

Town of North High Shoals

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Minutes December 9, 2002

Present:

Mayor Jeff Thomas
Councilman Wade Thomas
Councilman Fred Johnson
Councilman B.J. Ivie
Councilwoman Violet Dawe

Others Present:

Douglas Northrop Resident
Stephen Holzman Resident

Monthly Business:

1. A motion was made by Councilman Ivie to table the November financial statement until next month. A second was made by all Councilmembers and the vote was unanimous.
2. Approval of the Draft Copy of the November minutes. Motion to approve with corrections made by Councilman Ivie. A second to the motion made by Councilman Johnson. All members present approved the motion.

Old Business:

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported that everything has been slow. The frost has kept the grass down. The ballfield is still moving forward and everything should be ready by February. The Mayor noted that Councilwoman Dawe was in charge of pulling the opposing team together.
2. **Walking Path:** Douglas Northrop gave a copy of a bid for the walkway. The bid is for \$3800.00. This will be concrete and 4 foot. This will be on the hill and past the ditch. Mayor Thomas noted that the walkway would have to be on the right of way. The town will be responsible for \$3500.00 and the Homeowners Association will be responsible for the balance.

It was also agreed that the concrete would need to be 3 1/2 to 4" in depth and also have rebar in place. Mayor Thomas stated that if everything was in place as designated it would be ok to go ahead. The Mayor needs to be called after it is flagged and also after it is graded and laid out for inspection. The Mayor is

also concerned about digging around on the grass and causing some runoff and then it would be hard to regrow grass in January.

Mr. Northrop noted that he would like to see the town pay the entire amount. Mayor Thomas did not want to set a precedent at this time.

3. **GUN DISCHARGE ORDINANCE:** Mayor Thomas passed out copies of the newly revised Gun Discharge Ordinance. After much discussion between the council and the residents of the town, Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the gun discharge ordinance as written. A second to the motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe. All members of the council present approved the motion.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the Resolution, known as section 107 and named Rationale. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All council members present approved the motion. It was noted that a public hearing would need to be held at the January meeting to discuss Section 107, named Rationale and then vote on it at the regularly scheduled meeting.

New Business:

1. Mayor Thomas noted that there would be a five week time period before the next meeting. The Mayor also wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season and noted that he would get the rest of the decorations up as soon as possible.

Mayor's Update:

1. It was noted that the sign still needed to be placed on Shadyfield Lane.
2. It was noted that in Gwinnett county two residents were awarded damages for problems on their property from runoff that should have been corrected by the Developer.
3. It was noted that the Georgia Water Coalition met for four days. Councilwoman Dawe represented the Friends of the Apalachee River. The meeting was mainly concerned with the selling of water. It was noted that water is a resource and should not be sold to the highest bidder.
4. Councilwoman Dawe reported that the General Assembly which will be in session soon. There are several representatives that are putting up the resolution for the Georgia Water Bill of Rights. Councilwoman Dawe would like to publish the Resolution the town has concerning the Apalachee River in January.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councilman Johnson to conclude the December meeting. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Ivie. All council members present approved the motion.

Respectfully;



Sherry Balas
Town Clerk