

Town of Thompson's Station
Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Minutes of the Meeting
September 9, 2014

Call to Order.

The meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Thompson's Station was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9th with the required quorum. Members and staff in attendance were: Corey Napier, Mayor; Sarah Benson, Alderman; Nina Cooper, Alderman; Ron Barrett, Alderman; Brinton Davis, Alderman; Joe Cosentini, Town Administrator; Leah Rainey, Town Recorder; and Todd Moore, Town Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Minutes. The minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting were previously submitted.

Alderman Cooper moved to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Public Comments.

Heath Clark, proprietor at 1557 Thompson's Station Road West discussed concerns about the possibility of a roundabout being constructed near the granary building where he operates his business.

George Ritzen, representative of Circa Grill at 1549 Thompson's Station Road West, discussed concerns about the water line easement request on tonight's agenda.

Bill Jorden, property owner at 1549 Thompson's Station Road West said he felt he should be consulted about an easement that would affect his property.

Staff Reports:

Town Administrator's Report: Mr. Cosentini reviewed his staff report. He discussed the dog park and asked the board to formally approve funds to be allocated to the dog park project.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to approve the allocation of \$50,000 from the General Fund balance for the dog park project. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cosentini further discussed progress on the drip fields, the release of the NOV from TDEC, and the town's receipt of battlefield grant money toward the purchase of the Fields property. He offered for staff to research adopting official rules of conduct for board meetings.

The board agreed to have staff look into the matter and draft a proposal.

Budget Report: Mr. Cosentini reviewed the financial documents in the packets and said he was available for questions.

New Business:

Dedication of Public Improvements Policy – Mr. Cosentini said this would be a formal town policy regarding the acceptance of roads and other infrastructure being handed over to the town as public property.

After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to approve the Dedication of Public Improvements Policy as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Personnel Policy – Mr. Cosentini reviewed the most recent changes, which were mostly clarifications of existing policies or removing policies that were not applicable. He welcomed the board's feedback and requests for any further changes.

After discussion, Alderman Barrett moved to approve the Personnel Policy as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Water Line Easement Request – Mr. Cosentini said HB&TS was requesting that the town grant a 20-foot easement across the front of Thompson's Station Park in order to put in the water line that would serve the Whistle Stop development. Town staff had requested that two additional fire hydrants be installed in conjunction with the water line installation.

He said HB&TS had also submitted the entire plan for the proposed water line serving Whistle Stop; however, at this point, HB&TS was only seeking comments from the board on the rest of the plan--not a vote.

Applicant representative Steve Bacon discussed the request. He said he could ask HB&TS if they would be willing to reduce the width of the easement.

The board discussed concerns about the direction of the overall plan and potential limitations of exclusive easements as the downtown area redeveloped over time. They also discussed concerns about the undetermined timeframe in which the town park would be inaccessible to residents.

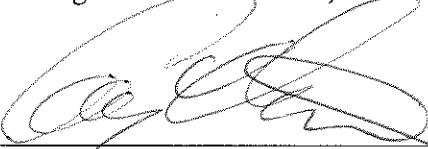
After discussion, Alderman Benson moved to defer this request until the October 14th meeting and to request the applicant to ask HB&TS about possibilities of reducing the width of the easement and/or making the easement nonexclusive. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Appointments:


Mayor Napier recommended Debra Bender to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The appointment would fill an existing vacancy.

Alderman Davis moved to approve the appointment of Debra Bender to the BZA. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Corey Napier, Mayor



Leah Rainey, Town Recorder