

MINUTES

Blowing Rock Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, August 26, 2002

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners for the Town of Blowing Rock met in special called session on Tuesday, August 26, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Terry Lentz, Barbara Ball, Keith Tester, Rita Wiseman, and David Wray. Mayor J. B. Lawrence was out of town and could not attend. Also present were Town Engineer Marion Rothrock and Town Clerk Barbara Beach.

Mayor Pro-tem Terry Lentz called the meeting to order and the following agenda items were discussed.

1. Bond Order to authorize refinancing of Sanitary Sewer Bonds

Upon motion of Ms. Wiseman, second by Mr. Wray, Council voted unanimously to authorize the bond order for refunding bonds in the amount of \$1,825,000 to retire the existing bonds that were issued in 1987 and 1990 for sanitary sewer improvements.

2. Discussion of Emergency Medical Services

Council discussed the new position budgeted for Emergency Medical Services and the way it would be used to complement existing services. Marc Hickman, Aaron Miller and Kent Graham of Emergency Services were present and answered questions about the mutual aid agreement the Rescue Squad honors to cover the Northern Caldwell area. After further discussion, Council instructed Mr. Hickman to proceed with filling the position.

3. Discussion of proposed Town Center District and sign ordinance

Kevin Rothrock was present to discuss the work of the Town Center Subcommittee and the direction their work has taken. Council agreed that they prefer simple guidelines for setbacks and green space in the proposed Town Center District. Also discussed were guidelines for reconstruction of non-conforming uses. Council also directed Mr. Rothrock to enforce the sign ordinance for non-conforming signs, notifying owners of violations and specifying a deadline of March 15, 2003 for compliance with the sign ordinance.

4. Approval of change in meeting location to the Library

Council had previously agreed to change the meeting date of the September meeting to September 11. This date change will conflict with prior commitments. By motion of Mr. Tester, second by Mr. Wray, members voted unanimously to change the location to the Community Club Library Meeting Room for the September 10 meeting.

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There was no further business, and Mr. Lentz adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Terry Lentz,
Mayor Pro-tem

Barbara G. Beach, Town Clerk