

Town of North High Shoals

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## Minutes

**March 10, 2008**

Present: Councilman Steve Holzman  
Councilman B. J. Ivie  
Councilman Fred Johnson  
Councilwomen Violet Dawe  
Councilman Eddie Cape

Others Present:

David Lawrence      175 Hillsboro Road  
Heike Mueller      1150 Falcon Ridge Road  
Horst Klein      1150 Falcon Ridge Drive  
Tony Capomacchia      2320 Elder Road  
Susan Marcantonio      1441 Arborwood Ridge  
Curtis Clarke  
Blake Giles  
Steve Tucker

## Monthly Business

1. Financial Statement for February accepted on a 2-0-1(Ivie abstention), (Council Member Cape entered late.)  
Motion by Council Member Johnson & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holzman
  - Council Member Johnson noted that the running budget requested at the last meeting was not included.
  
2. The vote on the February Draft Minutes was temporarily postponed due to several discrepancies.
  - Correction that Park committee to be chaired by David Lawrence
  - Mayor Thomas not listed as being in attendance
  - Addition – Street sign was requested for Frazier Hill.
  - Section under HSES elementary should be moved to web site section of notes
  - Addition: under city web sites – also motioned and 2nded and voted 3-0 that all available agendas, minutes, and financials were to be sent to Steve to be posted on web site.

- Motion by Council Member Holzman to approve minutes with corrections as stated, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Johnson. Approved 2-2 (Ivie & Cape) with Mayor pro-tem Dawe breaking the tie.

## **Old Business**

### **1. City Park**

- Council Member Johnson explained that he met with a county official to discuss further clearing in the park and wrote a letter to the county with that request. Council Member Holzman pointed out that we need to wait on the area of the barn until the nesting vultures leave in June.
- Council Member Cape stated that there are no local, county, state, or federal regulations saying we needed to fill-in an abandoned well. He said we might have wasted money. Council Member Johnson provided the names of the people at the EPD he contacted, their phone numbers, and GA Water Well Standards Act which was referenced.
- Council Member Cape offered to hand over the responsibility of erecting the flag pole to someone else.
- Offer of basketball goal accepted from Tony Capamachio. Accepted 4-0. Further discussion of goals
- Steve Tucker revisited the well issue and asked Council Member Cape for references to back his accusations; Council Member Cape responded that he could, but didn't think that was his point.
- David Lawrence asked for advice about placing the flag pole.

### **2. Law Enforcement Update**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe was unable to get appointment with Sheriff Berry.

### **3. Street Improvements**

- Council Member Holzman presented information on portable speed bumps, including prices. Price was only a couple hundred dollars. He will find out if they are street legal.
- Some Gober Rd holes filled.
- David Lawrence pointed out drainage problem on Hillsboro Rd.
- Council discussed and approved 4-0 repairing septic field in Council Member Cape's yard with several conditions like pictures, statements, etc. Only one bid was provided by Council Member Cape. Council Member Johnson was to contact county to discuss matter.
- Council Member Ivie was asked to check on repairing holes in roads and edges of roads.

### **4. HSES**

- Question raised on traffic to new school. Council Member Cape will check on who will be doing the traffic pre-study for HSES.

### **5. City Web Site - Look for information on the web at**

**<http://www.northhighshoals.org/>**

- Council Member Steve Holzman, webmaster, reported that electronic files have not been provided by Mayor Thomas.

- Council Member Johnson made a motion to have Mayor Thomas provide all past agendas, minutes, and financial statements to the web master for posting on the web site; second by Council Member Holzman. 3-1(Council Member Cape voted no.)

## **6. Audit Update**

- Discussion of the importance of the audit and the need to get it done. No news available to the council.

## **7. Noise**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe asked Council Member Cape if he could contact the 2 parties within the next 2 weeks and let the mayor and Council Member Holzman know the results of his effort.

## **8. Lot Size Variance Request (Shadyfield Lane lots)**

- Council Member Cape reported that the individuals in this manner asked to be removed from the agenda.

## **9. Fire Department**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe reported that we are still waiting to hear from fire department for their budget request.

## **10. Election Board/Superintendent**

- Council Member Johnson reported that Council Member Holzman and he met with Town Attorney Reitman who advised that the first order of business we need to do is hire an election superintendent. Council Member Johnson motioned that the town advertise for an election superintendent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holzman. Discussion ensued. Motion was withdrawn. New motion was made by Johnson to ask our attorney again about the status of our election superintendent and the availability of training. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holzman. 2-2(Cape & Ivie) Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe voted in favor. Council Member Holzman will take care of contacting Attorney Reitman.

## **11. Building Codes Enforcement**

- Mayor Thomas was not present to report

## **New Business**

### **1. Meeting Rules of Order**

- Council Member Johnson provided copies of the revision of the rules draft developed at the February work session. This version has been reviewed by the town attorney as well as council members attending the last work session. It was decided that council members would look over this during the next month.

### **2. Business Licenses**

- Mayor pro-tem assigned research of other cities - Council Member Ivie: Winder; Council Member Holzman: Watkinsville; Council Member Cape: Good Hope & Bostwick; Council Member Johnson: Athens; & Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe: Oconee County

### **3. Sidewalk Planning**

- Council Member Johnson asked council to start to consider areas of interest for future sidewalks. We need to have future plans in place for possible SPLOST or grant opportunities. Discussion of SPLOST options.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe assigned Council Member Johnson to contact Mayor Thomas about determining who would represent the town at a possible SPLOST meeting.

### **4. Job Description for City Clerk**

- Council Member Holzman pointed out that his training as a newly elected official stressed that we have this job description on file. Council Member Cape suggested we do have this document. Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe assigned Council Member Cape to find clerk job description in city files with Mayor's help.

### **5. Mayor Pro-Tem Duties**

- Council Member Johnson made a motion that the mayor pro-tem be given a set of keys to the city locks and have their name placed on the city financial accounts. Second by Council Member Holzman. Discussion by all, including several concerned citizens. Vote 1 (Johnson)-3 (Holzman, Cape, Ivie)
- Council Member Holzman made a motion to ask the city lawyer for options and legality concerning keys and name on city financial accounts. Council Member Ivie seconded. Vote 4-0.

### **Mayor's Update and Agenda Requests**

*(All requests to be on the agenda must be submitted at least 15 days before a meeting. Direct your agenda items to Council Member Steve Holzman directly or to him through the Clerk, or Mayor Thomas. Look for the agenda for the next council meeting on the town's web site 2 weeks before the next meeting. The next council meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2008.)*

1. Joint Comprehensive Plan vote requested by Council Member Cape. Motion to place it on the agenda by Council Member Holzman & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Ivie. Motion made to adopt by Council Member Cape & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holzman. Resolution was read and voted to accept 4-0.

2. Review agenda order by Council Member Holzman

3. Motion to adjourn by Council Member Johnson & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Council Member Holzman. Vote 4-0

