



TOWN OF BETWEEN GEORGIA

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Town of Between Council Minutes

April 12, 2022

Commencement

- **Call to Order** – Mayor Post called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call Present** – Robert Post, Wanda Satterwhite, Bill Boswell, and Brian Rubin. MaryAnn Rivers was absent.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Councilmember Satterwhite to approve the minutes for March 8, 2022, and Councilmember Boswell seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved and recorded.
- **Approval of Financial Reports** – Motion was made by Councilmember Boswell to approve the March 2022 financial reports, and Councilmember Satterwhite seconded the motion. The financial reports were unanimously approved and recorded.

Town Updates

- **Architectural Progress** – On April 1, 2022, Mayor Post met with Ken Thrasher, President of Sy Richards Architects, to discuss preparing a proposal for architect services for the new Town Hall. He was given a proposed floor plan and exterior elevation. Ken plans to submit a response back to Mayor Post by mid-April.
- **Old Town Hall Demolition** – Mayor Post contacted the Walton County Public Works Director regarding the feasibility of his department doing the demolition of the old Town Hall when the time comes. He stated that they could do it and we would only pay for the landfill dumping fee, which will result in a significant cost savings compared to having a contractor perform the work.
- **Damaged/Dangerous Trees on Town Hall Property** – North American Tree Service removed the tree that was identified as presenting a danger to the Town Hall and the tree that was blown down in a previous storm. The work was performed on March 25th and March 29th, and the total invoice was \$1,800.00.
- **Fence Repairs on Town Hall Property** – Two fence companies were contacted to obtain a quote to repair two sections of the 6-foot fence that were damaged by falling trees. Academy Fence Brokers of Winder, GA was the lowest bidder at \$1,850.00. Vertical One Fence of Grayson, GA submitted the highest bid at \$2,880.00. Repairs are scheduled for April 25th.
- **Zoning Enforcement** – A certified letter was sent to the property owners at 1916 New Hope Church Road detailing the zoning violations present on their property. They were given 90 days (July 6, 2022) to bring their property into compliance or risk being issued a zoning violation citation and appearance in magistrate court. The owner of the Between Grocery apparently read the article in the Walton Tribune detailing our March council meeting and took action to clean up the property.
- **New Commercial Development** – Mayor Post was contacted by a representative of a development group in reference to the 20-acre site on the northeast side of US 78 (East of New Hope Church Road). They are purchasing the property, and the closing is scheduled for April 15, 2022. Their proposal is to build a commercial development

similar to Rosewood Development. Once finalized, they will request a zoning change from B2 to PBD (Planned Business Development).

- **Local Business Expansion** – Mayor Post received construction plans for the expansion of Maddox Industries on Royal Park Drive. The company will be adding 10,114 sq. feet to their existing building. Construction should begin in the next several months.
- **Strategic Technology Initiative** – Over the last several weeks, Councilmember Rubin performed extensive research on the potential technological needs of the Town. Several software applications were reviewed, including anti-virus software, Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, and others. Additionally, hardware components were reviewed (laptops, mice, keyboards, printers, wireless routers, printer paper, and others). No purchases have been made yet; however, the initial research has been performed, and the council will be discussing the next steps.

Meeting Adjournment

- **Meeting Closure** – Motion was made by Councilmember Rubin to adjourn the meeting, and Councilmember Satterwhite seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.