

MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
APRIL 11, 2019

Mayor Blair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

Attendance: Mayor William J. Blair III, Mayor Pro Tem Darryl Mills, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Elizabeth King; together with Town Attorney John C. Wessell III, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Absent: Alderman Henry E. Miller III due to a scheduling conflict.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: The Lord's Prayer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: ELISE RUNNING – SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TOWN; MIKE EDMONDS – PARKING AND WATER AND SEWER ISSUES.**

Ms. Elise Running, speaking on behalf of the Harbor Island Garden Club, said, "We want to thank the Town for supporting the Club. Over a year ago when we accepted the offer from the Azalea Festival Committee to include Harbor Way Garden as one of the proposed Garden Tour sites for 2019, no one could have predicted the storm (Hurricane Florence). Special thanks to Tim (Owens) and the Parks and Rec employees that helped and allowed us to participate in the Tour. We were one of only three public gardens. We had 2,800 visitors and we feel we did the Town proud. Also, special thanks to Chief House and the Police Department for the added support." Mayor Pro Tem Mills recognized the members that were present and said they did an outstanding job with this event.

Mr. Mike Edmonds, 601 North Channel Drive, said, "I addressed parking issues in February. Since then another issue has come up. I'd like to speak about the unfortunate change that was decided upon to require people with handicap placards to be charged for parking when they cannot find designated parking. I do not know if there was a study made before it came to the Board. I do not think that is what Wrightsville Beach is about. We have marked spaces and the Town does not charge for them but if the spaces are full, they will be charged. Under the kiosk, no spaces are ADA compliant. If a person has an inability to operate the kiosk, it is unfortunate for them. I know we need to maintain beach protection, lifeguards, and sand but I do not think it was that much money lost to the Town by not having to pay for this before this year. We could change this within the next 24 hours by just giving direction to Lanier. I know some people might cheat. That will happen from time to time, but not that many. Some people coming this year may not be aware of the change. I think it is unfortunate for the Town. The second thing, in February, I asked you to reconsider allowing people with hangtags to park on West Salisbury Street. I don't know if Lanier said we're losing revenue. I don't know where it came from. That is also something you can change easily. I can park there and take my grandchildren to the pier. Agenda Item F. I was on the ad hoc committee for water and sewer. Tonight you will be making a decision on an interlocal agreement with CFPWA. They by error contaminated a nice resource and caused us to have to shut down Well #11 causing us to have to buy water over the summer. I find it unfortunate that they did it and it will cost us \$100,000. I'm hoping it is out of the contingency in the Water and Sewer Fund. I encourage Brother Wessell to speak to them about this. It's unfortunate that our citizens, through their water bills, are stuck with these costs. Lastly, I would like to ask you all going forward – talking about storm water repair work on Jasmine – some of you know about our issues on North Channel Drive. Water does not go anywhere and we may need to do engineering work with the storm drain work in the 400 and 500 block. I do wish you would strongly consider my comments on parking with regard to people with issues with mobility."

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH A 4-0 VOTE BY MOTION OF MAYOR BLAIR AND SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MILLS WITH REMOVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2150 ADOPTING AN UPDATED LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN AND THE ITEM TO SET A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING.**

- a. Approved Special Meeting Minutes of October 17 and October 23, 2018.
- b. Approved special event permits as follows:
  1. Powell Wedding (*15 participants*)  
Sunday, May 19, 2019 (6:00 – 8:00 am)  
Location: Beach Access #8 (*Holiday Inn Resort*)
  2. WB Elementary School Fall Festival (*500 participants*)  
Friday, October 11, 2019 (4:15 – 6:15 p.m.)  
Location: Wrightsville Beach Park  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
- c. Acknowledged previously approved special events for May.
- d. Accepted donations from the Wrightsville Beach Foundation: 1) \$989.73 for the purchase of a swing for the Harbor Way Garden; and 2) \$1,000 to help fund the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Adopted Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 506-B to create the revenue and expense associated with a PC Safety Grant for a Camera Project in the amount of \$5,000.
- f. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2143 declaring May 2019 as Building Safety Month in Wrightsville Beach.
- g. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2144 proclaiming the week of May 5-11, 2019 as Municipal Clerks Week in the Town of Wrightsville Beach.
- h. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2145 proclaiming May 18-24, 2019 as Safe Boating Week in Wrightsville Beach.
- i. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2146 proclaiming May 19-25, 2019 as Public Works Week in Wrightsville Beach.
- j. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2147 proclaiming May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week and Wednesday, May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Wrightsville Beach.
- k. Approved revised 2019 Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule to cancel the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- l. Set public hearing for the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, for consideration of a text amendment to Section 155.8.9 Expansion or Enlargement Single Family/Duplex submitted by Mr. Jerry Oates for a house at the Water Street Elevation Project.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M., OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE, TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL APPLICATION FOR 103 CANAL STREET OF THE INTERPRETATION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2150 APPROVING AN UPDATED LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN.**

Mr. Owens said he had pulled the first item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. He said he would not be able to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting if it is held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Following a brief discussion, there was Board consensus to set the Board of Adjustment public hearing for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers of Town Hall.

Alderman Dull said he had pulled the Local Water Supply Plan from the Consent Agenda because he wanted to understand more about what a local water supply plan is. Public Works Director Bill Squires said, “The State requires us to do a local water supply plan every year to show that we can supply water to the community.” Alderman Dull asked if the NCDEQ comes down and goes over the plan. Mr. Squires replied, “We have surprise inspections but there are no issues with that.” Alderman Dull said, “If we adopt the plan, it means they have signed off on it?” Mr. Squires replied, “Yes.”

Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to approve both items by adopting Resolution No. (2019) 2150 for the Water Supply Plan and by setting the Board of Adjustment Meeting for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers of Town Hall, to consider an appeal application for 103 Canal Street of the interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2145 PROCLAIMING SAFE BOATING WEEK TO THE CAPE FEAR SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON.**

Mr. Owens read Resolution No. (2019) 2145 (approved on the Consent Agenda) to the audience. He then presented the Resolution to David Parker, Safety Officer for the Cape Fear Chapter of the US Sail and Power Squadron. Mr. Parker accepted the Resolution on behalf of the Squadron and thanked the Board for their support and recognition of this important safety program. He noted that Wrightsville Beach was at the center of boating in this area.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 155.8.12 FOR DRY STACK BOAT STORAGE FACILITY (COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE) IN THE C-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. (CONTINUED FROM MARCH 14, 2019)**

Mr. Wilson said, “The Planning and Inspections Department is requesting that Section 155.8 be amended to allow for a separate section, Expansion or Enlargement of a Dry Stack Boat Storage Facility that would only apply to the C-3 Zoning District. The proposed text amendment would allow expansion or enlargement of dry stack boat storage slips in the C-3 Zoning District only if the number of slips is reduced below the number of such slips that existed before the expansion, and the footprint of the dry stack facility does not exceed 2,400 square feet. The proposed text amendment appears consistent with Policy 9.1.A.7 and Policy 9.1.A.11 of the CAMA Land Use Plan. The Planning Board met on April 2, 2019 and unanimously forwarded a favorable recommendation for the Board of Aldermen to approve the text amendment to Chapter 155.8. Planning Staff also recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the text amendment.” When asked if there were any other dry stack facilities, Mr. Wilson said the only one he could think of was Marine Max and this may or may not apply to them.

Mayor Blair opened the public hearing at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Mike Edmonds, 601 North Channel Drive, said, “The Floyd family and Atlantic Marine have been a positive influence in Wrightsville Beach since 1976. As a citizen of the Town, I have nothing but full support. Everything the Floyd family and Atlantic Marine touches is good. As a private citizen, I fully endorse the plan for Atlantic Marine to be able to do this project.”

Ms. Sue Bulluck, speaking for the Chamber, said, “Having sat through many meetings of the Land Use Plan and gone through the projections for the Town, they have done what they were asked. It is time for us to do. We fully support this.”

With no further public input, Mayor Blair closed the public hearing at 5:53 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Mills said, “I agree with Mr. Edmonds. The Planning Board was unanimous in support. I see no reason not to do it.” Alderman Dull said, “The boats have gotten wider. In order for the Floyds to continue to serve, he is trying to maintain his business. I think it is a creative way to address the problem. We need access to the water and he provides a great service.” Alderman King and Mayor Blair agreed.

Mayor Blair made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. (2019) 1784. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote. Mr. Wessell expressed the need for the Board to adopt the Planning Board’s statement of consistency. Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to approve the Planning Board’s statement of consistency in accordance with our ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

#### **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON THE LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MUSEUM FOR THE NEW MUSEUM BUILDING.**

Mr. Owens said, “They did not meet the terms of their lease so they are in default. They were supposed to be in the building by April 1. It is not operational and it doesn’t have a CO.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked where they were in the process. Mr. Owens replied, “I think they are still seeking funding. Do we need to change the terms of the lease if we agree to extend it?” Mr. Wessell replied, “We will need to adopt a resolution approving a one-year lease. We do not need to do anything until October. The current lease has been breached. You do not have to do anything. You can put it off for a month or you can take action. Not acting tonight does not preclude you from acting in the future.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills said, “I think we should wait and let them come to the next meeting.” Ms. Sue Bulluck said, “They need inside finishing.” Mayor Blair asked if the Board needed to do anything. Mr. Wessell replied, “Not tonight. We will leave it alone for the time being and let Mr. Owens get with the Museum folks.”

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2148 APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A ONE-YEAR LEASE FOR 5 LIVE OAK DRIVE.**

Mr. Owens said, “This is a new lease with Sprout-Yoga and Art for Kids LLC for 5 Live Oak Drive. It will start May 1. All of the terms are the same.” Mr. Wessell said, “it restricts their use. The rent is the same.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2148 to renew the lease with Sprout-Yoga and Art for Kids LLC for one year beginning May 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2019) 504-B FOR A TEMPORARY PARK RANGER FOR A PORTION OF FY2018/19.**

Mr. Owens said, “This Budget Ordinance is to fund the temporary Park Ranger position we have talked about hiring. We have two candidates and will make an offer to one soon. This would fund that position through the rest of this budget year.” Mayor Blair expressed the need to find an extra radio for the new position. Alderman Dull asked Mr. Owens if he wanted to approve that position at \$20,000. Mr. Owens said he thought that would cover it. Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 504-B approving up to \$20,000 to fund a temporary Park Ranger for the remaining portion of FY2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SALISBURY STREET OCEAN ACCESS PARK AD-HOC COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Owens said, “At the prior Board meeting, the Board discussed creating an ad hoc committee to assist in oversight and management of the Salisbury Street Ocean Access Park Project. The committee is to consist of as many members as the Board wishes to appoint and the specific charge of the committee should be established.”

Mayor Pro Tem Mills said, “We have Mayor Blair, Alderman Dull, Katie Ryan, Dustin Gross and Jeff DeGroot – if that’s good with the Board.”

Mr. Wessell said, “Some communities have specific guidelines for committees; I do not think we do. We have to comply with the Open Meetings Law. It would be a good idea to come up with an outline of the purpose for the committee. I don’t know if you want to put a stop date. Once the project is complete, it would be over. You could come up with a statement of what the committee would do.”

Alderman Dull said, “I’m not ready to have the answers to all of these action items. I think Mayor Pro Tem Mills has a good list of folks but I would like to sit down with the Mayor and Mr. Owens and get a mission statement and have it ready for the next meeting.” Mr. Owens said, “Do you want to make appointments?” Alderman Dull replied, “I think we need to do that at the next meeting.” Mayor Blair said, “We may want to add two more people. You can get with Mr. Owens and set a time for the meeting.”

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DONATION OF BENCHES AT OCEANFRONT ACCESSES.**

Mr. Owens said, “We do not have a policy for bench donations. People have donated benches in the past but they do not maintain them. We stopped taking these donations a couple of years ago but there has been some interest in replacing some of these. You could have someone donate a bench or money and we could build to specs. I can write something and bring it back for Board consideration.”

Alderman Dull expressed the need to come up with a design so they would be consistent. Alderman King expressed the need to address bench replacement in the policy. Alderman Dull asked who decides where the benches are placed. Mr. Wessell said that would be the Town’s decision.

Mayor Blair said, “We need to be able to secure them as well. The one at the end of my street disappeared.” Mr. Owens said, “We just need rules and expectations. We need to spell it out that if someone donates a bench, it may go away with a hurricane, etc. I will come up with something.”

**RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2151 APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY REGARDING THE SHORT-TERM MUTUAL AID BULK WATER SUPPLY TO THE TOWN AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2019) 505-B TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN'S WATER SYSTEM TO RECEIVE WATER FROM CFPUA.**

Mr. Owens said, “CFPUA has already approved this Interlocal Agreement. It would allow us to buy at an emergency supplemental bulk rate of 65 cents per 1,000 gallons. We need to secure all permits. The Town will pay \$100 per month for meter fees only during those months of purchasing water. Water will be available six months out of the year. We estimate \$100,000 for construction. We are going through the permit process and hope to receive water from them in mid-May. We have to adjust for pressure differences.”

Mayor Blair said, “I’d like to speak to Mr. Edmonds’ comments. We spent six to eight weeks talking to CFPUA. The Town is aware of how this transpired. The Town is also in a class action lawsuit with Chemours. In the short term, we made this deal with CFPUA to make sure we have enough water for the summer. We did not have it without Well #11. The actual cost of the water is a wash. We will not raise water rates.” Mr. Edmonds said, “So it will cost us what it costs us to provide our own?” Mayor Blair replied, “Yes. There’s a lot more work in this than it looks like. We have to give you all water and this is the best deal we could come up with from a cost standpoint.”

Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2151 approving an Interlocal Agreement with Cape Fear Public Utility Authority for a bulk rate and water supply. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 505-B in the amount of \$100,000 to complete improvements to the Town’s water system to allow the Town to receive water from CFPUA. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to allow the Town Manager to execute construction contracts within the allotted budget amount for work to the Town’s water system associated with the new Interlocal Agreement following the Town Attorney’s review. Mr. Wessell said either he or McKim and Creed would draw up the contract. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**CONSIDER HIRING METAL ROOF CONSULTANTS TO CREATE A DESIGN AND SCOPE OF WORK TO REPAIR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING METAL ROOF AND OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.**

Mr. Owens said, “We had some issues with the last hurricane. The cost should be around \$68,000. The roofer is proposing to fix all of the ridges and valleys.”

When Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked if this was covered by insurance, Mr. Wessell said, “We have had someone look at this and he thinks the statute of limitations has run out.” Mayor Blair asked if there would be any FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Owens replied, “FEMA was at \$32,000 for internal stuff. There’s no real damage; just shoddy workmanship. We will try to package the scope of work with the flashing scope of work. We will also have a flooring and sheetrock package as well.” Alderman Dull asked if we could write a one-year warranty into the scope. Mr. Wessell said he would put that in there. Alderman Dull then made the motion to let Mr. Owens proceed with a scope of work for the Public Safety Building metal roof. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2149 FOR THE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF A ROAD/ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN WAYNICK BOULEVARD AND SOUTH LUMINA AVENUE PURSUANT TO NCGS 160-A-299.**

Mr. Owens said, “We got a grant to do the Trolley Stop bathroom. It is in a public right of way and we feel we need to close that public right of way.” Mr. Wessell said, “The area where we want to build it is considered a public street. I had an unfortunate experience of being on the losing end of the courts saying you could not put anything on a street except a street. I’m proposing to close the street and put it a foot away from the property line so we would be abutting a property owner. This is easy enough to do.” Mr. Owens said the proposed resolution was just an intent to close and staff would bring an ordinance back for adoption. Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2149 for the partial closure of a road/alley located between Waynick Boulevard and South Lumina Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION/DIRECTION ON SPACE NEEDS AND ANALYSIS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF.**

Mr. Owens said, “The Board directed staff to do a space needs study for the Parks and Rec Office Building to look at the different options. This would be similar to what John Sawyer did for Town Hall. He would look at all of the different options and come up with cost estimates for the Parks and Rec Office Building for \$14,100.” Mayor Blair asked if that was something we could do ourselves. Alderman Dull said, “I looked at the proposal and I think he is providing what we want him to do. He is also going to provide budget pricing. We will be able to make intelligent decisions from that work.” Alderman Dull made the motion to hire John Sawyer to do a space needs study as proposed in his letter dated April 5, 2019 to Tim Owens. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**WMPO BIKE/PED COMMITTEE AND CAPE FEAR 2045 TRANSPORTATION PLAN.**

Recreation Program Supervisor Katie Ryan said, “I serve on the WMPO Bike/Ped Committee. We were asked to select 150 bicycle and pedestrian projects from a list of more than 1,500 that were assembled from public input, the WMPO’s member jurisdictions and planning partners, as well as projects included in the WMPO’s other adopted transportation plans. The list identifies about eight that were Wrightsville Beach projects. The next step is to go back for cost estimates and then it goes to the WMPO. It will not be approved until 2020. This still has to go through a few more processes.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills noted that when they narrowed it down, our top ranked item was Number 42.

Mr. Owens said, “We are not obligated to do any of them. It helps to have this if you want to do something else.” Alderman Dull said he saw where they wanted to slide all of the lanes on the bridge to one side with an eight-foot bike lane. Mr. Owens said they sent something to the Board that day.

#### **UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.**

Mr. Squires said, “We discussed some of these earlier in the budget meeting. Nine projects are currently in the works. Jasmine Place and Jasmine Court paving: the low bidder was Civil Works. A notice to proceed goes out tomorrow and we’re projecting a week to get it done. Salisbury Street Utility Improvements: a notice to proceed was sent on April 1. They will be mobilizing in the next two to three weeks with completion by August 24. Cypress Avenue Storm Water Repair: we received bids from two contractors. The Town will install an additional ninety feet to Myrtle Court. Funding is in the current storm water budget. The next pavement project would be Myrtle Court. Chlorine Conversion: was approved in the last budget. All parts and equipment have been received. Town staff will install. Town staff will request from NCDEQ a reduction in having to visit every well every day. We will probably be reduced to five days with the possibility of a three-day visit. WTC 2 and interconnect: we received one bid. They have extended that until tomorrow. LS4 Rehab: we had a pre-bid meeting yesterday. The bid opening is April 18. That project can be done anytime. We will set up a bypass and use a manhole. Water Main Rehab: we are working on a survey and an easement for the Raleigh Street area. The design phase is at 90% completion. We will go out to bid this summer. Sewer: Highfill will present findings at the next Board meeting and will make recommendations to proceed. Mixed Aerators: two elevated tanks have been completed with a substantial reduction in TTHMs. We were required to do quarterly sampling. We received a letter from NCDEQ last week reducing our sampling to annual.”

#### **UPDATE ON FY19/20 BUDGET PROCESS.**

Mr. Owens said, “We met today and went through the whole budget. I have direction on what to change and what to keep. We may need one more meeting for insurance. We will get the budget put together and to the Board by the end of May.”

#### **ALDERMAN DULL: OTHER COMMENTS AND REPORTS.**

- Alderman Dull was not able to attend the Marketing Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Owens said they were working on the marketing plan and the Board would see a budget in June. Alderman Dull noted that the Room Occupancy Taxes were up for Wrightsville Beach as well as countywide.
- Looking forward to getting the Salisbury Street Ad Hoc Committee going to get the vision to a realization.

#### **MAYOR BLAIR: OTHER COMMENTS AND REPORTS.**

- We have spent a lot of time on this water stuff. We have a short-term solution we think will work.
- Beach Communities Breakfast tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Resort.

**MAYOR PRO TEM MILLS: OTHER COMMENTS AND REPORTS.**

- We had several meetings with CFPUA plus a number of phone calls and discussions. They did come down several times in the price they quoted so it is basically a wash for what it costs.
- The Harbor Island Garden Club did a tremendous job with help from Katie Ryan and some of their folks.

**MR. OWENS: OTHER COMMENTS AND REPORTS.**

- Thanks to Erica Walters for the job she has done for us.
- Lease Amendment to Cingular Wireless: nothing major, just changes in equipment on the south end water tank. Mr. Wessell has reviewed. Mr. Wessell said, “It simply changes the equipment. There are no changes in fees. I’m okay with this.” Mayor Blair made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2152 approving the Lease Amendment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.
- Myrtle Beach is selling some of their IPS meters – 59 complete units for \$50 apiece and some for parts. The total cost would be \$4,510. It would be a good investment. The cost to purchase new would be about \$35,000. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Blair made the motion to make that deal. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION FOR A LEGAL UPDATE FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND A PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO G.S. 143.318.11.**

Mr. Wessell said he would like to request a Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter and to bring the Board up to date on the current lawsuits. Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion at 6:44 p.m. to go into Closed Session for a legal update from the Town Attorney and a personnel matter pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**MEETING RECONVENED.**

Mayor Blair reconvened the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m. and asked the record to reflect that the Closed Session had been held for the reasons so stated with no action taken. Based on a favorable evaluation of the Town Manager during the Closed Session, Alderman Dull made the motion to give Mr. Owens a 1% raise and 2% merit bonus effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman  
Town Clerk