

Resolution 2017-01 Fleece Performance Engineering MOU
Resolution 2017-02 Settlement of Lawsuit with Pyatt Builders, LLC

**PITTSBORO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
PUBLIC HEARING**

QUORUM:

John Hart
Doug Joiner
Shelby Smith

James Buddenbaum, Attorney
Shari L. Ping, Clerk Treasurer
Chief Christi Patterson
Asst. Chief Scott King

OTHERS: Jason Love; Steve Maple; Eric Wathen, RQAW; Sherrie Haas, Parks & Rec Rep; Bill Zeunik, Chief, PFD; Bill Hueber, Police Comm. Rep.; Alex Hilt, Umbaugh; Nate Peterman, Hylant Group; Ryan Fruchtnicht; Breana Love; Carol Young, Liz Adeola, RTV6; Phil Tucker; David Radcliff; Jamie Young; Jaclyn Bunting; Samantha Allen; Brendan Pickens; David Wire; Andrew Hindal; Jared Baker; Jason Ellis; Emery Westrich; Faye Chappell; Ryan Beres; Andrew McGinnis; Jay Thompson; Amy Greene; Spring Deaton; Beth Hopkins, Darrin McMahon; Chris Halford; Chris Cornwell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

7:00 p.m. – President John Hart brought the Council meeting to order by establishing a quorum. Three (3) members are present, William Majeske and Kimberly Carmean are absent. He asked the Council, staff and audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to follow with a Moment of Silence.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President John Hart opened the Public Hearing and turned the meeting over to Alex Hilt from Umbaugh to explain the Electric Tracker (see attached). After much discussion, John asked for a motion to approve adding the electric tracker starting with the first quarter of 2017. Doug Joiner made a motion to approve, Shelby Smith seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

President John Hart asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Shelby Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Doug Joiner seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

John opened the regular Council meeting at 7:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President John Hart asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the January 2017 Town Council Meeting. Shelby Smith made a motion to approve the minutes, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries. The minutes were passed for Council signatures.

INSURANCE QUOTE:

President John Hart introduced Nate Peterman from Hylant Group to go over the insurance quote. Insurance is up approximately \$3000 due to more police officers and vehicles. Total for all property, auto and liability insurance is \$98,613. Shelby Smith makes a motion to go ahead and renew the insurance, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fleece Memorandum of Understanding – **Introduce Resolution 2017-01 MOU between Fleece Performance Engineering, Inc. and the Town of Pittsboro (see attached)**. The town will annex the property along with water, sewer and gas and a 10-year tax abatement and Fleece will pay \$30,000 towards getting the necessary water, sewer and gas to the property used by Fleece Performance Engineering Inc. Shelby Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-02 Settlement of Lawsuit with Pyatt Builders, LLC (see attached) was introduced at this time. Shelby Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

CONTRACTED BUSINESS:

Eric Wathen, RQAW, reported the Community Crossing Project was advertised and received four (4) bids. Those bids were opened on February 17 at 2 p.m. and the lowest bid went to E&B Paving for \$843,750 to be completed by July 31. John Hart asked for a motion to award the bid to E&B Paving. Doug Joiner made the motion, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries. John then asked for a motion to authorize Jason Love, Town Manager, to sign contract with E&B Paving, Doug Joiner made motion, John Hart seconded. All ayes, motion carries.

UTILITY RATE AND BILL DISCUSSION:

John Hart went over the Facebook postings and explained how we are not governed by the IURC. He then passed out the attached handout on Degree Days for December 2016 and January 2017. Jaclyn Bunting, 540 Freedom Dr., asked how her bill could double even though she leaves her thermostat on the same temperature. John explained the when the outside temperature drops, your furnace works harder to heat your house to the temperature your thermostat is set to. John turned the discussion over to Jason Love to go over the water rate and overage complaints. Jason explained that the biggest complaints came from the Brixton area so he changed four (4) or five (5) meters over to the radio read meters. In the 7-10 days time the meters have been in service, three (3) of the homes are showing leaks of some type. Chris Cornwell, of Cornwell Plumbing spoke up and said that he has done repair work on at least 15 homes in Brixton alone for slab leaks due to inferior copper used in original plumbing of those homes. And most insurance companies won't cover the damage from these types of leaks. Leaks can come from flappers in toilets, reverse osmosis systems and water softeners sticking.

Amy Greene, 261 Brixton Woods E Drive, says she watches her water usage like a hawk and her water consumption was the highest it has ever been. Jason informed her that she was one of the meters that was switched to a radio read and handed her a report that shows she has something leaking.

Phil Tucker asked about the test drilling of wells in the 20 acre ground we purchased. Jason Love said it was shut down for the winter months. No utility money was used to purchase the 20 acres and if no water is found it will be used for a quiet park. Scamahorn is used for sports.

John Hart adjourned the meeting due to Doug Joiner being called away from the meeting and there no longer being a quorum. Utility rate and bill discussion will be tabled until the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari L. Ping
Clerk Treasurer