



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
February 17, 2025
7:00 PM**

Mayor Eury called the meeting to order.

Mayor Eury asked Mrs. Leslie Murray, Town Clerk, to call the roll. Commissioner Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Mayor Rodney Eury, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith and Commissioner Fred Smith were all present. Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator was present.

Mayor Eury asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Devotions

Commissioner Jackson had devotions for tonight. She spoke on Psalm 62:8 and emphasized that salvation is available to all.

Approvals

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner F Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, January 14 and January 21, 2025 as printed. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2025 as printed. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

No one signed up for open forum.

Administration

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey. She referred to the Code of Ethics for the Board of Commissioners and Mayor stating this Code of Ethics needed to be adopted. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adopt the Code of Ethics for the Town of Oakboro Board of Commissioners and Mayor. Commissioner B Smith seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Budget & Finance

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee. Commissioner Barbee shared the following information:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	75%	59%
Water Fund	66%	50%
Sewer Fund	47%	64%

Cemetery & Streets

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Fred Smith. Commissioner F Smith stated there was no report at this time.

Police Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for an update on the police department. Commissioner Carpenter shared that Chief Preslar is still accepting applications for police officers. He asked Chief Preslar if he had anything to share. He commented to everyone that he was in the process of hiring three and the paperwork is taking the longest. Mayor Eury asked Chief Preslar to share a little on the hiring process for police. Chief Preslar stated that hiring officers was a longer process because of the requirements and paperwork that has to be sent off and approved by the state. He worked with Training and Standards and other agencies to get the requirements ready. Commissioner Jackson asked how many applications he had. Chief Preslar stated he has several but he has also turned down some.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Jackson for a report on the parks and recreation department. Commissioner Jackson shared that Mr. Smith, Parks and Recreation Director was currently securing estimates for the district park pier updates and/or replacement. She also shared the parks and recreation department along with the maintenance department painted the inside of Long Street Community Building and also replaced the tables and chairs. Commissioner Jackson also shared the board is continuing to look for applicants for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Public Works

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Bud Smith for an update on the public works department. Commissioner Smith shared that NC Rural Water Association Representative was present in Oakboro this month to review the Oakboro Local Water Supply Plan and our department received a good review.

In addition, the State DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) Water Inspection was also held this month. Those representatives checked water stations and water tanks. They made a few suggestions for possible upgrades or repairs, but overall, the town received a good review on this as well.

Advisory Board/Code Enforcement

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the advisory board and code enforcement update. Commissioner Carpenter mentioned there was a request for rezoning by Terry Whitley for the vacant lot with the PIN number 650403030438 beside ProFit Gym on North Main Street. The requested rezoning is

from Highway Business to R20 – Residential. The Planning and Zoning Board sent over a positive recommendation for this rezoning. Commissioner Carpenter recommended we set a public hearing for our next meeting on March 17, 2025 at 7pm. He made a motion to set the public hearing for the rezoning request on March 17, 2025 at 7pm. Commissioner Barbee seconded. There was no discussion. Voted and carried unanimously.

Historic Committee

Mayor Eury asked Commissioner Fred Smith for the update on the historic commission. Commissioner F Smith shared the board needed to approve and appoint one regular member to the Historic Commission Board and one alternate. The board received the applicant information that was submitted to the town. Based on that information, Commissioner F Smith nominated Betsy Heath for the regular board member seat. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to appoint Betsy Heath to fulfill the regular board member seat. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner F Smith nominated Debbie Love to fulfill the alternate position for the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve Debbie Love as the alternate member to the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Leslie Murray, Town Clerk, administered the oath of office for the four Historic Preservation Commission members.

Mayor Eury shared there is a need for one more alternate position to be filled which take place at a later date.

Mayor Eury asked Town Clerk, Leslie Murray to administer the oaths to the new Historic Preservation Commission board members.

Mayor & Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Carpenter congratulated Debbie and Betsy and told them they would do great. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner B Smith welcomed Betsy and Debbie and told everyone these two ladies bring a lot to this board. Commissioner B Smith also commended Mr. Bowers department for their hard work on the two reviews held this month. He thanked everyone for being present at the meeting.

Commissioner Jackson thanked the town employees for all of their hard work. She also congratulated Betsy and Debbie. She thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Commissioner Barbee thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He also thanked Commissioner Jackson for the devotion. He shared how much he appreciated this town doing these devotions. He also commended Mr. Bowers and the maintenance staff for receiving a favorable recommendation from DEQ advising that was hard to do. Commissioner Barbee appreciates Mr. Bowers and his staff for their hard

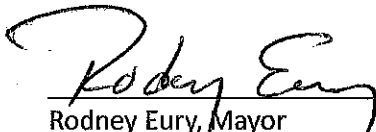
work. Commissioner Barbee also thanked Debbie and Betsy for stepping up and sharing their knowledge with the Historic Preservation Commission. He mentioned our Town of Oakboro staff, Leslie Murray & Georgia Harvey and thanked them all for their hard work. He also thanked the current board and shared he appreciated each and every one of them.

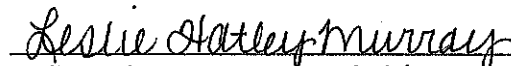
Commissioner F Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He mentioned he appreciates Debbie and Betsy and looks forward to working with them. He stated he appreciated the guys for working hard on our streets.

Mayor Eury finished up comments by thanking Mr. Reggie Bowers for what he and his staff do each day. He shared that during the last month he has seen first-hand what Leslie and Georgia do on a regular basis and they always take time out of their schedule to talk to him when he came in. He appreciates that. He also thanked Chief Preslar for doing his due diligence on the hiring process for the officers. He thanked Betsy and Debbie for serving the town on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Adjourn

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.


Rodney Eury, Mayor


Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk/Finance Officer