

MINUTES
Town of Blowing Rock
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting-June 30, 2009

The Town of Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting took place in the Conference Room at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street, Blowing Rock. Present were Mayor J.B. Lawrence, Commissioners Bobby Ball, Keith Tester, Phillip Pickett, Albert Yount and Tommy Klutz. Others in attendance were Town Manager Scott Hildebran, Finance Director Nicole Norman and Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Budget Amendment

Town Manager Hildebran began by thanking Finance Director Norman for her assistance on Ordinance #2009-07 for the following year end budget amendment:

Section 1 (General Fund) allocating funds from various departments to central government as well as reduce appropriations for the paving of Broyhill parking lot through reducing budgeted occupancy tax revenue.

Section 2 (Water/Sewer Fund) to transfer interconnection fees collected to the water/sewer capital fund.

Section 3 (Water Capital Fund) to reverse allocations made to receive reimbursements for Laurel Lane sewer line extension project that were to be received from Mr. Cigler & Mr. Glazier over a period of three years. Amounts collected have been refunded less tap/connection fees and impact fees.

He thanked the department heads for their efforts to bring the FY 2008-09 Budget into balance despite tough economic times.

Mr. Hildebran then also explained that Mr. Glazier, Mr. Cigler, and Dr. Rocamora were each being charged impact fees according to the number of bedrooms they have and the amount paid above these charges by Mr. Glazier and Mr. Cigler would be refunded to them to ensure equal and fair treatment due to Dr. Rocamora exiting the verbal agreement to share the full cost of the extension with the other adjoining property owners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ball, seconded by Commissioner Klutz to approve Budget Amendment Ordinance #2009-07 as presented.

Budget Amendment Ordinance #2009-07-Exhibit A

Liability/Workers Comp Insurance

Next, Mr. Hildebran discussed the Town's Workers Comp/Property/Liability Insurance. He advised the Town had received quotes from several other insurance companies in order to evaluate the price and coverage competitiveness of the Town's current plans through the N.C. League of Municipalities. He further explained the quote from Argonaut Insurance was substantially more reasonable than the current liability insurance through the N.C. League of Municipalities. According to Mr. Hildebran, the Town could save approximately \$25,000 by changing to Argonaut. Mr. Hildebran also stated that funds saved could possibly be used toward employee salaries later in the year.

Mr. Hildebran suggested the Town keep their worker's comp insurance with the N.C. League of Municipalities because of an on-going claim and because of accumulated credits through the League which have helped keep the premiums more reasonable through the league.

Commissioner Pickett made a motion to move the Town's Property/Liability Insurance to Argonaut Insurance Co. and to retain Workers Comp Insurance coverage with the N.C. League of Municipalities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klutz. Unanimously approved.

**Argonaut Insurance Co. Agreement-Exhibit B
NCLM Workers Comp Insurance Renewal-Exhibit C**

Flexible Spending Section 125 Contract

Mr. Hildebran advised it was time for the Town to renew their annual Flexible Spending Section 125 Contract. He stated that numerous employees participated in this health savings plan. Commissioner Tester made a motion to renew the Flexible Spending Section 125 Contract, seconded by Commissioner Ball. Unanimously approved.

Flexible Spending Section 125 Contract Renewal-Exhibit D

Outdoor Dining Request

Mr. Hildebran mentioned that the Town had received a request from Glidewell's Restaurant asking that the Town allow the outside dining time to be extended from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Central Business District. Mr. Hildebran advised he would send this request to the Planning Board for further review if Council wished to pursue this. Commissioner Tester explained money was spent promoting the area and there wasn't a great deal to do after 9:00 p.m. and that he was in favor of sending this request to the Planning Board to be reviewed further. Other members of Council concurred with Mr. Tester.

Other

Mr. Hildebran advised that BRAHM had paid for their building permits as well as their availability fees for the museum project.

He also informed Council that the N.C. City/County Management Association had nominated him to serve on the N.C. League of Municipalities Board of Directors to represent Western North Carolina. Council commended Mr. Hildebran on his appointment.

ADJOURN

After further discussion regarding State Legislature concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

MAYOR _____
J.B. Lawrence

ATTEST _____
Sharon Greene, Town Clerk

- ATTACHMENTS** (June 30, 2009)
Budget Amendment Ord. #2009-07-Exhibit A
Argonaut Insurance Co Agreement-Exhibit B
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