

Town of North Topsail Beach

Joann M. McDermon, Mayor
Mike Benson, Mayor Pro Tem

Aldermen:
Richard Grant
Tom Leonard
Susan Meyer
Richard Peters



David J. Gilbride
Town Manager

Sherrie H. Hancock
Town Clerk

Nature's Tranquil Beauty

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021 6:30 PM

Attendees: Mayor McDermon; Mayor Pro Tem Benson; Alderman Grant, Aldermen Leonard, Aldermen Meyer, Aldermen Peters; Town Manager Gilbride, Town Clerk Hancock, Chief Younginer, Scott Anders, Chad Soward, Deb Hill, Brian Edes, & Charles Riggs.

Attending via telecom: Financial Advisors Doug and Andrew Carter, Coastal Engineer Fran Way

I. Call to Order-

Mayor McDermon called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

II. Town Manager Report-

III. Public Comment- Letters were read from Mr. Jack Gallagher & Mr. Jeff Sale.

Mayor McDermon requested that information be placed on website and Facebook to make it easier to find public information concerning current projects.

IV. Public Presentations and Hearings –Coastal Engineer Fran Way updated the board on the beach projects.

- **Dune Truck Haul-** Phase 1- Started by Good low Marine. Phase 2,3,4 He is hopeful that will start in the March- April time frame. 1-4 Contingent on FEMA processing/finalization.
- **USACE New River Inlet/ AIWW Dredging-** To be completed this winter.
- **Hurricane Florence Category G-** Mr. Fran Way explained to the board Category B/ Natural Beach vs. Category G/ An Engineered Nourished Beach. CAMA and other state agencies will be all meeting later in January.
- **New River Inlet Management EIS-** Timeline is controlled by USACE.

Ms. Deb Hill requested that this item be postponed until the next meeting cycle. Due to no recent contact with applicate. Board agreed.

Motion was made to close this hearing by Alterman Leonard, seconded by Alterman Meyer vote passed 5-0.

VI. Consent Agenda- Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Alterman Peters, seconded Alterman Grant vote passed 5-0.

VII. Continuing Business- Motion was made to Adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion was made by Alterman Meyer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Benson vote passed 5-0.

Town Manager Mr. Gilbride updated the Board on the pay to park project. Discussion on signage, how vendor will collect money, Vehicle Registration, and possibility of registering with an app. Alterman Leonard suggested that we need to promote by Newspaper and all social media platforms. Mayor Pro Tem Benson asked about charges per day. Seasonal Rate and Annual Rate. Alterman Grant said this is something that needs to go out as soon as possible. Everyday without it being out is a dollar lost to the beach project. Alterman Susan Meyer -Asked where they are with the parking in Surf City and are, they are using the same company. Mayor McDermon said that she felt the Town manager had done a great job with covering the side streets but had question regarding vacant lots. The Board all gave Town Manager Gilbride the okay to move forward with this project and stated that he had done a great job presenting it.

Mayor Pro Tem Benson gave update on Capital Improvement the group met on Monday January the 4th about the South end Fire Station and New Police Station. Mayor Pro Tem Benson also stated that he thought I would be a good idea to make this a Public Safety Building. He asked that 1) We have Mr. Carter work on the financial Plan for this project. 2) He also aske that the Town Manager work with the architect in Wilmington (Becker Morgan) and talk to the Chief of Fire and Chief of Police Dept to see what their needs are as we move forward on this project. The Board gave permission to move forward.

Mayor McDermon- Wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. She wanted to also thank everyone for their patients as we work through the COVID Process and the ongoing details of the current projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Benson- Stated that he was very disappointed when he turned on the nightly news and saw the events going in our county currently. Not the America he knows and loves with these activities going on. He gave a brief update on the Coastal Federation Project.

Alterman Peters- Only had a question on the expected Profit of the Parking Project.

Alterman Leonard – Thanked Public works for a Job well done with the lights in town. He also wanted to remind everyone about the Board retreat that normally is in Feb- March time frame. Spoke about the upcoming Election in November. He asked