



**TOWN OF THUNDERBOLT
BUDGET WORKSHOP AND
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
6:00 PM**

AGENDA HEARING

**Public has five minutes per person to ask questions or comment on any agenda item.
Mayor ProTem Crenshaw opened the public hearing up at 6 pm.**

Mayor ProTem Crenshaw opened the regular council meeting at 6:01pm to amend the agenda, tabling Item #5 and Item #11. There were additional items added to the agenda: Discussion of Back Taxes, and Discussion of Treasury Bonds. There was a correction to the funding line item for the two DPW purchases (Items 7D and 7E), correcting it to SPLOST #1. The public comment portion was then reopened for comment.

James Lavin wanted clarification on the Outdoor Event applications for Finches Sandwiches & Sundries regarding police presence and parking. He stated that the parking has caused traffic problems for residences and wants to know if a parking plan is required. Town Administrator Milie mentioned the bollards that were put in place to help alleviate that part of the issue. Mayor ProTem Crenshaw mentioned the possibility of remote parking with a shuttle service to lessen the parking issues in that area.

Anna Maria Thomas, 1 Brightwater Dr. – stated she is allowing the use of the Museum parking lot on the weekends for Finches events.

Stella Lavin, 3125 Robertson – stated she drove by a past event where the parking along Furber Ave. reduced the flow of traffic to one lane. She feels it needs to be controlled better.

Beth Goette, 2006 Leonard Street – discussed the Town's website and its continued issues. She also voiced her displeasure of a large pothole on Whatley Ave and Sunset Blvd and wanted to know a timeframe to complete the repair.

Town Administrator Milie addressed the issue with the Town website. The issue was not a security problem relating to the site itself, but a security issue with regards to verifying the Town owned the domain being used. He also addressed the pothole issue and stated the Town must get 3 bids before being able to repair. The delay to this point, he stated, was to investigate why the problem was occurring in the first place in hopes to prevent the problem from recurring in the near future.

Buddy Gallaher, 25 Bonaventure Rd – feels that potholes and speeding are the problems. He mentioned a drop off of 2 feet at the corner of Whatley and Bonaventure. The bump ahead sign needs to be moved closer to the bump near Mechanics Ave. Mr. Gallaher also stated the noise from Coach's Corner is too loud. He suggested they turn down the volume 10 decibels.

Cynthia, 2705 River Drive – asked for clarification on any changes related to yard waste, recycling, and garbage pick up. Town Administrator Milie relayed that only the recycling pick-up will change to every two weeks. The others will remain on a weekly schedule.

Mayor ProTem Crenshaw closed the public comment at 6:32 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to order** - Mayor ProTem Crenshaw called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.
2. **Roll Call by Presiding Officer with Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

In Attendance is Mayor ProTem David Crenshaw and Council Members: Larry Ward, Edward Drohan, James Lavin, Bethany Skipper-Greer, and Brooks Barbaree. Staff in attendance: Town Administrator, Bob Milie; Public Works Manager, Oscar Crosby; Town Attorney, Charlie Barrow; Utilities Clerk, Renee Holmes; Accounts Payable/Utilities Manager; Katina Spaulding; Town Clerk/Zoning Administrator, Matthew Walker.

Not in attendance Mayor Dana Williams and Police Chief Sean Clayton.

3. **Approval of Amended Meeting Agenda (Tabling Items #5 and #11, Adding discussion on back taxes and Treasury Bonds, correcting funding line item for Items 7D and 7E to show SPLOST #1)**

Mayor ProTem Crenshaw asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. **Council Member Drohan made the motion to approve with a second by Council Member Ward. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of December 13, 2023

Mayor ProTem Crenshaw asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2023. **Council Member Ward made the motion to approve with meeting minutes December 13, 2023. Council Member Drohan provided the second. The motions passed unanimously.**

5. **Presentation:**

There were no presentations given.

6. **Finance Report:**

Shannon Brett, Holland, Bromley, Barnhill & Brett, discussed the Town's Finance Report and 2023 expenses in regards to the budget.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) Consideration to Approve Thunderbolt Museum Outdoor Event Application
- b) Consideration to Approve Tubby's Outdoor Event Application
- c) Consideration to Approve Finches Outdoor Event Application
- d) Consideration to Approve DPW Line Stop on Pump House
- e) Consideration to Approve Pump Installation for Downing Avenue Pump House

A motion was made by Council Member Drohan to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Council Member Lavin provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion Agenda:**

9. **Department Report** – Written Reports Submitted

by: Police / Municipal Court / Neighborhood Watch – Sean Clayton, Chief of Police

Chief Clayton was not present.

Fire –Fire Chief, Andrew Bateman

Chief Bateman had nothing further to add to his report.

Public Works Department – Oscar Crosby, Public Works Manager

Public Works Director Crosby stated the Chlorides were at 60/ppm. He had nothing further to add to his report.

10. **Town Administrator Report:** Town Administrator, Bob Milie

Town Administrator Milie went over some highlights from his report. He also discussed back taxes and mentioned there is a review in process for any duplicate notices or notices containing errors.

11. **Legal Report** – Town Attorney, Charlie Barrow

Nothing to report or discuss

12. **Mayor and Council** –

Council Member Drohan discussed Regional Water/Sewer Demands
Mayor ProTem Crenshaw discussed Back Taxes.
Mayor ProTem Crenshaw discussed Treasury Bonds.

13. **Thunderbolt Museum**

Anna Maria Thomas stated there will be an Oyster Roast event on January 28 to benefit the Thunderbolt Museum. The tickets will be \$25/each. There will be other foods for those that do not eat oysters. There will also be raffles taking place. She discussed the need to block off the parking lot to the museum. She stated flyers have been sent out.

14. **Executive Session-**

No executive session was held.

Mayor ProTem Crenshaw asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Council Member Ward made the motion with a second from Council Member Drohan. The motion passed unanimously.**

15. **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.