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TOWN OF TEACHEY

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REGULAR MEETING

THE TEACHEY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, AT 6:00P.M. IN THE TOWN HALL. PRESENT WERE MAYOR LEONARD FILLYAW AND THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS: ETHYLEN POWELL, JAMES MOORE, AND RONNIE PAGE. ALSO, PRESENT JAMES PARKER JR, VERONICA PORRAS, CARMEN RIVERA, LOIS MCCARTNEY, GREGORY MOORE, JONATHAN PERMANN, AND CAROL SMITH.

MAYOR LEONARD FILLYAW CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M., AND WELCOME EVERYONE. MAYOR FILLYAW SPOKE A LITTLE ON BLACK HISTORY DUE TO IT BEING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. HE ASKED GREGORY MOORE TO GIVE THE INNOVATION. MAYOR FILLYAW THEN LED THE PLEDGE OF THE ALLEGIANCE. COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE JR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10,2022 AND COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SECONDED. ALL AGREED.

COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE JR. MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SECONDED. ALL AGREED.

VISITORS COMMENTS: GLENDALE ROBINSON DID NOT SHOW TO DISCUSS HIS BILL BEING TOO HIGH. JAMES PARKER JR EXPLAINED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT A REPORT WAS DONE TO CHECK FOR ANY ISSUES AND WAS GIVEN TO GLENDALE ROBINSON. JONATHAN PERMANN WANTS TO KNOW IF THE TOWN OF TEACHEY WOULD ALLOW TO HAVE A RECREATION SPORTS PROGRAM AT THE TEACHEY'S PARK. THE GOVERNING BOARD STATED THAT THEY WOULD TABLE IT DURING THEIR NEXT WORKSHOP.

ZONING AND PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES: JAMES PARKER JR. INFORMED THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT WE WILL HAVE TWO NEW HOMES COMING TO THE TOWN OF TEACHEY THIS MONTH. JAMES PARKER JR ALSO INFORMED THEM THAT THE RIVER LANDING BUILDERS AS OF RIGHT NOW ARE NOT MOVING FORWARD

WITH THE SUBDIVISION. THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY UPGRADES THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE TOWN OF WALLACE SEWER SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SEWER TO THE SUBDIVISION AND RIVER LANDING CAN'T AFFORD IT AT THE MOMENT. JAMES PARKER JR FOLLOWED UP ABOUT HAVING JOE MCKEMEY THE ENGINEER LOOK INTO THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE WATER AND SEWER FOR THE SUBDIVISION. JAMES STATED THAT JOE MCKEMEY HAS MET WITH HIM AND IS GATHERING DATA AND INFORMATION FOR THE WATER, SEWER, AND THE ABOVE WATER STORAGE TANK. JAMES PARKER JR REMINDED THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT ONCE WE HAVE 300 CONNECTIONS WILL NEED THE ABOVE WATER STORAGE TANK AND AS OF THE END OF THIS MONTH, WE ARE AT 277. COMMISSIONERS JAMES MOORE JR MADE THE MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MCDAVID ASSOCIATES, INC TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY WORK FOR THE PREPARATION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE WATER STORAGE TANK. COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SECONDED. ALL AGREED

UTILITY CLERK UPDATES: CARMEN RIVERA GAVE THE COMMISSIONERS THE INFORMATION SHE HAD GATHER IN REGARD TO THE DEBT SETTOFF ON THE VERY OLD DEBTS THAT ARE DEAD, THEY HAVE NO SSN, NO ADDRESS, AND THE BALANCE IS LESS THEN \$50. CARMEN IS ASKING FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD A POLICY ALLOWING TO WRITE OFF THE BAD DEBT ON DEAD ACCOUNTS WITH NO POSSIBILITIES OF COLLECTING THE FUNDS. COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE JR MADE MOTION TO START THE DELINQUENCY EXCEL SPREAD SHEET AND WRITE OFFS ON THE DEAD ACCOUNTS THAT ARE 5 YEARS AND OLDER. COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SECOND. ALL AGREED

FIREMAN'S COMMENTS: COMMISSIONER RONNIE PAGE STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS DOING GOOD, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY WITH 35 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

OLD BUSINESS: THERE WERE NO OLD BUSINESS COMMENTS.

NEW BUSINESS: VERONICA PORRAS INFORMED THE GOVERNING BOARD THE VALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2021 WAS SENT OUT INCORRECTLY ON THE BILLS. THE BILLS WERE SENT WITH 43% RATE AND IT NEEDED TO BE 45% RATE. VERONICA EXPLAINED THAT SHE CONTACTED THE DUPLIN COUNTY TAX OFFICE AND SPOKE WITH GARY ROSE, HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE GROVERNING BOARD WERE IN AGREEMENT TO JUST LEAVE IT AS IT WAS SENT OUT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A

MESS TO REBILL WITH THE CORRECT % RATE. VERONICA ALSO SPOKE WITH LP FROM THE AUDITOR. LP SUGGESTED THAT AS LONG AS THE GOVERNING BOARD IS AWARE OF THE INCORRECT BILL RATE AND ARE IN AGREEMENT IN NOT DOING A REBILL. COMMISSIONERS AGREED AND UNDERSTANDS TO LET THE INCORRECT BILL RATE BE FOR THIS YEAR AND NOT TO A REBILL.

VERONICA GAVE THE GOVERNING BOARD AN EXAMPLE COVID-19 POLICY AND THE PERSONAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE REVISED POLICY SO THEY CAN REVIEW IT DURING THEIR WORKSHOP.

VERONICA ASKED THE GOVERNING BOARD IF THEY WOULD APPROVE DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR THE EMPLOYEES. SHE EXPLAINS THAT THE MAYOR WILL STILL SIGN OFF ON THE PAYROLL REPORTS WEEKLY. DIRECT DEPOSIT IS A BENEFIT FOR THE EMPLOYEES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T GET TO THE BANK IN TIME TO CASH OR DEPOSIT THEIR CHECKS. COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE DIRECT DEPOSIT. COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE JR SECOND. ALL AGREED

DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SPOKE ABOUT BLACK HISTORY IN THE TOWN OF TEACHEY. HER UNCLE CARL DOBBINS WAS THE FIRST PRINCIPAL AT CHARITY HIGH SCHOOL WHEN IT WAS AN ALL-BLACK SCHOOL IN 1952-1965, ALSO THEY NAME THE C W DOBBINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AFTER HIM AND THE A PARK. GOVERNING BOARD SCHEDULED THEIR WORKSHOP TO GO OVER POLICIES, CURRENT AND NEW BUDGET ON FEBRUARY 25 AT 5:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT: COMMISSIONER JAMES MOORE JR MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER ETHYLEN POWELL SECONDED. ALL AGREED

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

LEONARD D. FILLIYAW
MAYOR



VERONICA A. PORRAS
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/ CLERK