

Town of Spring Lake  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen  
Municipal Building  
300 Ruth Street  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

April 12, 2010

**MINUTES**

7:00 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Ethel T. Clark presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Alderman James Christian  
Alderman Richard Higgins  
Alderwoman Debora Hudson  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra was absent due to a death in his family. He participated via telephone.

**Others Present:**

Michael Uskiewicz, Town Manager	John Jackson, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Interim W&WR Director	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Robert Doberstein, Fire Chief	Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tom Spinks, Planning Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

**2. Invocation.**

Mayor Clark gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**5. Approval of Agenda.**

The Board approved the agenda.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

## **6. Approval of Consent Items.**

The Board approved the consent items: Minutes of March 22, 2010, Litter Sweep Proclamation and Air Quality Awareness Proclamation.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderwoman Hudson

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two and three.)

## **7. Public Forum**

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. Men Come From Boys (MCFB).**

Mr. Darrell Sally has been working on this program for twenty years and tonight is the “world premiere.” It began as an ad-hoc group of educators, business owners and parents. They will do activities in the schools, communities and programs for the parents. They develop strategies and programs for students who are considered “at risk” of becoming a school dropout or juvenile delinquent. They are in the process of writing a grant. They are already mentoring some children and they have donated uniforms to Mae Rudd Elementary School. They want to partner with various agencies. He presented a Powerpoint presentation on anger management as an example of what kinds of programs he is proposing to use. They are in the process of writing a grant and they want partners. They would like to use the multipurpose community center a couple of times each month to hold parenting workshops. They want to sponsor 50 children to the Boys and Girls Club by paying their fee. However, there is no charge to the Town for anything. He stated that he would be honored to bring Men Come From Boys to Spring Lake and requested that the Board agree to be a partner.

Alderman Christian asked about the age groups and Mr. Sally stated that he would like to run the program through all the schools in Spring Lake. He also stated that he would have a mentoring program.

Alderwoman Sutherland asked how many people he has working with him. Currently he has 15 people. She asked about the dropout statistics for Spring Lake and Mr. Sally provided the Board with information about the area since Spring Lake does not have a high school there are no specific numbers for Spring Lake. She stated that it is great that he is taking the time to invest in the children. She believes it would be a great opportunity for Spring Lake to partner with him.

Alderwoman Hudson asked about what and how Mr. Sally would increase parent involvement. He stated that they will offer workshops that have prize incentives. They would like to employ some of the parents who are unemployed. She and Alderman Higgins asked if he has met with

anyone from Cumberland County Schools. He stated that he had not talked with anyone from the County level but have set up a meeting with Dr. Teal this week. He has spoken with various principals. She wanted to make sure that this will not interfere with the Boys and Girls Club. He has not spoken with Mr. Brantley from the Boys and Girls Club but stated that he is looking forward to meeting with him. Alderwoman Hudson asked about transportation. He stated that transportation for students is addressed but not for parents but pledged to her that he would include the parents in the grant.

Alderman Higgins stated that anything that we can do for the children of this community to enhance their educational background we should do it. He stated that he had to take Mr. Sally at face value because he does not know anything about him. Mr. Sally provided Alderman Higgins some information about his credentials.

(A copy of the agenda memo and information flyers is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Case #10-027, Biscuitville, Site Plan.**

Mr. Spinks advised that Biscuitville is located at 1013 North Bragg Boulevard. It is a 1.05 +/- acre out parcel in front of Sleep Inn. Mr. Jackson asked if the access plat had been reviewed by someone and Mr. Spinks advised that he reviewed it. He stated that the Town and Cumberland County Joint Planning Department approves it. Alderwoman Sutherland asked if they will be serving the same things as Biscuit Kitchen and Mr. Gene Mustin advised that they primarily serve breakfast items and are open for breakfast and lunch only. They are open from 5:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. seven days a week.

**Action:** The Board approved Case 10-027 as presented.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Cumberland County Planning Department memo and maps is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

### **b. Engineer Standards Approval.**

Chief Doberstein advised that the engineer standards for the Fire Department is to standardize what the Fire Department requires when someone wants to build in Spring Lake.

**Action:** The Board approved the engineer standards.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and the engineer standards is hereby incorporated by reference

and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

**c. Fire Truck Approval.**

Chief Doberstein advised that the cost of the new apparatus will be \$315,000. The money is already in this year's budget. It will take 45 days for the truck to come in.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase of

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderwoman Hudson

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and sales agreement is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

**d. Appointment to Board of Adjustment.**

Mrs. Webb advised that three individuals had submitted applications to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Currently there are only two alternate positions. She also advised that two of the applicants already serve on other Board appointed committees. She requested that the Board determine who they would like to appoint to the Board of Adjustment to serve a three-year term as an alternate member.

Mayor Clark opened the floor for nominations.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to nominate Mr. James McIver.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to nominate Ms. Nellie McCoy.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to close the nominations.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Hudson

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. James McIver and Ms. Nellie McCoy to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and applications from the three applicants is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

**10. Board and Staff Comments:**

**Alderman Hudson**

- Good evening to everyone and thank you for coming out.

**Alderman Christian**

- Glad everybody came out and I too am sorry I didn't get to speak to everybody when I came in; I had a long day at work. It is good to see everybody.

**Alderman Sutherland**

- As always I thank you all for coming out.
- Mr. Sally gave a great presentation and I thank him for even thinking about Spring Lake. Sometimes when there is no money involved we get skeptical but I think it is great to have an organization that is interested in our Town and in our children. As a Board member, speaking for myself, I think it would be great to partner with them in this Great Town of Spring Lake to make it even greater and get some of the kids the help that they need.

**Alderman Higgins**

- Echoed Alderman Sutherland's comments. Would like to see Mr. Sally come back and would like us to do any checking that we need to do to make sure there is no liability that we don't know about.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. is the Kiwanis sponsored Prayer Breakfast at the community center.
- There is still one house on Mack Street and many more in Spring Lake that are waiting on some type of beautification and I don't know where we are on that. Mr. Uskiewicz advised that he and Mr. Spinks are working diligently on additional ordinances to help with this problem. Alderman Higgins requested that we put money in the budget for enforcement.

**Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra**

- Apologized for not being at the meeting. I am attending the funeral of a family friend. Will be back in Spring Lake tonight or early in the morning. I am uncomfortable being out of Spring Lake.
- Mr. Sally has the package for Spring Lake. A good chance for some jobs for the parents and good program for kids. Gives the kids a better chance.

**Mr. Uskiewicz**

- I'm just happy to be back.

**Mr. Jackson**

- Wanted to tell Mr. O'Garra that everybody voted and he will have to buy the first biscuits from Biscuitville.
- It is always good to see candidates showing interest in the Town. Glad to see Ed Melvin and Phillip Gilfus.

**Mayor Clark**

- Thanked Mr. Melvin who is always out here and very popular in Spring Lake and Mr. Gilfus.
- Reminder for Saturday, 10:00 a.m. for the Annual Spring Fling, I look forward to seeing everyone out there.

**II. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

*Ethel T. Clark*

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Mayor