

**TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
4:00 PM**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

**Mary Brown
Eddie Bronson, Jr.**

Also present was Attorney Alan Maynard. There were two citizens in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the minutes.

QUORUM

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy and Town Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

There was an interruption from one of the citizens in attendance questioning whether there was a quorum. Mayor Murphy indicated that there was and stated that Attorney Maynard would explain this at the appropriate time.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes were presented for the following meetings:

Closed Session 8/21/18

Regular Meeting 9/4/18

Closed Session 9/4/18

Special Meeting 9/11/18

Closed Session 9/11/18

Special Meeting 10/9/18

Closed Session 10/9/18

Special Meeting 11/19/18

Closed Session 11/19/18

Closed Session 12/4/18

Special Meeting 12/11/18

Closed Session 12/11/18

Regular Meeting 1/8/19

Closed Session 1/8/19

Special Meeting 1/30/19

Closed Session 1/30/19

Closed Session 2/5/18
Special Meeting & Budget Session 3/12/19
Closed Session 3/12/19
Regular Meeting 4/2/19
Special Meeting 4/16/19
Closed Session 4/30/19
Budget Planning 5/14/19
Closed session 6/4/19

Commissioner Mary Brown moved to approve all minutes presented. Commissioner Eddie Bronson seconded. All voted in favor of minutes being approved.

COMMISSIONER VACANCY

As per Attorney Maynard, pursuant to NC G.S. 168-63, the vacancy is to be filled by the Town Council. If the position is partisan, then it must be filled with someone from the same political party.

Mayor Murphy stated that the position will be filled later. She verified with Attorney Maynard that there is no deadline requirement for the appointment. She also stated that the appointee must file to run for the seat in the November 2019 election if they wish to continue to serve. Filing begins July 5, 2019.

Clerk Cashwell will notify the County Board of Elections that there will be three vacant commissioner seats and the mayor's seat in the upcoming election for the town.

EXPLANATION OF CURRENT QUORUM

Following another interruption from the citizen asking for the attorney to explain how there was a quorum, Mayor Murphy asked Attorney Maynard to provide the explanation. As per Attorney Maynard, pursuant to NC G.S. 168-74, the Board has a quorum present. He explained that the regular five commissioner seats plus the Mayor's yield a total of 6 votes. Therefore, there are only 5 votes with the vacant seat. This means the quorum would be 3, which may be 2 commissioners and the mayor.

SWORN STATEMENT OF LOSS (INSURANCE CLAIMS)

Clerk Cashwell explained that there are currently four open claims from Hurricane Florence. These have been verified by the insurance company and FEMA. The claims include the following:

- 1. Police Dept. – Estimated Damage \$5,770.33; Deductible \$500; Amount to be paid \$5,270.33**
- 2. Headstart Building – Estimated Damage \$10,309.66; Deductible \$500; Amount to be paid \$9,809.66**
- 3. American Legion Building – Estimated Damage \$8,937.34; Deductible \$500; Amount to be paid \$8,437.34**
- 4. Senior Citizen Annex – Estimated Damage \$3,795.08; Deductible \$500; Amount to be paid \$3,295.08**

Clerk Cashwell stated that the checks are usually issued within 72 hours once the claims are submitted.

Commissioner Eddie Bronson asked if anyone had seen the damage at the Police Dept. Commissioner Mary Brown stated that she went there with Contractor Michael Buchanan. However, he never submitted an estimate.

Commissioner Mary Brown made a motion to accept the sworn statements of loss. Commissioner Bronson seconded. The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Mary Brown made a motion for closed session. Commissioner Bronson seconded. The motion carried. The closed session began at 4:20 pm.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

The open session resumed at 5:21 pm. Mayor Murphy stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

Commissioner Mary Brown made a motion that Public Works employee, Genatus Cooper, be placed on permanent, full time status, at \$12 per hour, with a 6-month probationary period. Commissioner Bronson seconded. The motion carried.

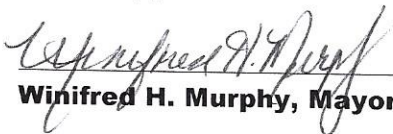
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mary Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Bronson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.



Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk

Board Approved:



Winifred H. Murphy, Mayor