

**TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
October 8, 2019
5:30pm**

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 08, 2019 at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Members Tina Bailey, Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig. Mayor Pro Tem Lambert was absent. A quorum was met. Also present were Town Manager Debbie Powers, Town Attorney Rob Angle; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for tonight's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Fontaine requested to amend the agenda by moving **only** item 7) NEW BUSINESS - A. Town Audit Report FY19 – Sharon Gillespie CPA to immediately follow at this time. Member Ehlinger made a motion to approve the amended agenda; Member Bailey seconded the motion. All agreed unanimously.

TOWN AUDIT REPORT FY19 – Sharon Gillespie CPA

The Town Audit Report FY19 was presented by Sharon Gillespie, CPA with Young, Miller & Gillespie, P.A.; hard copies of this audit were provided to the Town Council and a PDF version is available online at www.sevendevils.net.

The Town passed the audit with positive reviews and some of the highlights that Sharon pointed out were as follows:

Page 5 – Opinion paragraph

Page 18 - Net Position

Page - 19 Statement Activity (Profit/Loss)

Page 20 – Balance Sheet (Governmental Fund Balance)

Page 24 – Proprietary Funds

Page 25 – Net Position

Page 58 – Current Tax Levy

Sharon reports the tax collection rate is 99.36% which is commendable. Sharon noted the quality of records provided by staff; overall the Town is in excellent condition; Administration is organized and helps expedite the process.

No Action Taken

Mayor Fontaine commended the successful tax collection rate of the Town Finance Officer, Helga Sappington. ~CLOSED~

CONSENT AGENDA

ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING on September 10, 2019


Member Ehmgig made a motion to approve and adopt the minutes; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

B. Woodwinds II – Road Dedication

(i) Resolution #2019-08



RESOLUTION #2019-08
RESOLUTION DEDICATING WOODWINDS II DRIVE EXTENSION TO THE TOWN'S STREET SYSTEM

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-296 grants municipalities general authority and control over all public streets within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, including a street on a town map does not provide any evidence of intent to accept the street for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Residents have offered the following street and right-of-way, including a "hammerhead tee" cul-de-sac at the end, to be accepted for Town maintenance as identified in the following; and

Street	Pavement Width	Length feet (miles)	ROW Width
Woodwinds II Drive Extension	18'	362' (.666)	45'


WHEREAS, the Public Works Director and the Town Engineer have reviewed the request to dedicate the road and have recommended maintenance actions; and


WHEREAS, the Residents have completed all requested maintenance actions and the Town Engineer and Public Works Director have inspected and approved the maintenance.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SEVEN DEVILS TOWN COUNCIL hereby accepts the above designated street and for dedication of Woodwinds II Drive Extension.

Adopted this the 8th day of October 2019.

ATTEST:


 Larry Fontaine, Mayor




 William Huff, Town Clerk

Member Bailey made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-09 Dedicating Woodwinds II Drive Extension to the Town's street system. Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

C. Avery County Board of Elections Contract

Member Ehmgig made a motion to approve the Board of Elections Contract with Avery County; Member Ehlinger seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. ~CLOSED~

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers provided the following update:

- Candidate Forum – Wednesday, October 9th @ 6:30pm
- New Town Hall relocation occurred on Sept 17th & 18th
- Old Town Hall will be repurposed; a new committee is being formed to discuss ideas.
- HCCOG Annual Dinner was on September 6th; Rick Owen – BE Manager of the Year award.
- RTP Grant – Federal funds on hold, no recipients have been announced.
- 2019 Recreational Activities Recap – Participation approximately as follows: Hikes = 10-12, Pickleball 10-12, SafetyFest = 400, Music by the Lake = 200-350, Ranger Workshop = 2, Landscape Workshop = 6-10
- Save The Date – Lite Up The Nite – Friday, December 6th – Covered dish & meat provided by TDA
- HBR webinar – Health Insurance plans for 2020 – 3% increase – Open enrollment in November
- HCMA Meeting – Sugar Mountain – Dinner -6pm and Meeting – 6:30pm

Updates for: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Violations letters, Stop Work Orders, Complaints & Real Estate Closings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Board of Adjustment – No meeting**
- Planning Board – No meeting**
- Public Works – No meeting**
- Public Safety Committee – No meeting**
- Parks & Recreation Committee – September minutes**
- TDA – September minutes**
- ABC Board – August minutes**
- Tree Committee – No meeting**
- Public Safety Department**
 - Police Report**
 - Fire Report**
- Financial Report**

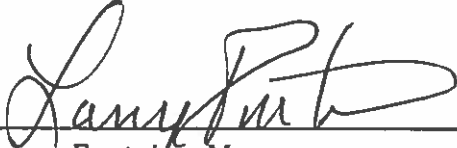
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Ehlinger spoke of the Town’s fabulous autumn decorations of mums, scarecrows and haybales.

Mayor Fontaine complimented Town Manager Powers and staff on the successful relocation to the new Town Hall.

ADJOURN

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adjourn; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.



Larry Fontaine, Mayor



Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

