

## Town of North High Shoals

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### Minutes October 13, 2003

**Present:**

Mayor Jeff Thomas  
Councilman Wade Thomas  
Councilman Fred Johnson  
Councilman Cape  
Councilwoman Dawe

**Others Present:**

Kate Parrott	Media
David Lawrence	Resident
Marietta Fugett	Resident

**Monthly Business:**

1. Approval of the **Financial Statement** for the month of **September**. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Johnson. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All councilmembers present approved the motion.
2. Approval of the **Draft Copy** of the **September minutes**. Motion to approve with corrections made by Councilman Johnson. A second to the motion made by Councilman Thomas. All members present approved the motion.
3. Approval of the **Draft Copy** of the **Special Called Meeting**. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Johnson. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Thomas. All members present approved the motion.

**Old Business:**

1. **City Park:** Mayor Thomas reported for the grading and asphalt for the basketball court would run approximately \$4000.00 - \$6000.00. The Mayor went on to state that he had cut the baseball field today

and would finish it tomorrow. The Mayor noted that he had seen some fire ant beds and that some bait would need to be purchased for this.

It was reported by Councilwoman Dawe that she had been approached by two individuals and they had asked about weed whacking that needed to be done around the baseball fence.

Councilman Johnson reported that he had heard only positive things about the park.

It was suggested that the town have a Clean up day at the park maybe twice per year. After some discussion it was decided that the first clean up day would be held on November 15, 2003 from 9-12.

#### **New Business:**

1. Councilman Johnson asked about the possibility of turning Speedway Road into a private road and the city not maintaining the road any longer. Councilman Johnson felt as if the road needed to be turned over to the adjacent property owners.

Mayor Thomas noted that right now it was a public access to the city park, and the city would be giving up direct access.

It was suggested that the road be made a dead end by putting a barrier up in the middle of the road, which would leave it accessible for a walking path.

Mayor Thomas stated that he would check with the road engineer.

Councilwoman Dawe felt that emergency vehicles should be considered.

#### **Mayor's Update:**

1. Mayor Thomas announced that there would be no election. The only persons that qualified were the ones already holding the positions.

2. Mayor Thomas asked the council to consider whether they wanted to decorate the city park for the holidays by lighting a tree at the park.

3. Mayor Thomas reported that Senate Bill 1453 which would provide Forestry and Community Assistance would be providing moneys for research. The Mayor asked that the council get a letter to Zell Miller or Saxby Chambliss concerning this.

4. Mayor Thomas reported that the Planning Commission meeting would be held the next Monday. The Mayor went on to state that CUP 3287/landfill would be on the agenda. The Mayor noted that at this point Walton County had approved the portion of land that within their jurisdiction, but that if Oconee County did not approve the landfill, it would not be able to go through.

It was suggested that our approved resolutions be published in the papers. The Mayor noted that the publishing of said resolution would be costly.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dawe to spend the money on publishing the resolutions that showed the town was opposed to the landfill. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Cape. All members present approved the motion.

5. Mayor Thomas reported that Ms. Marietta Fugett of 465 Hopping Road had made a request to have a double wide modular home moved onto their property and then have the necessary time to have the single wide that is now in place torn down.

The Mayor noted that the double wide did meet the required square footage for a home within the town.

Ms. Fugett requested 60 days to get the single wide trailer taken down.

A motion was made by Councilman Cape to approve the request to have the mobile home moved onto the property and have the 60 days to tear down the existing structure. A second was made to the motion by Councilman Johnson. All members present approved the motion.

6. Councilman Cape noted that he, along with others that had contacted him, were concerned about the traffic on Hillsboro Road. Councilman Cape went on to state that he felt that another speed break was needed. Councilman Cape also noted that he felt that radar should be run due to the problem with the traffic. Councilman Cape also stated that he felt more pressure needed to be put on the local and state authorities. Councilman Cape felt it would be feasible to set up portable scales. Councilman Cape went on to note that since the "FALLS" had been closed that there was less police traffic.

7. Councilwoman Dawe reported that there were still dogs running loose. Councilwoman Dawe felt it would be a good idea to tell new residents that there is a leash law in Oconee County as well as in North High Shoals.

Councilwoman Dawe also noted that someone was stealing emergency signs.

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

Respectfully;

Sherry Bales  
Town Clerk