

Town of North Topsail Beach

Daniel Tuman, Mayor
Michael Yawn, Mayor Pro Tem
Aldermen:
Richard Farley
Deborah Lanci
Dick Macartney
Robert Swantek



Steven H. Foster
Town Manager

Carin Z. Faulkner, MPA
Town Clerk

Board of Aldermen Special Meeting (Recessed Meeting of May 4, 2010) Thursday, May 13, 2010 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Tuman, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Yawn, Aldermen Richard Farley, Robert Swantek, Dick Macartney, Deborah Lanci, Town Manager Steve Foster and Town Clerk Carin Faulkner. Mayor Tuman and Alderman Macartney arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Yawn called the recessed meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in the North Topsail Beach meeting room.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
 - Alderman Swantek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Farley seconded the motion.
 - The agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. **REMAND ZONING MAP TO THE PLANNING BOARD & STAFF:**
 - Alderman Swantek made a motion to remand the official zoning map to the planning board and Staff. Alderman Lanci seconded the motion.
 - There was discussion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **FOLLOW-UP BUDGET PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP:**
 - Mr. Foster went over the areas of the budget that the Board of Aldermen had inquired about previously: police car take home policy, family health payment assistance, garbage rate adjustment, merit increase costs, and interim capital budget.
 - **Police Car Take Home Policy:** Chief Fillinger answered questions from the Board. The Board had consensus on making the policy that police officers can take their cars home if they live within a 20 mile radius. There was consensus to keep this program in place. Alderman Swantek asked about getting a part time officer for the summer. Chief Fillinger explained that it was difficult for the department to hire a part time reserve officer.
 - **Family Health Insurance Assistance:** Mr. Smith made a report to the board. There was discussion about the needs of the employees. There was discussion about the HRA plan. Mayor Pro Tem Yawn explained that the Town looked into domestic partner coverage and that the Town would not be able to get it because

the Town has less than 50 employees. The Board directed Staff to survey the employees to determine their needs.

- **Garbage Rate Adjustment:** Mr. Foster explained that the initial adjustment from Waste Industries was 6.1 percent based on the CPI. They said they would reduce it to 3 percent if the Town extended the contract for two years. There was consensus from the Board to take the offer of 3 percent.
- **Interim Capital Budget:** Mr. Foster said that after interviewing the department heads to see what they would like he came up with an interim capital budget. He said that the Town is going to go through a full CIP over the next year. He explained that what the Board has in front of them is does not include parks, buildings, and does not take into account that the Town may be eligible for grants in some of these areas. He announced that Chief Fillinger was able to find the 800 MHz radios for cheaper than they thought. There was discussion about the new vehicles proposed in the budget. Alderman Farley said that he would like to donate the old fire vehicle to the volunteer fire department. There was consensus from the Board on holding off on purchasing a new fire department vehicle for another year.

There was discussion on the fire salaries and why they were over budget.

Alderman Lanci left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Mayor Tuman indicated that he would like to recover the costs the Town has incurred for transcribing the Board of Adjustment meetings.

There was discussion on fees.

- V. **RECESS:** Mayor Pro Tem Yan made a motion to recess this meeting to next Tuesday, May 18th at 9:00 a.m. Alderman Swantek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting recessed at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED:

Daniel Tuman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carin Z. Faulkner, Town Clerk

Approved on: 6/3/2010