

Town of Hudson Regular Meeting

September 19, 2017

In Attendance:

Members Present: Mayor Janet Winkler, Commissioners: Larry Chapman, Tony Colvard, Ann Smith and Carl Wagner

Members Absent: Commissioner Bill Warren

Others Present: Town Manager, Rebecca Bentley, Chief of Police, Andy Day, Town Planner, Teresa Kinney, Dinner Theater Director, Keith Smith, Town Clerk, Tammy Swanson, and Town Attorney, Carroll Tuttle

Call to Order:

Mayor Janet Winkler called the September meeting to order, and Commissioner Carl Wagner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

Discuss/Adjust Agenda:

Janet presented the September agenda, and the following additions were requested.

Add - Item 5(a) – Discuss Dinner Theater Extension

Add – Item 6(a) – Discuss Hwy. 321 Expansion-Sidewalk Project

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Carl Wagner) to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Ann Smith) to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented. Unanimously approved.

Sam Henkle Request for Hurricane Relief Effort:

Sam Henkle, a member of Hudson United Methodist Church, addressed the Board to ask for permission to conduct a stoplight collection at the Main Street/Cedar Valley Road intersection for the victims of the recent hurricanes. Mr. Henkle stated that they are considering doing the collection on either Saturday, September 30th or Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 am until 1:00 p.m. Mr. Henkle added that he understood the Town usually only allows the stoplight collections for ball teams; however, he feels having a stoplight collection would be a good way to allow the community to get involved by donating money to the relief efforts.

Rebecca mentioned that some years ago, the Board adopted a policy to allow one stoplight collection per year to support Hudson Youth Baseball.

Carroll Tuttle asked why there would need to be Town approval for the collection.

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Janet explained that the Town's policy is to allow Hudson Baseball to have stoplight collections, and since this collection would involve a different cause, Mr. Henkle needed the Board's permission to hold the collection.

Carroll cautioned that the collection should not be considered a Town function.

Motion: (Ann Smith/Larry Chapman) to approve the stoplight collection as requested by HUMC for either September 30th or October 7th. Unanimously approved.

Chief Day requested that Mr. Henkle give at least a week's notice prior to the date that is selected so that he can provide a car to alert drivers of the collection.

Discuss Dinner Theater Extension:

Rebecca stated that our ticket sales for the upcoming production of "Annie" have gone very well and is now virtually a sale out. She stated that Keith Smith, Dinner Theater Director, has received requests from the cast for a Sunday Matinee on October 22nd. Rebecca explained that the Matinee would be for the show only – no meal would be served. Keith requested that the tickets be sold in advance and not at the door.

Keith Smith stated that "Annie" is a wonderful show, and having to add a day is a good thing. Keith explained his reasoning for wanting to sell the tickets in advance. He stated that if a person has already paid money for their ticket, they are less likely to talk themselves out of coming. Also, when tickets are sold in advance, we have the money whether they attend or not.

Rebecca stated that we often get requests to change tickets out for people – they find out they are not able to attend on the date they purchased tickets for and they want to change – which makes her hesitant to sell tickets in advance for another day. She explained that our ticket policy is that all sales are final – no exchanges or refunds. However, she has concerns that an additional day might bring a lot of requests for changing tickets. Rebecca commented that if the Sunday Matinee is added, staff will make it work.

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Ann Smith) to approve the addition of a Sunday Matinee for October 22nd for "Annie." Unanimously approved.

Rebecca stated that the matinee tickets would go on sale the week of September 25th.

Budget Revision:

Rebecca presented the following budget revision for repairing the floor in the basement at the HUB (former Karate Class). Rebecca explained that a leak in the room warped the floor, and the floor had to be removed. It was decided that since the floor was an asphalt floor, the best way to repair it would be to asphalt over the floor. The estimated costs to repair the floor is \$3,700.

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- **Report from the Festival of the Arts:** Ann Smith stated that the 2017 Festival of the Arts was a success, and she thanked the members of the Board, Town Staff and HCDA for helping to make it happen.

Larry Chapman commented that this year's Festival seemed to be bigger and better attended than last year's festival.

- **Upcoming Events:**

October 12, 2017 – Hudson Man & Woman of the Year Banquet at The HUB 6:30 pm

"Annie" at The HUB October 19th – 22nd and 26th – 28th

October 26th - Haunted Hudson – 7-9 pm Downtown Hudson

- **Schedule Recreation Committee Meeting:** Rebecca stated that we need to consider grant monies for renovations to the Optimist Club property. One of the grants she suggested is a PARTF grant, and she suggested the Recreation Committee meet to discuss the possibility of applying for the grant.

A Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th at 10:00 am at the Town Hall.

- **Update on Abandoned Houses:** Rebecca stated that she had received a report from the WPCOG which should be helpful in addressing some of our issues with abandoned houses in Town. The report indicates that we have approximately 59 abandoned houses in the Town Limits, which is very close to what we had estimated through the City of Lenoir water/sewer records.

Rebecca reported that we have received numerous complaints about the condition of the house at 109 Eastview Street, and have been informed that the property is now in foreclosure. Rebecca stated that if the property is not cleaned up in a timely manner, we plan to have our yard contractor to clean up and mow the property.

Adjournment:

Motion: (Larry Chapman/Tony Colvard) to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.

Tamra T. Swanson, Town Clerk