



**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
6:45 PM**

1. Call to order

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Those in attendance were Mayor, Dana Williams, and Council Members: Bethany Skipper-Greer, Dave Crenshaw, James Lavin and Brooks Barbaree. Staff in attendance were Town Administrator, Bob Milie; Town Attorney, Charlie Barrow and Clerk of Council, Deatre Denion.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Council Member Crenshaw made the motion with a second from Council Member Skipper-Greer. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. First Reading of Chapters 1 – 4 of the Town Ordinances

Town Administrator Milie explained this is a first reading. He summarized the changes were made in each section. Options for Ethics Board and Personnel Board were provided to Council. Currently, there is a requirement in the ordinance of a four-person board. No one is currently sitting on the boards. Town Administrator Milie stated the suggestion is to have a three to five member board. There needs to be independent counsel and training needs to be provided. Council Member Crenshaw asked if the Ethics Board and Personnel Board could be one and the same. Town Administrator Milie stated that is an option. Council Member Lavin asked about the process. Who picks these people? From town or anywhere. Town Administrator Milie explained the Council selects the members and currently from Thunderbolt. It could be opened to outside for a specific skill set. Town Attorney Barrow stated the people on the ethics board may not be the people you

want on the appeals board. Council may not want not to harness the town to not having options for where the members live.

Catherine Clements. 3224 Cedar St., stated you underestimate the citizens. There are many individuals that wish to participate.

Council Member Crenshaw stated we should have a board of 3 with alternates.

Beth Goette, 3006 Leonard St., stated Council is making changes to something that is still not correct. When she first was elected, she was provided a ringed binder with the ordinance. When changes were made, they were provided the changes in hard copy to add to the binder. The previous Town Clerk, without Council approval, switched to Municode and it has not been right since. Town Attorney Barrow stated the Council voted on the Municode version making it the code of ordinances to be used. Clerk of Council Denion explained since she came on board another version was reviewed and adopted.

Jan Yarbrough, 24 Bonaventure Rd, stated section 2-102 g. numbering is wrong. She stated she would like to see the Board of Ethics be selected by Thunderbolt citizens. In 9 b 3. She asked about the advertising mentioned in this section. Town Attorney Barrow stated public input would be for the standard forms they will create. She then asked about the fine that is not stricken from the ordinance. Town Attorney Barrow stated local entities do not have the authority to fine individuals for ethics violations. She asked for clarification on the Town Administrator firing any staff member. Town Administrator stated he has the authority, but the department heads are involved with the decision and to fire a department head council is to be notified. She stated in 2-407 needs to have how often the appraisals are done. She asked about the advertising in 2-410. Town Attorney Barrow stated the meetings are open to the public but not the deliberation. Lastly, she asked if there was any way to ensure from an environmental standpoint to ensure clean up without litigation. Town Administrator Milie stated there was not.

Council Barbaree stated the training for the board members needs to cover professional development items such as social media.

4. **Adjournment:**

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting 8:04 pm.



Mayor, Dana Williams



Clerk of Council, Deatre N. Denion