

# Town of North High Shoals

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*Mayor –Robert M. Beall*  
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## OFFICIAL MINUTES TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA APRIL 26, 2012

### Council Present:

Mike Beall                      Jason Wisniewski  
David Lawrence                Steve Holzman

### Visitors:

Trey Downs                      Fred Johnson                      Mark Saxon  
John MacKay                      Karl Berg

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Beall called the regular monthly council meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Mayor Beall asked if there were any changes to the agenda or to the March, 2012 minutes. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the agenda with an order change, and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Council Member Wisniewski made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beall presented the financial statement and account balances. Discussion followed. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Statements on Non-Agenda Items: Oconee County BOC candidate Mark Saxon and Sheriff candidate Trey Downs spoke to council about the upcoming election. Mr. Berg also discussed possible BOC help on Anthony Lane.

#### Item 1. Street Update

Council Member Lawrence spoke about the installation of the radar speed monitor and the assistance offered by the Oconee County Public Works Department. Discussion followed about the posts, locations, costs, security, relocation ability, etc.

Council also discussed Anthony Lane and Dickens Lane. Council Member Holzman stated that it would cost approximately \$30,000 to upgrade Dickens Road, using tar and gravel. Discussion followed on the SPLOST account, cost, budget, road usage, priority list, four wheeler traffic, etc. Council Member Holzman made a motion to proceed with this upgrade of Dickens Lane with Oconee BOC assistance, but he withdrew the motion until resurfacing work on Jefferson Road has been completed and paid.

### Item 2. City Park Update

Council Member Lawrence stated that he and Mayor Beall had met with a representative from All About Asphalt to examine the walking trails at the park. They learned that resurfacing the entire track might not be necessary now, it would be quite expensive, and that there are ways to prolong the track, such as patching and sealing, water drainage, grass removal, etc. Council Member Lawrence stated that he had contacted Butler Landscaping and they will help with grass removal along the edges of the track.

### Item 3. Dog Day

Organizer John MacKay updated council and visitors on Dog Day on May 5. He stated that several organizations had agreed to help and he asked for volunteers.

### Item 4. Street Resurfacing

Mayor Beall stated that he had received the contract from the Department of Transportation, and that Oconee County would assist with preparation for the resurfacing of Jefferson Road. Mayor Beall will write a letter to Alan Theriault asking for Oconee County assistance in completing the resurfacing project. SPLOST and a DOT grant will finance the resurfacing project.

### Item 5. Baboon Science Aquatics

Mayor Beall stated that a request for the Occupation Tax Certificate had been received from Baboon Science Aquatics. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the request, and Council Member Lawrence made the second. The vote was unanimous.

### Item 6. Garden Club Week

Mayor Beall praised the work of the Watkinsville Garden Club, and he read part of a proclamation. Council Member Lawrence made the motion to adopt the resolution for Garden Week in North High Shoals. Council Member Wisniewski made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

### Item 7. Official Zoning Map

Council Member Holzman shared the first draft of a new zoning map for North High Shoals. This information was gleaned from the Oconee County GIS Department. Council Member Holzman stated that he update the map with zoning changes, etc. Discussion followed regarding errors in old surveys of Shadyfield Lane, etc. Mayor Beall thanked Council Member Holzman for his hard work and the professional design of the map.

### Item 8. Computer Issues

Council discussed subscribing to an on-line storage of computer records. Council Member Holzman stated that this would make sure computer records will be safe in case of fire, etc., for approximately \$75 per year. Council Member Holzman will check on this and other computer issues and let Mayor Beall know the price, subscription information, etc. Council Member Holzman will also modify the office computer, changing to the laptop.

### Item 9. Town Hall Committee

Mayor Beall stated that citizens are needed to serve on the Town Hall Committee. Notices have been posted on the Town Hall bulletin board and at the post office seeking citizens to serve on a Town Hall Committee. The committee will gather ideas about the new Town Hall to be built with SPLOST funds.

Item 10. Budget Discussion

Mayor Beall opened the meeting for public comment regarding the 2012-2013 budget for the town. Discussion followed regarding projected income, projects and expenses. Mayor Beall noted that the park would be paid off, which would allow those funds to be used for other things. A few possible expenses include: Roof repair for the current Town Hall and adjacent buildings, speed bumps, Hillsboro Road sidewalk, fire station, park path improvements, maintenance, flower bed fences at the park, playset expansion, etc. Council scheduled a work session for Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. to work on the proposed budget.

There was no other business or comments for the regular council meeting, and Council Member Lawrence made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Holzman made the second, and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Pritchett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk

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Work Session on Budget Preparation  
 April 23, 2012 – 7:30 p.m.  
 Town Hall

Present: Mayor Beall and Council Members Jason Wisniewski and Stephen Arnold

The purpose of the session was to discuss the proposed 2012-13 budget. Discussion included categories of expenses, stopping at Street Expense at 9:50 p.m. Mayor Beall completed the Mayor’s Recommended Budget, which was sent to council via email and is as follows:

	<b>2012-13</b>
<b>Office &amp; Administrative</b>	-
Payroll (June-June)	\$17,600.00
Office Equipment	1,500.00
Office Supplies, Postage, Etc.	1,300.00
Education & job training	700.00
Newspaper Expense	500.00
Dues (GMA, NEGRC, etc.)	1,400.00
Insurance & W.Comp.	5,000.00
Tax Digest / Collection Fees	500.00
Attorney fees	5,000.00
Other prof. services	3,000.00
Election Expenses	1,000.00
Misc. Adm. Expenses	2,000.00
<b>Budget Subtotal</b>	<b>39,500.00</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	
GA Power Co. (electric: town hall )	600.00

AT&T (phone/internet service)	1,500.00
Grounds/Building (town hall)	650.00
Property Mtnce.	2,150.00
Gas/Heat (buildings)	600.00
<b>Budget Subtotal</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>	
Environ/Traffic	5,500.00
<b>Budget Subtotal</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>
<b><u>Parks and Recreation</u></b>	
Lawn Maintenance	4,000.00
Utility Exp.	500.00
Misc. Park Expenses	8,000.00
<b>Budget Subtotal</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>
<b><u>Street Expense</u></b>	<b><u>2012-13</u></b>
Street Maintenance/Repair	8,500.00
Lighting (streetlights)	10,000.00
<b>Budget Subtotal</b>	<b>18,500.00</b>
<b>totals</b>	<b>81,500.00</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b><u>2012-13</u></b>
Occupation Tax	125.00
Insurance Commissioner	28,000.00
Franchise Fees	30,000.00
Other Taxes	800.00
Building Permits	300.00
Property Tax	21,000.00
Interest Income	200.00
Insurance Bus. Lic.	800.00
Park Income	200.00
Misc. Income	75.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>81,500.00</b>

