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# Town of North High Shoals

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OFFICIAL MINUTES  
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 21, 2017

Council Present: Mayor Toby P. Bradberry Jason Presley Eric Carlson  
Paul Dotterweich Violet Dawe Ann Evans

Visitors: Fred Johnson Robin Dotterweich

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Bradberry welcomed council and declared a quorum. He then opened the third millage rate public hearing section of the meeting. The council discussed the future needs of the town, the surplus of last year's budget, etc. After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to leave the millage rate as it was last year. Council Member Dawe voiced her concerns and future needs (new town hall and furnishings, maintenance on both buildings, professional assistance with updating the town's ordinances and zoning, etc), stating that the town could not keep taking the millage rate and continue to make the town better. She stated that two people had attended the second council meeting, but when they understood that the millage rate increase would not mean that much of an increase to individual families, they are supportive. Council Members Dotterweich addressed the surplus from last year's budget, and Council Member Dawe pointed out that the surplus was there because no large projects were accomplished last year. Council Member Evans suggested a wait-and-see approach. Discussion followed. Council Member Dotterweich made the second to the motion to keep the millage rate the same. The motion passed 4/1, with Council Member Dawe casting the opposing vote. Council Member Evans made the motion to accept the official resolution pertaining to the millage rate, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second. The vote was 4/1 that the millage remain at 1.398, with Council Member Dawe casting the opposing vote.

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Mayor Bradberry adjourned the millage rate public hearing and convened the regular August meeting of the council. He declared a quorum and directed council to the agenda. Council Member Dotterweich made the motion to accept the agenda, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Presley made the motion to accept the draft minutes of the July meeting with minor corrections, and Council Member Carlson made the second. The motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Council Member Evans, who was absent at the meeting. Council member Carlson made the motion to accept the financial statement, and Council Member Presley made the second. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 1. Street Update**

Mayor and Council discussed the LMIG grant application to go to the Georgia Department of Transportation. It appears that the town would be eligible to receive \$12,259.89 for street needs, and Hickory Ridge and Frazier Hill Roads were mentioned. Discussion followed. Other street needs included: A sign that is missing a post, the speed limit stepdowns on New High Shoals Road and Ray's Church Road, and street address numbering. A message will be sent to the Oconee County Public Works Office.

### **Item 2. Park Update**

A call will be made to Butler Landscape regarding the mowing of the park lawn schedule, and council also discussed the basketball goal repair done by Council Member Dotterweich and citizen David Lawrence, the volleyball area, and Council Member Presley will move dirt around to the dug-out area. Council had given permission for a citizen to sell vegetables at the park, and this is working out great.

### **Item 3. Town Hall**

The Oconee County Planning Department has looked over the plans for the new Town Hall, and has made a few suggestions. They will be sent to the architect, and hopefully bidding can start soon. Council Member Dawe stressed the importance to be sure everything is noted, so that the lowest grade, cheapest materials are not used.

### **Mayor's Update**

- \*Mayor Bradberry talked about a training he is planning to attend.
- \*Mayor Bradberry discussed an upcoming meeting regarding flood plain maps.
- \*Mayor Bradberry mentioned the need to appoint someone to the Planning Commission, and an ad will be run in the newspaper
- \*Council was advised that a copy of the election qualifying notice, with all of the information, is in their folders. Qualifying for the town will be August 21, 22, and 23 for the November election of three council posts (currently held by Violet Dawe, Ann Evans, and Paul Dotterweich).
- \*Council Member Dawe asked the council to consider the purchase and installation of holiday lights. Prices had been obtained, and information was given about the work needed for installation, etc. A new resident and electrician, Mr. Johnny Highfield, has volunteered to assist the town in preparing the poles and installation. Council Member Dawe will have more information at the next council meeting.

There was no other business, and Council Member Evans made the motion to adjourn, and Council Member Presley made the second. The vote was unanimous.

Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS – MILLAGE RATE INCREASE**  
**TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GA.**

1. The first advertised public hearing was held August 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Attending the meeting as visitors were Corinne Stiving and Beth Epling. Council attending the meeting were Mayor Bradberry and Council Members Dotterweich, Evans, Carlson, and Presley. Discussion followed about the budget and future needs of the town, as well as the opposition of the two visitors to the two mill tax rate. No decisions were made.
2. The second advertised public hearing was held August 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Attending the public hearing were Daniel Pace and Jeff Lewis. Although they both had questions about the amount of increase per household, they were generally in favor of the tax increase. Council attend were: Mayor Bradberry and Council Members Dawe, Carlson and Presely.
3. The third advertised public hearing was held prior to the council meeting on August 15. All council members were present, and no visitors attended the public hearing. After discussion, Council Member Evans made the motion to leave the millage rate as it was last year, and Council Member Dotterweich made the second to the motion, and the motion passed unanimously, with the exception of the opposing vote cast by Council Member Dawe.