



TOWN OF BETWEEN GEORGIA

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Town of Between Council Minutes

March 8, 2022

Commencement

- **Call to Order** – Mayor Post called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call Present** – Robert Post, Wanda Satterwhite, Mary Ann Rivers, Bill Boswell, Brian Rubin.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Councilmember Boswell to approve the minutes for February 8, 2022, and Councilmember Rivers seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved and recorded.
- **Approval of Financial Reports** – Motion was made by Councilmember Rivers to approve the March 2022 financial reports, and Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion. The financial reports were unanimously approved and recorded.

Town Updates

- **New Town Hall Project** – After discussions with several municipal purchasing directors and construction company representatives, it has become clear that in order to get the most responsive bids, we need to enlist the services of an architect to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications. Discussion and approval to move forward with securing a qualified architectural firm commenced.
- **Newly Elected Officials Training** – Councilmembers Rubin and Boswell attended the state required training for newly elected officials in Athens a few weeks ago. Councilmember Rubin was not able to attend the last day of classes but will make up the class in Tifton on 03/18/2022 (next week). Councilmember Rivers will be scheduled to attend the training next year in Athens if feasible.
- **Damaged Trees on Town Hall Property** – It was discovered that a tree was brought down during the last storm. It broke in half; part of it fell on the neighbor's property and damaged the Town's fence. North American Tree Service was contacted to assess the situation and determine what was needed to secure the property. It was determined that besides the damaged tree, another large pine tree was dying and presenting a danger to the Town Hall. An estimate of \$,1800.00 was presented to perform the work needed. Mayor Post signed the service agreement, and the work is scheduled to be performed on March 25, 2022.
- **Zoning Enforcement** – It has been brought to our attention that the Town of Between has a few properties that are not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. These include the Marathon Service Station & Convenience Store and the property at 1916 New Hope Church Road. Letters will be going out in the next few weeks to the property owners citing the zoning violations and a time frame to remediate the deficiencies. Citations will not be issued unless the violations are not corrected.
- **Proposed 2022 T-SPLOST Program** – Commission Chairman David Thompson will be meeting with the mayors to discuss projects for inclusion in a proposed 2022 T-SPLOST referendum for the November ballot. Mayor Post revised the 2022 project list and submitted it to Chairman Thompson. More information to follow.

- **New Councilmember E-mail Addresses** - Councilmember Rubin completed the creation of the new Town of Between e-mail addresses for each councilmember. This will provide uniformity in contact information for the citizens, and it will also separate the councilmembers' private e-mails from their Town of Between business e-mails. Additionally, the new e-mail addresses were also updated on the Town's website. Many officials, municipal staff, and members of the public have been communicating with Mayor Post using his existing e-mail address. As a result, Mayor Post's existing e-mail address will continue to stay the same to avoid any confusion.
- **Georgia Department of Community Affairs Annexation Report** – The DCA Annexation Report for the Rosewood Development Project has been completed, and it was sent on 02/11/2022.
- **Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)** – Research is still being performed regarding the LOST program and how the Town can be included in receiving a share of these funds. The cities of Jersey and Good Hope are looking into these options as well.

Public Comments

- Bill Sullivan asked Mayor Post where the public meetings will be held when the new Town Hall is being constructed. Mayor Post responded that the Walton County Fire Department in Between has given permission to the Town to conduct the monthly Town Hall meetings in its meeting room while the Between Town Hall is being constructed.
- Councilmember Boswell provided an update about the progress of Ayers Park in Between. The pickleball courts have been completed and are open to the public; the walking trails are ready; and progress on the frisbee golf course is underway. At this time, there are no fees to the public for using these parts of the park.
- Vice Mayor Satterwhite made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Rivers seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.