



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
September 10, 2018 at 8:00 PM
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call **Those Present:** Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman David Dunn, Alderman Dennis Smith, and Alderman Billy Whitford. **Those absent:** Alderman Todd McMillen and Alderman Earl Wright.
- III. Invocation by Alderman Smith.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meetings Alderman Dunn made a motion to approve **minutes as corrected**. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote **3-0**.
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. Alderman Smith made a motion to **pay bills**. Motion was seconded by Alderman Whitford and carried. Vote **3-0**.
- VII. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. National Night Out went well, would like to thank everyone for their help in making this successful. Prescription drop box is going well. Back to school event was successful, thanks to everyone who participated. We helped with a DWI checking station in Jones County on the 17th. On August 24th we received a call to do a security check at 305 Mill Avenue, upon arriving we found the lady deceased. SBI is investigating. I attended a management leadership class on the 20th. We have 8,955 points in the Governor's Highway Safety Program.
 - 2007 Dodge Charger – motor is gone, warranty has been out for three months. Boyd's Automotive – it can be fixed with a one year warranty for \$3,800 or it will cost \$25 to \$26K to purchase a new car.

Alderman Whitford made a motion to fix 2007 Dodge Charger for \$3,800. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 3-0.

- Bloodhound Tracking Dog – The PD was donated a dog that will be capable of helping in investigations such as: missing person, stolen goods, person runs from a scene, etc. The PD was given \$1,000 donation to help purchase a kennel,

harnesses, bullet proof vest and other needed supplies. I am requesting a \$1,500 budget each year to help feed the dog, get his shots, worm the dog and take care of him.

Alderman Whitford made a motion to approve the \$1,500 budget for taking care of police dog. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 3-0.

VIII. Mayor's Report. We will honor Richard W. Bowers at our October meeting. The park will be named "Richard Bowers Memorial Park". A message was sent out through Phonetree regarding Hurricane Florence, trash pickup and recycling. Public works is on call, all generators, gas and water tanks are full and ready to go. Sample was pulled today at the Bailey Lane water tank, should be back up and running normal soon. I attended the Craven County Parks and Recreation meeting. Cameras are being placed at WC Park. The Back to School Bash was in the newspaper, a great success. First phase of the Bate grant is underway for the park. Hope everyone had a great and safe Labor Day. Hall of Fame for West Craven High School will be September 28th. Watch out for our kids since school is back in session. Thanks to Alderman Smith and Alderman Dunn for their help at WCHS football games. Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk are cleaning and doing well. Our hearts go out to the family of Carolyn Patterson. Town Clerk's Father-in-law is in the hospital and not doing well. There will be a Women's Empowerment meeting here at the Town Hall on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Local election is coming up in November. Voting will be for Clerk of Court, Craven County Commissioners, Board of Education and Craven County Sheriff. Sand media was completed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, ammonia levels are good now. The library will have a ribbon cutting for Smart Start next Monday. Vanceboro United Methodist Church has a new parking lot, it looks really nice. Community Watch meetings has been discontinued for now due to lack of participation. Chief Jenkins and myself attended a dinner for the new principal of James W. Smith Elementary, Sherri Thomas. Ditch mowing and sidewalks will be done in November. Remember the 9/11 attacks on the USA. If you see someone littering, please report it to the police.

IX. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Dunn reminded everyone to prepare for the hurricane and to stay safe.

Alderman Smith reminded Vernon to make sure the curbs, gutters and storm drains were clean. He asked if the Buck Lane tile had been cleaned yet. He stated that Grand Avenue had been repaired. We need to check the steering box on the Ford tractor, it isn't working right.

Alderman Whitford asked if the backhoe was leaking hydraulics. Vernon stated he wasn't sure and would check to see.


X. Public Comment.

No Public Comments.

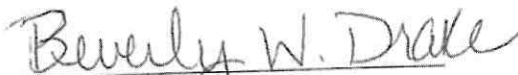
XI. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.



CHAD E. BRAXTON
MAYOR



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TOWN CLERK