

# Town of North High Shoals

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*Mayor – Kim Kraeling*  
*Post 1 – Jason Wisniewski*  
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*Post 3 – David Lawrence*  
*Post 4 – Stephen Arnold*  
*Post 5 – Violet Dawe*

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
TOWN OF NORTH HIGH SHOALS, GEORGIA  
JUNE 20, 2011

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The regular council meeting was preceded by a 7:00 p.m. public hearing on the 2011-2012 proposed budget. The public hearing was attended by council members Violet Dawe, Steve Holzman, Stephen Arnold, Jason Wisniewski, clerk Carolyn Pritchett, and interested citizens Mike Beall and John MacKay. The budget was discussed.

## **REGULAR JUNE, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30 p.m.

There was no May, 2011 meeting, due to lack of a quorum

### Council Present:

Violet Dawe	Steve Holzman
Jason Wisniewski	Stephen Arnold

### Visitors:

Mike Beall	John MacKay	Suzanne Beall	Blake Giles
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Mayor Kraeling was absent due to a family emergency, and Mayor Pro-Tem Violet Dawe called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

She asked if there were any changes to the agenda or to the April, 2011 minutes. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Wisniewski made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe presented the financial statement. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the Financial Statement. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

### Old Business:

#### Item 1 – Street Update.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe updated council on Georgia DOT correspondence regarding LMIG funds and about the possibility of rolling over these funds to a future project. Discussion followed.

Council Member Holzman stated that he had discussed with Emil Beshara the speed study on Jefferson Road near Dickens Lane. Council Member Holzman will follow up with the Oconee County Road Department on this situation.

Mayor Pro Tem Dawe stated that the town had received correspondence from Chairman Davis about Cole Springs Road and Hillsboro Road. These roads will be patched and prepared by the county for upcoming resurfacing.

Also discussed was Plantation Road and its shoulder space.

#### Item 2. City Park Update.

Discussion about the park included suggested improvements. These suggestions included a BBQ grill, benches, basketball improvements, etc. The Garden Club's possible interest in a bluebird trail was also discussed. Council Member Holzman gave a reminder that birds are protected, and that the nesting vultures are gone. Council discussed boarding up the old barn's windows and doors in September.

#### Item 3. Town Hall Maintenance

Council Member Wisniewski updated council on the gutter installation. Council Member Arnold and Citizens John MacKay and Mike Beall offered to help. They will set a work day.

#### Item 4. Logging Permit Letter of Credit

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe told Council that there had been recent timber cutting activity and the company has requested return of the letter of credit. She stated that the town had asked the building inspector to check the property before the letter is released. Discussion followed, including the condition of the creek, the town's ordinances, an agricultural exemption status, etc.

#### Item 5. Abandoned Structures

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe stated that the city is still working on hiring a code enforcement officer, and that this subject could be postponed until the officer has started working for the town. Council Member Holzman asked that the Mayor send letters to property owners about the ordinances and to further discuss this at the next meeting.

#### Item 6. Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe stated that council members should have a copy of the resume of Robert Hegge, who is the code enforcement officer for the City of Watkinsville. A salary of \$25/hour was discussed. Council Member Wisniewski made the motion to approve Mr. Hegge on an as-needed basis at the \$25 per hour rate. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous to hire him on an as-needed basis to help enforce codes for the town.

#### Item 7. Annexation

Citizens John MacKay and Lorena de Santa have submitted a letter of interest to council regarding their property. His property is located at 1130 Lexington Court, and a portion of the property is in the city limits. Mr. MacKay and Ms. De Santa desire to become city residents. Council Member Holzman made the motion to do whatever the attorney suggests in terms of getting this done for Mr. MacKay and Ms. De Santa. Council Member Wisniewski made the second. Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe has called the

attorney, but has not yet received information about citizenship. Discussion followed. The vote was unanimous.

#### Item 8. Budget

After discussion on the proposed budget, Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept the budget. Council Member Wisniewski made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

#### Item 9. Occupation Tax Certificates

BCI (Berry Coating, Inc.) and Baboon Science Aquatics applied for an occupation tax certification renewal. Council Member Holzman made the motion to accept both requests. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

#### Item 10. Building Permit Application

A request has been received from Mr. Mike Beall to renovate his home's laundry room into an extra restroom. Council Member Holzman made the motion to grant the application. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote was unanimous.

#### Item 11. Mayor's Update

Mayor Pro Tem Dawe stated that the town might want to study an abatement ordinance, which will deal with abandoned properties.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe stated that council has been invited to play in a fund-raising softball game on July 29 at 6:00 at Rocket Field. The money raised will be used to help purchase a sign for the Watkinsville Cemetery.

She also stated that the clerk, Carolyn Pritchett, will attend the GMA Conference in June, and that the office will be closed for Independence Day.

Council Member Arnold suggested sending a card to the family of the couple who were killed in an automobile accident. Council agreed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dawe reported that the Mayors of Watkinsville and North High Shoals attended the Watkinsville Garden Club's meeting and each have signed a separate proclamation in recognition of National Garden Club Week.

There was no other business or comments, and Council Member Holzman made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Arnold made the second, and the vote as unanimous.



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Carolyn Pritchett, Clerk