davie Respect Initiative Month”

Mayor, Marklin read the Proclamation.

The Towns call upon all citizens, community and County agencies, faith groups, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to engage and support the youth in Davie County to enhance the level of expressed respect in all of the communities in which we live.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southern which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Items approved were: (A) July 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. (B) July 16, 2019 Executive Session Minutes. (C) Certificate of Sufficiency for property located at 1294 US Hwy 64 and public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019 located at 171 S. Clement Street Mocksville, NC 27028; Town Hall Board meeting room beginning at 6pm. (D) Tax Release.

Resolution Regarding Retiree Health Benefits

Sandra Boyette was employed by the Town for 26 years, until the Town's Recreation Department functions were assumed by Davie County on June 30, 2016. Ms. Boyette's job was eliminated. In 2016 the Town had no suitable open position for her. Ms. Boyette is currently employed by Davie County Board of Education and plans to retire in the spring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Southern to adopt the resolution on behalf of former employee Sandra Boyette that grants her Town group health insurance coverage in the same manner it provides such coverage to anyone retiring in 2019; as such coverage may be amended in the future. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ward which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Resolution Requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Consider a Speed Limit Reduction on HWY 158

The Mocksville Board of Commissioners recognizes that the current speed limit on Highway 158 from the intersection at Milling Road to the Town Limits is 45 mph. The Board of Commissioners considers 45 mph to be an excessive speed through this area of Town. The Board of Commissioners would like consideration in lowering the speed limit which would be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Town's residents, businesses and visitors. The Mocksville Board of Commissioners

formally requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to consider reducing the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on Highway 158 from the intersection of Milling Road to the Town Limits.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to adopt the resolution to formally request from NCDOT to consider reducing the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph on Highway 158 from the intersection of Milling Road to the Town limits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Consider Amending Chapter 10-2.1 of Mocksville's Town Code of Ordinances to Reduce Town wide Speed Limit from 35MPH to 25MPH Unless Otherwise Posted

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve amending Chapter 10-2.1 code of ordinances to reduce the speed limit town wide from 35mph to 25mgh unless otherwise posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Consider Adding Eli Avenue to the Public Street Maintenance System

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Town Manager and Town Attorney to present in October an amendment to the Town's public street ordinance, an amendment to the policies of public road s and adding a resolution to change the public street maintenance system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Communication from Town Staff

Manager

Town Attorney

Communication from Mayor and Town Board

Commissioner Williams is glad to see everyone here tonight and a community that cares. He thanked Sandra Boyette for her service to the Town and the Board's decision to you was well deserved. He thanked the FD and PD for their services and appreciated them from the bottom of his heart.

Commissioner Taylor agrees with Williams and that he has known Sandra for many years. She was the face of the parks and recreation for so long and the County made a poor choice when they did not seek her for employment during the changes in departments. Glad the Board could rectify some of the wrong. It is wonderful to see people at the meeting and whether you like the decisions or not the Board makes your feedback is welcoming. It helps the Board understand how you would like us to communicate with you. The Sarge Butters issue has been going on now for a little over a week and some of us were on vacation and I did not know anything about it until I was moving my daughter into college and read some Facebook posts and people calling me late at night calling me a cat hater. I was not aware of what was going on. We are in the process of gathering all the facts and going to address all the issues that people are concern with.

Commissioner Southern agrees with Williams and Taylor. Southern thanked the public for coming tonight. Southern thanked Sandra for her services to the Town thought the decision was well deserved and was a special employee. Thank you departments for what you do because you make the Town a better place.

Commissioner Ward agrees with Williams, Taylor and Southern. Ward thanked Sandra for her services to the Town and knows a wrong has been made right and appreciated her being at the meeting.

Commissioner Vaughan-Jones said it is nice to see people here it represents the governing process and that is the way it was designed and that is the way it is supposed to work. Thanks Sandra and glad this Board made this decision for you concerning your retirement knowing it could have been taken care of in the past. Thanks to the FD and PD for their continued services because it is much appreciated and Rustin a big shout out to you because a hugh, hugh supporter of the park said it looked fabulous. Your work is much appreciated.

Mayor Marklin said he appreciated everyone coming out tonight and that the Town has this meeting every month. Last month we had K-9 Wrago at the meeting and congratulated him for his service to the Town, so good things do happen in the Town of Mocksville so I invite everyone to come and see what we are doing monthly. If you go to our website you will see the events that are scheduled for the Town and I feel we have a great little Town and I am glad to be a part of it and so glad you are here.

Motion to enter closed session per NC GS 143-318.11 (a)(3), and (6), to preserve the attorney-client privilege, and to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to enter into closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vaughan-Jones which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to leave closed session and return to regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the August 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams which carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

William J. Marklin, Mayor

Lynn Trivette, Town Clerk, NCCMC