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7:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING

YOUNGSVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Mayor Fonzie Flowers called the Board Meeting of the Town of Youngsville Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Hedlund gave the invocation. In attendance were Commissioners Graham Stallings, Catherine Redd, Larry Wiggins, and Terry Hedlund. Commissioner Joseph Johnson was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Bill Tatum, Town Clerk / Tax Collector Emily Hurd, Police Chief Daren Kirts, Town Attorney Joseph Olivieri, and Planning / Zoning Administrators Bob Clark and Andy Thomas. A Representatives from the Franklin Times was also present.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance concerning indoor and outdoor gun ranges. Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 7:01pm. James Moss, N College Street, agreed that the Town needed to take prudent steps to restrict the development of gun ranges inside of town limits and in the ETJ. He stated that they were dangerous and detrimental to property values. Mr. Moss referenced the recent incident in Franklinton and was glad that Youngsville was being proactive. The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:02pm.

The next item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for a proposed Ordinance establishing a Moratorium on the development of indoor and outdoor gun ranges. Mayor Flowers opened the Public Hearing at 7:02pm. There was no comment from the public. The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:03pm.

The next item on the agenda was a Public Hearing for the proposed Budget for FY 2017 / 2018 with a tax rate of \$0.66 per \$100 valuation. There was no comment from the public. The Public Hearing was concluded at 7:03pm.

The next item on the agenda was citizens' comments. Sheryl Dement, Village Lake Drive in Mebane, wanted to thank everyone that she had spoken with about the cemetery. She stated that she buried her son in Youngsville thirty nine years ago with the help of the Town and the community. Ms. Dement stated that at that time the Town maintained the cemetery. She stated that per the Franklin County website, the Town owns the cemetery and felt that the Town should continue to maintain it. Ms. Dement stated that some of the people in the cemetery don't have family close by to help with maintenance. She stated that now that she no longer lives in Youngsville, she felt that it was important to know that the Town will help maintain it.

Bill Booth asked who had been maintaining the cemetery in the past and Attorney Olivieri stated that the Town has a history of cutting the grass. Attorney Olivieri explained that the Town owns the common areas but does not own the individual plots. Mr. Booth stated that he used to be the Town Clerk and the Town mowed the grass during his tenure. He stated that he knew that Youngsville has changed a lot since his time as Town Clerk but he felt that the maintenance of the cemetery was the responsibility of the Town. Mr. Booth stated that families were only responsible for maintaining the flowers on the graves and the Town was in charge of keeping it clean and mowed.

Doug Carter wanted to ask the Town to do the right thing by maintaining the cemetery. He noted that a neighbor had to pay someone to mow the cemetery before a funeral. Mr. Carter stated that cemeteries were places of beauty but you can't even see the names on the headstones because of the grass. He stated that the Town owed it the people buried there to keep the grass mowed. Mr. Carter stated that the community was great but it was not what it used to be. He gave a quick history of Jack Young, who the town was named for. Mr. Carter stated that he was disappointed about the current state of the cemetery. He noted that all cemeteries should be places of perpetual care that is everlasting. Mr. Carter thanked the Board for all they do and for having the cemetery mowed for the holiday weekend.

Juanita Wood, E Winston Street, stated that she has lived in Youngsville for over a decade now and loves it here. She wanted to offer a suggestion that worked in Warrenton. Mrs. Wood explained that they had a similar situation in Warrenton so they formed a committee of citizens, who tracked down donations, including relatives of those buried in the cemetery. She stated that they were able to keep the cemetery maintained through volunteers and donations. Mrs. Wood stated that this left the Town free to take care of the other problems in town. She stated that Youngsville doesn't have a lot of money or time with everything else that they have going on. Mrs. Wood stated that helping the Town do these things would be the only solution that she could think of. She stated that the community could help raise the money and hire someone to mow the cemetery, as it is a time consuming activity.

The next item on the agenda was the Financial Report. There were no comments.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of the minutes from the Board Meeting on May 11, 2017 and the minutes from the Work Sessions on May 15th and 22nd. Also included on the Consent Agenda was the Tax Collector's Report, the Police Department Report and the Youngsville Fire Department Report.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Commissioner Redd and was seconded by Commissioner Hedlund. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. The first item under Old Business was a discussion on the request from Holden Development LLC under the Development Enhancement Policy. Clark asked that the Board continue this discussion again as he and Attorney Olivieri are still waiting on more information concerning the changes in legislature. He stated that we may need to amend the Policy. Clark stated that they would bring back the request when they were ready. Commissioner Wiggins asked for a time frame and Clark stated the he was hoping to have it completed by next meeting but was unsure if that would be enough time.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON THE REQUEST FROM HOLDEN DEVELOPMENT LLC UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT POLICY TO JULY 13, 2017

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The motion passed unanimously.

The second item under Old Business was to continue the discussion about possible action regarding the regulation of indoor and outdoor gun ranges. Clark stated that the Planning Board met two nights ago. He stated that he is working on a draft based on their recommendations. Clark stated that these changes to the draft would not allow outdoor gun ranges, with the exception of turkey shoots and regular hunting. He stated that the Moratorium is still an option but he feels that with the changes to the draft, they are ready to present the text amendments at next month's Board Meeting. Clark stated that they are also looking to present a clear definition of a turkey shoot, as several organizations use them for fundraisers. Commissioner Wiggins asked if they would be restricted to shot guns and Clark stated yes. Commissioner Hedlund wanted to clarify that the Kiwanis Club's upcoming turkey shoot would still be able to move forward and Clark stated that it would. Clark stated that turkey shoots received a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board. He stated that Staff is still preparing the language and has not been able to update the draft in such a short amount of time.

Clark stated that the Board still had two options. The first was the Moratorium. He explained that Panic Point has an event in November, but there are no other applications. Clark stated that he does not recommend issuing a Moratorium. The second option was to adopt the updated draft, which would be ready by the next Board Meeting. Attorney Olivieri stated that it was a good idea to move forward with addressing this issue. Clark stated that Staff has what they need to move forward and reiterated that he does not recommend a Moratorium. He stated that we would keep the Public Hearings open for next month to hear comments on the updated draft.

MOTION: TO NOT ISSUE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GUN RANGES AND TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GUN RANGES

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Hedlund. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was New Business. The first item under New Business a representative from Bud's Tavern, Michael Hicks. Mr. Hicks stated that they wished to annex Bud's Tavern into Youngsville but it was under the agreement between Wake Forest and Youngsville. He stated that he spoke with Chip Russell from Wake Forest Town Hall and Mr. Russell stated that they will sign an agreement to allow Youngsville to annex the property. Mr. Hicks stated that he wanted the ability to sell liquor by the drink. When asked, Mr. Hicks stated that he only sells beer and wine at this time. He stated that there is no water and sewer to the location and he is not asking Youngsville to provide any services, including police, as he doesn't want to create any more costs to Youngsville. Chief Kirts explained that even though it would be a satellite annexation we would still be required to provide police services. All property within town limits would get the same benefits as all of the other citizens.

Attorney Olivieri asked for clarification on the location of the property and Clark explained that it was just below the line for the agreement. Clark stated that Wake Forest has the right to annex but Youngsville does not without the approval from Wake Forest. He stated that we were waiting for something in writing from Wake Forest. Attorney Olivieri stated that the Board could not take any action on this issue at this time. When asked for clarification, Clark explained that the agreement in 2007 limited the area that Wake Forest could annex into Franklin County. He explained that there was a clause that states we can amend the agreement with a thirty day notice. Commissioner Redd asked for clarification on why we have the agreement and Clark explained Wake Forest was annexing into Franklin County, so a previous Board had decided to create this agreement so that Wake Forest wouldn't come all the way up to our town limits. He stated that the line was agreed upon based on the lay of the land, creating a better sewer situation for each municipality on their side of the line. Attorney Olivieri reiterated that no action can be taken tonight. He stated that we needed more paperwork and our Planning Staff would help coordinate from there.

When asked, Clark stated that we are halfway through a twenty year agreement but there was an option to amend it with thirty days' notice. If we wish to amend the agreement, both Boards would have to take action. Attorney Olivieri suggested that Staff work this out with Wake Forest and come back to the Board when they have more information. Mr. Hicks stated that he will have the paperwork soon. Tatum stated that once we receive the paperwork, Clark would then be able to have a written reaction for both the Board and Chief Kirts. He stated that we can't start this process until Clark receives any paperwork from Wake Forest. Clark stated that there were a number of issues that needed clarification at this time and he will bring this back before the Board when he has more answers.

Mayor Flowers stated that once Clark has the documents then we can move forward. Tatum stated that he felt it should be investigated as long as the Town does not incur legal fees until after Clark has time to look at all of the paperwork and options. Commissioner Hedlund agreed that we needed to move forward.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF BUD'S TAVERN UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN WRITING

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The motion passed unanimously.

The second item under New Business was a discussion of the responsibility for cemetery maintenance. Attorney Olivieri thanked Hurd and Chief Kirts for the information that he received. He stated that all of the historical documents, deeds, and maps that he received from Hurd saved time and money. Attorney Olivieri stated that during his research of the cemetery, it was hard to track deeds as they date back to 1891. He stated that his legal opinion based on tax maps and deeds is that the Town owned the cemetery but he was not 100% sure of the boundaries, as the description in the deeds refers to trees and sticks for boundary markers. Attorney Olivieri stated that, at this time, there is not a clear boundary but the Town can get a surveyor to come out and set the boundary lines. He stated that was not a necessity at this point. Attorney Olivieri broke down that the Town owns any unsold lots and common areas, such as the dirt road. He stated that individual plots were sold as pure deeds, which means they are owned by the purchaser or their heirs. Attorney Olivieri explained that it was the responsibility of the Town to maintain the common areas. He stated that legally speaking, it was the responsibility of the individual owners or families to maintain their deeded plots. Attorney Olivieri stated that the Town has a history of taking care of the whole property. He stated that it was up to the Board on how they wanted to proceed. Attorney Olivieri noted that some areas were surrounded by walls and fences. He stated that it would be reasonable to direct Staff to see if there were any unsold plots. If there were, letting churches and funeral homes know would help to let the public know there were available lots. Attorney Olivieri reiterated that the deeds for sold plots are pure deeds to the purchaser. He stated that the Board could form a committee to look into what they want to do or table the discussion for more time to think about the information. Attorney Olivieri noted that the last plot sold was in 1999. He stated that we have enough information already and, in general, it is pretty clear.

Tatum asked for clarification on the difference between a cemetery and a perpetual care cemetery. Attorney Olivieri explained that a cemetery is property that is set aside to bury the dead. A perpetual care cemetery is set up to purchase the plot that comes with an agreement that the organization that owns the cemetery will take care of that plot forever. It may also be construed that you are purchasing a license to bury the dead and the maintaining organization will have to take care of it forever. Attorney Olivieri stated that perpetual care is normally set up when the plot is being purchased and there is nothing on record, including the deeds, which states the Town has to maintain the cemetery as perpetual care. He stated that there was also nothing on record when the property was transferred to the Town of Youngsville that states that the cemetery was to be maintained as perpetual care.

Commissioner Wiggins stated that he has family buried there and his wife is also a relative of Jack Young. He stated that there is a small cemetery on property that he owns that his family has taken care of since they've had the property. He stated that he felt the Town should continue to maintain the cemetery as there was no one else to look after it.

Attorney Olivieri stated that the Town never said that they were not going to maintain the cemetery. He explained that recent conditions concerning weather and broken equipment had put the Town maintenance staff behind schedule, which included the mowing of the cemetery.

Commissioner Redd stated that she wanted to thank everyone for showing up to the Board Meeting to express their opinion. She stated that she has been a Commissioner for eight years, has four children and loves Youngsville. Commissioner Redd stated that it takes people to make a difference, which is why she became a Commissioner in the first place. She stated that there was more work to be done in Youngsville than just the cemetery and hoped that the community could work together.

Mayor Flowers asked what the schedule was for the cemetery and Chief Kirts stated that it was monthly or as needed. Chief Kirts stated that it was on a regular rotation and that they never stopped maintaining it. He stated that it takes a lot of money to maintain the cemetery and the streets department is stretched thin. Chief Kirts stated that some things take priority over mowing.

Commissioner Stallings stated that he looked into the difference between the Town of Youngsville's cemetery and the Town of Louisburg's cemetery. Attorney Olivieri stated that he had not checked with either Franklinton or Louisburg to ask about their cemeteries. Commissioner Redd wanted to clarify that the cemetery was outside of town limits and the answer was yes. Commissioner Hedlund asked if we were currently maintaining it and the answer was yes. He stated that we should continue instead of having a hodge podge of maintained plots. Commissioner Hedlund stated that it should be all or nothing and he doesn't support doing nothing. Commissioner Stallings stated that there was a lot history buried in the cemetery, including previous Commissioners. He stated that their families were unable to maintain the plots themselves. Commissioner Redd stated that tax payers were now paying to maintain a cemetery that was outside of town limits. Tatum stated that not only was it outside of town limits but he also wanted to point out that we are spending tax payer money to maintain private property.

Mayor Flowers stated that he felt strongly about the cemetery as well. He stated that it seemed that the time frame in which the cemetery was being mowed was at issue. Chief Kirts explained that we only have two employees, who work very hard, and we have a limited amount of equipment as well. He stated that he has never seen so many complaints about grass and ditches. Chief Kirts stated that he doesn't get that many complaints about all of his police officers. He stated that we either need more employees, bring in outside help, or else something is going to go undone so that it can be maintained. Chief Kirts stated that it takes an estimated \$800 a month to maintain and we already have a manpower issue.

Attorney Olivieri stated that the Board needed to look at their options. First the Town could continue mowing as they currently do, weather permitting. Second, the Town needed to look into future issues, such as annexing the cemetery into town limits, getting a committee to help or look for outside help. He stated that he felt more study on the matter was needed. Chief Kirts clarified that the Town never maintained the headstones, only mowed the grass. Attorney Olivieri stated that the Board could look into other options they want to maintain.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE CEMETERY BY MOWING THE GRASS WHILE FURTHER LOOKING INTO OTHER ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED ABOUT THE FUTURE UPKEEP OF THE CEMETERY

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item under New Business was a discussion on the repairs to the maintenance shop on N Cross Street. Chief Kirts stated that the roof has holes and the equipment is now getting wet. He stated that the Board needed to decide what they want to do with the entire property. Mayor Flowers stated that he would like to have a Public Hearing so that the Board can see what they want to do with the buildings. He stated that there are two buildings that we are no longer using but we still use the shop. Mayor Flowers stated that there have been a lot of inquiries. He stated that the main issue is the loss of potential parking, whether we use the whole lot or just parking behind the buildings.

Chief Kirts stated that we will have to put the maintenance shop somewhere or fix the building, as it is now becoming dangerous. Commissioner Redd asked where we could move them to and Chief Kirts stated that there is nowhere right now, the Town would have to build something new. When asked, Tatum stated that the property has a tax value of \$172,182. Hurd explained that tax values run low but in the condition that the buildings were in, it would be about accurate. Commissioner Wiggins stated that this was an immediate problem. Commissioner Stallings asked if two Commissioners should form a committee to look into this and report back to the Board. Mayor Flowers asked if any quotes had already been received for the repairs and Tatum stated that it would be approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 to repair both the roof and the doors. Chief Kirts stated that the building was in good shape, it just needed some repairs. He stated that it was in better shape than the other two buildings. Commissioner Hedlund stated that he didn't think a committee was needed and the Board could make a decision based on the information at hand. Mayor Flowers agreed that this problem was solved easily but the Board still needed to decide what to do with the other two buildings.

MOTION: TO APPROVE REPAIRS ON THE MAINTENANCE SHOP ON N CROSS STREET, NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, three options were presented. Mayor Flowers stated that the first was to sell all of the property, which he stated wasn't a good option. The second option was to sell the buildings but keep parking in the back. The final option was to make it all parking, which would include the costs of tearing the buildings down. Commissioner Wiggins stated that it was the only significant option for parking downtown.

MOTION: TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 13, 2017 IN ORDER TO HEAR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON N CROSS STREET

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: TO HOLD A WORK SESSION ON JUNE 12, 2017, 7PM TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ON N CROSS STREET AND TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON THE HIRING OF A NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The motion passed unanimously.

The fourth item under New Business was to discuss the drainage improvements for Corano Lane. Hurd explained that we have experienced some drainage issues that were first noticed approximately a year ago. She stated that the quote from Oakes Grading was \$7,300. When asked, Hurd stated that this would come out of Powell Bill. Hurd stated that he would still need to do the approved repairs to S Nassau Street first, as that area is more hazardous.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT REPAIRS ON CORANO LANE

The motion was made by Commissioner Redd and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. The motion passed unanimously.

The fifth item under New Business was a discussion of a Sign Removal Policy. Commissioner Wiggins explained that there were realtors blanketing the town with illegal signs in the right of way a couple of weeks ago. He stated that they have come up with a proposal to write an Ordinance that would make any non-permitted sign illegal. They would be considered as litter and fined appropriately. Mayor Flowers stated that he liked the idea. Tatum stated that most people don't know it is illegal to put their signs in the right of way. He suggested a warning for the first offense, then start fining after that. Commissioner Redd asked how this would be enforced and Tatum stated that the Streets Department picks them up. Commissioner Redd asked who contacts the owner of the signs and Tatum stated that Town Staff generally does. Commissioner Redd asked if this was for a specific type of sign and Tatum stated that it was for temporary signs, such as gator board signs. Tatum stated that anything in the right of way is illegal.

Commissioner Redd asked what the right of way was defined as and Hurd explained that the size of the right of way depended on the road, though the average was sixty feet, thirty feet on each side of the yellow line. Commissioner Wiggins reminded the Board that they are illegal on state roads. Commissioner Redd asked if they could get a temporary permit from the Town for Town streets and Tatum stated that it was illegal to put them in the right of way, regardless. Tatum stated that there is an area by the railroad tracks that the Town, and other charitable organizations, can use. He stated that we could keep that area open for those kinds of signs and just not allow commercial signs.

Clark stated that the Zoning Ordinance clearly addresses illegal signs. He stated that updating the sign portion of the Ordinance has been on their list of things to do but other items were given priority. Clark explained that the Code Enforcement Officer gets involved when permanent signs are not in compliance. Tatum explained that subdivisions are putting signs out Friday afternoons and taking them up on Sundays. He stated that we need to call the real estate companies to let them know they are illegal the first time that the signs go up. Tatum stated that if they continue putting them up illegally, then we can start fining them \$25 a sign. Commissioner Redd asked who would pick up the signs or call the realtors on the weekend and Tatum stated that the police officers could tell us what signs are out. Chief Kirts stated that he didn't like the idea but would if the Board wanted them to. He stated that there were about thirty signs out last week between Cedar Creek Road and downtown that had been there at least a week and he picked up several himself. Chief Kirts stated that he didn't want the police officers to have to deal with the signs, call the realtors and deal with all of this stuff but it is the only way it's going to get done on the weekends.

Mayor Flowers asked if there was verbiage to cover this problem in the Zoning Ordinance and Clark stated that there was but it needed to be more detailed. Clark explained that general statues state that the only signs allowed in the right of way are political signs and even those have a time frame they have to adhere to. He stated that it has always been an issue and we try to treat everyone the same way. Mayor Flowers asked if there was a time frame for when they would be able to work on updating the sign section of the Zoning Ordinance and Commissioner Wiggins stated that they were close to having something. Clark stated that Staff would take a look at it. Commissioner Hedlund stated that there was excess signage on weekends. Chief Kirts wanted to clarify who would pick up the signs on the weekend because it would be adding more to a department that is already stressed. Mayor Flowers stated that once we have a workable draft, we can move forward, hopefully at the next meeting.

The sixth item under New Business was a discussion on the revised Fee Schedule for Zoning. Thomas stated that they had looked at neighboring towns and were suggesting some modest increases. One of the items added was for technical services that the Town has to contract out and pay for. Examples included reviews by the attorney or engineer. It also included planning consultation fees, should consultations take more than an hour. He stated that this was a first reading, and a second one would need to be made, along with a Public Hearing, at next month's meeting. Mayor Flowers stated that Staff had done a great job and agreed that it was comprehensive and covered costs appropriately. Commissioners Hedlund and Redd agreed as well.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REVISED FEE SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED

The motion was made by Commissioner Redd and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. Clark explained that the proposed changes would need a second reading along with a Public Hearing. He stated that he would recommend an effective date would be August 1, 2017, if approved. The motion was rescinded.

The seventh item under New Business was to adopt the proposed Budget for FY 2017 / 2018 with a tax rate of \$0.66 per \$100 valuation. Commissioner Hedlund clarified that the tax rate was the same as last year and Tatum stated that was correct.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2017 / 2018 WITH A TAX RATE OF \$0.66 PER \$100 VALUATION

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Wiggins. Commissioner Redd stated that Tatum had done a great job and made a huge difference in the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session (if necessary). Mayor Flowers stated that the Board needed to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel.

MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

The motion was made by Commissioner Wiggins and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The Board went into Closed Session at 8:39pm and came out at 9:12pm. Mayor Flowers stated that they went into Closed Session to discuss personnel and no action was taken.

The next item on the agenda was Committee Updates.

Policy / Ordinance Committee – Commissioner Hedlund presented an updated job description for the Town Administrator position based on the information put forth for the advertisement. Commissioner Redd stated that it looked good and Commissioner Wiggins stated that the old version was created in 2014.

MOTION: TO APPROVE POLICY NUMBER 9.510 – TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The motion was made by Commissioner Hedlund and was seconded by Commissioner Redd. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee – There were no comments.

Capital Improvement Committee – There were no comments.

Comprehensive Development Committee – There were no comments.

The next item on the agenda was Reports and Other Business. Commissioner Redd stated that both she and Mayor Flowers would be bartending, along with their spouses, at Wine and Beer 101 – Youngsville on Saturday to raise money for the Youngsville Area Kids Soccer. She stated that there would also be a pork butt cook-off.

Commissioner Hedlund asked for an update on the Main Street Improvements Project and Clark stated that we were waiting on final approval from NC DOT. Clark stated that there would be new opportunities for funding the round-a-bout next year, though the project has not yet been elevated. He explained that there was no funding at this time but the Town will continue to push NC DOT into taking over the project as it is a NC DOT road. Clark stated that he has not heard back from NC DOT concerning a turn lane or signal at 5-Points. Commissioner Hedlund asked if we were still on target and Clark stated yes. Commissioner Hedlund offered his help to Staff and Commissioner Redd stated that she would help as well.

Clark stated that Papa Johns would be going in an existing building on US #1 Highway. He stated that the Flea Market has a new tenant that will be opening an antique shop. Clark stated that she will be making renovation and fixing the building up. He stated that all actives would be located inside the building, no outdoor storage.

Assistant Fire Chief Graney stated that calls were up 10%. He stated that the Youngsville Police Department did a wonderful job helping at a wreck over the weekend where they had a gas leak and needed to block off traffic.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.